



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Executive Head of School: Mrs J Armes

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you had a fun and relaxing Easter break! It has been a lovely start to the summer term, and the children are now fully-immersed in their new topics and learning experiences.

It's been lovely to enjoy some sunny days too – long may it continue! Please do remember to still bring a coat into school though, as we know how changeable the weather can be!

## New Behaviour and Relationships Approach

You will have by now received information detailing Bishopswood's new approach to behaviour and the rationale behind it. There has been lots of preparatory work and support going on in school for some time now, with both children and staff, in advance of launching the new approach, and this has been borne out in how well it has been adopted into practice.

As explained in the letter, we will be running an event for parents and guardians to come along to, to find out more and hopefully get any questions you may have answered.

The event will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, from 5-6pm**, in the Junior school hall. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.



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## Curriculum

We will continue to be regularly sharing what the children have been doing in school. Here are some examples of what has been happening at Bishopswood in the last few weeks....

### **Miss Russell, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Bellemere say...**

In Year R we have been learning to be inventors, using a wide range of different materials and objects to design and make things such as phones, badges, cars and musical instruments. Someone even made a moving robot! We have really enjoyed experimenting, testing and changing our inventions.



### **Mrs Boyce, Mrs Rolph & Miss Daly say...**

Year 1 has had an exciting start to the term! Last week, we returned to find that dinosaurs had visited our school during the Easter holidays! In English, we wrote a recount to tell Andy from CBeebies all about the dinosaurs and what they did at our school. We have begun our new history topic about Mary Anning by learning various facts about her life. Lastly, in maths, we have been learning how to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s - these would be great to keep practising at home too!





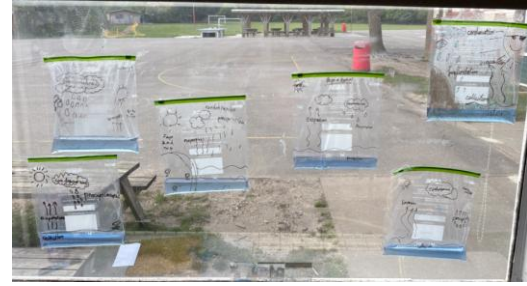
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## Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have started a new learning challenge this half term and will be learning about the beaches in the UK. To help us with this, we learnt about the countries in the UK and looked at how to identify where beaches would be found. In English we have been reading 'The Perfect Pet' and wrote adverts to find our ideal pet. In maths, we have been learning about measure and had fun measuring different items in centimetres and metres. In PE this week we had a special visitor from the Tennis Roadshow. He taught us the rules of tennis and we had a great time outside in the sunshine!



## Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...



Year 4 have started the term full of water works, thankfully linked to our topic of rivers. We have been refreshing our memory on the water cycle and focussing on the key vocabulary of 'evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection'.

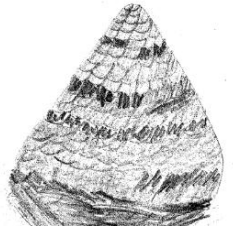


To help us see the water cycle happen in front of our eyes, we have made our own versions. We were able to work in pairs, having labelled our plastic bags, and we will be keeping a very close eye on when we can see the four different stages take place within the classroom.



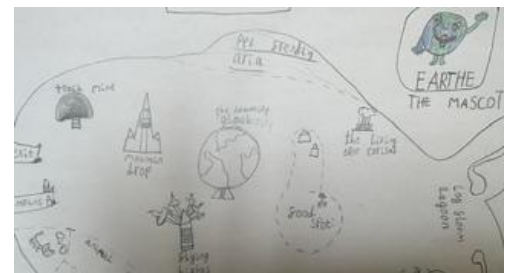
## Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say

Year 3 have settled back into school wonderfully and have been enjoying our new 'roots and shoots' topic all about plants. We have learned about the different parts of a plant and what function they perform. The children have also set up an investigation to test what plants need to survive. In Art, we are learning about Andy Goldsworthy and the use of nature for his artwork. We have created some great sketches of some of his famous art. In writing, we have been writing a report about the four layers of the rainforest using the book 'Rainforest Calling'. We have been working on writing sentences that make sense and using adjectives and fronted adverbials.



## Mr Morris, Miss Feather & Mr Sargeant say...

Year 5 have settled brilliantly into the summer term where we have been working hard to study the USA. In writing, we have been writing some brilliant persuasive leaflets all about creating our own theme park in Florida. The children have enjoyed looking at all 50 states while comparing 2 states from different regions. In maths we have been looking at angles in shapes and being able to find missing angles and



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drawing their own angles using a protractor. The children have also really enjoyed their P.E sessions which have included cheerleading and rounders.

## **Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein & Mrs Dreelan say....**



Year 6 have settled back into Summer term with fantastic attitudes! We have begun our new learning challenge all

based around Space. In Science we have started looking at the Earth's rotation and orbit, understanding how we get day and night as well as seasons. In our art lessons we have looked at using shading techniques and we sketched and shaded images of Saturn! The children are all working really hard in their revision lessons for Maths and Reading in the mornings, as well as taking on the role of Macbeth to write Shakespearean-style journals in our writing lessons!

## **The Hive**

We have been working hard on our independence skills. This has been through trying new O.T. sessions, and Tray Task activities. Children have been able to independently stay at a desk and complete tasks. They have enjoyed doing these and the staff are proud of them all.

## **Parking Reminder**

As a reminder, parents are not permitted to park on the zig-zags, or double yellow lines outside school. Additionally, parents are not permitted to use the inner school car park at all, including for before and after school clubs.



## **Medical Appointments**

We understand that, at times, medical appointments for pupils will need to take place during the school day and in term time. When this happens, we kindly ask parents and carers to complete an absence form and provide evidence of the appointment. This helps us ensure the absence can be authorised correctly and allows us to maintain accurate attendance records, in line with our responsibilities. Thank you for your support with this.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes  
Head of School

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## Dates for Your Diary

- 27<sup>th</sup> April – Y2 Music and Dance workshop
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Hockey competition
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – YR Living eggs
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 USA Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> May – Fraser Class Photos
- 7<sup>th</sup> May – Behaviour and Relationships Meeting for parents – 5-6pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – New EYFS parents' Welcome Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Living Rainforest Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Explorers Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Walk to School Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby Competition
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May – **HALF-TERM**
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Choir rehearsal at St Mark's School
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Doughnut Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Phonic Screening Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – New EYFS Story Time and Coffee Morning
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Newbury Weekly News Photo
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – New EYFS Parents' afternoon session
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 Girls' Cricket Tournament

**MAY**  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB**

Scan to book

Come and join us this May Half Term for **Nature Week!**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
8:30AM-5:30PM  
£25 per day

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## What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

### Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



[connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](http://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer)



## Calendar of events this spring

<b>Lyndhurst Community Centre</b> , Main Car Park, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY	Friday 20 March	2pm to 6pm
<b>Leigh Park Community Centre</b> , Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park, Havant PO9 5BG	Saturday 21 March	10am to 1pm
<b>Andover Community Church</b> , Charlton Rd, Andover SP10 3JH	Thursday 26 March	2pm to 6pm
<b>Farnborough Library</b> , Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough GU14 7JZ	Tuesday 14 April	2.30pm to 6pm
<b>Hampshire County Council HQ</b> , Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Monday 20 April	1pm to 5pm
<b>Xperience Youth Centre</b> , 70 Trinity St, Fareham PO16 7SJ	Tuesday 28 April	12pm to 4pm
<b>Gosport Discovery Centre</b> , High St, Gosport PO12 1BT	Thursday 30 April	2.30pm to 6pm
<b>Alton Maltings Centre</b> , 2 Maltings Close, Alton GU34 1DT	Thursday 7 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Basingstoke Discovery Centre</b> , Potters Walk, Basingstoke RG21 7LS	Tuesday 12 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Pavilion on the Park</b> , 1 Kingfisher Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9LH	Friday 15 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Petersfield Festival Hall</b> , Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4DZ	Monday 18 May	2pm to 6pm

To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit [connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](http://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer) or scan the QR code.



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**From £6.50 for 1 hr**  
 or from £10.50 for 2 hours

## INFLATABLE FUN



COME AND JOIN US FOR  
 INFLATABLE FUN  
 - WE HAVE A HALL FULL OF SLIDES  
 AND BOUNCY CASTLES  
**Saturday 2nd May**  
**Sessions 10-11am, 11.15am-12.15pm**  
**12.30-1.30pm, 1.45-2.45pm, 3-4pm**  
**The Hurst School in Tadley**  
 Please email [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org) to book  
[www.spotlightuk.org](http://www.spotlightuk.org) Reg Charity 1129258


**Lagoon Swim**



**Saturday 2nd May**  
 1pm-2pm  
 Adults £7.50, children over 6 - £4.50  
 under 6s free  
 Basingstoke Leisure Park, Worting Road,  
 Basingstoke RG22 6PG  
 Please book via email - [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)  
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**FAMILY  
ICE  
SKATING**

**Saturday 25th April 3-4pm**  
 £8 including skate hire  
 Planet Ice, Basingstoke




Please book via email - [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)  
 For more information visit the events calendar on our website  
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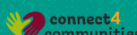

**Tadley  
Community  
Food Pantry**


**The Link, Newchurch Road, Tadley, RG26 4HN**  
 Tuesday 2:30pm - 5.15pm  
 Wednesday 9:30pm - 11.30am

A non judgemental helping hand, runs on a membership basis  
**£5 per visit** (Max one visit per week)

The Pantry offers affordable groceries for everyone, including fresh, frozen, and cupboard items updated weekly. It supports anyone experiencing financial hardship or food insecurity, promoting dignity, choice, and community connection. There are no eligibility criteria, people are welcome to use the pantry as often as they need, whether weekly, monthly, or just once a year. To make things quicker, pre-packed bags with cupboard essentials are available, and you can choose your two "red" items to reduce waiting time.



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 TEL: 0118 9814538  
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£6 PER CHILD  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

## Year 6 Party night

CALLING ALL YEAR 6'S

**FUN, MUSIC  
NEW FRIENDS  
HOT DOG OR PIZZA  
SQUASH**

15TH MAY 7PM TO 9PM  
@THE POINT, NEWCHURCH RD,  
TADLEY

0118 9814538  
WWW.TADLEYCOMMUNITYCENTRE.ORG.UK

TADLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, NEWCHURCH ROAD, TADLEY, RG26 4HN  
CHARITY NO: 1198457




**FREE!**

### Sport & Games - for Youth Mental Wellbeing

**Time** Tuesdays at 4.30-5.30pm (Ages 10-14)  
**Term-time session**

**Venue** Hall A, The Link, Newchurch Road,  
Tadley RG28 4HN

**Description** Fun, free and interactive session to enjoy different games & activities and help improve the mental wellbeing of young people. A great way to help build confidence and self-esteem and meet new people!

This group is provided **FREE** by mental health charity Sport In Mind for the benefit of local young people. Any questions email [youth@sportinmind.org](mailto:youth@sportinmind.org)

[@sportinmind](https://www.facebook.com/sportinmind) [info@sportinmind.org](mailto:info@sportinmind.org) [www.sportinmind.org](http://www.sportinmind.org) 03001021400

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Scarlett's Smiles  
**SPOTLIGHT UK**  
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WIN A WEEK FAMILY BREAK TO BUTLINS  
THIS MAY HALF TERM




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The money raised will support local children affected by loss, children in care, young carers, children with long term disabilities or terminal illness, children affected by domestic abuse  
Charity No. 1129258

Explore - Discover - Record!

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TADLEY COMMON  
6 JUNE 2026

**SURVEY WILDLIFE!**

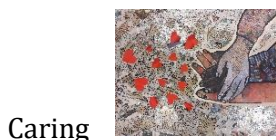
**IDENTIFY SPECIES!**

**LEARN WITH EXPERTS!**

**FUN NATURE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!**

Hosted by **Turbary Charity**  
and **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF WILDLIFE DISCOVERY!**



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## You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



### Here's what parents have said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)*

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)*

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website

<https://youarenotalone.community> or you can send an email to

[team@youarenotalone.community](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community)



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