



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are racing through this half-term, and everyone has been working very hard, especially our Year 6 pupils, who have been busy getting ready for their KS2 SATs next week. We are so proud of all they have done and want them to know that, whatever their test outcomes, they are amazing! To show them how much we believe in them, our wonderful Year R pupils made a special video message for them, which they watched this afternoon. It was a lovely moment, and we hope Year 6 enjoyed it.

GOOD LUCK
TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS

Don't get stressed.
Just do your best.
Remember you've been blessed
With skills that SATs don't test.

VACANCY: Lunchtime Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime assistant. If you are interested in applying for this term-time position, or would like to find out more, please contact the school office.



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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....

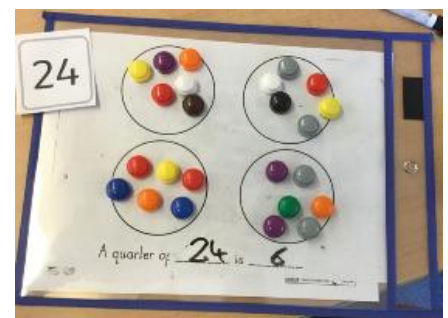
Miss Russell, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Bellemere say...

In Year R we have been so excited to welcome 10 chicks, who hatched in front of us! We have loved learning how to be chick experts and care for them. Willow class also had their first tast of marshmallows on the campfire at forest school. It has been an exciting couple of weeks in Year R!



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

In Maths, we have been exploring halves and quarters, developing our understanding of how to find parts of shapes, objects and quantities. In English, we have continued our work on Mary Anning, writing about key events in her life and her important discoveries. In History, we have created timelines of Mary Anning's life and investigated how many inventions and changes took place during her lifetime, helping us understand how the world has developed over time.



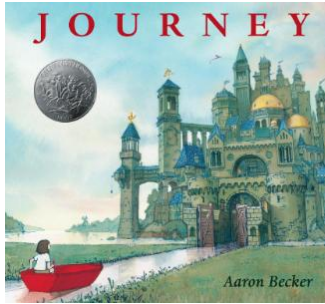
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Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have been working hard in English, exploring the story, Journey. We have been using our imagination thinking about where we would travel to if we had a magic crayon, and using adventurous vocabulary to describe the unusual settings. In Maths we have been recognising and finding halves and quarters in shapes, lengths and objects and deepening our understanding of equal parts.

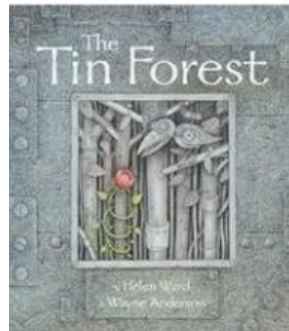


This experience is supporting our writing work, where the children are creating non-chronological reports about butterflies, focusing in particular on their own chosen species. During our topic lessons, we have been exploring why rivers are important and how they are used. In science, the children have been developing their skills in using classification keys to identify different animals.



Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say

Year 3 have had a lovely two weeks continuing our Roots and Shoots topic. We have learnt all about how water is transported around a plant and all about the different parts of a flower and how they affect pollination. In art, we created our own versions of Andy Goldsworthy artwork, using leaves and sticks. We created butterflies, snakes and different patterns. In writing, we have been using the book Tin Forest to write a description of the forest during the day. We have been using a range of sentences and exciting vocabulary, such as fronted adverbials, verbs and adverbs.



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



Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic USA themed topic day this week, with a range of activities taking place. The day

started with a quiz all about America, and the children then designed and created artwork in the style of American artist, Andy Warhol. The children also learned how to play basketball, practised their skills on the playground, and then took part in matches. We have some real budding basketball superstars in our midst! In the afternoon we made Native American inspired rainsticks, after learning about the history and tradition surrounding them. The children had a fantastic day and it was great to see so many of them dressed up to celebrate USA day!

Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...

Year 4 have welcomed some exciting new arrivals into the classroom to inspire their learning. We have received a delivery of caterpillars, and the children are enjoying observing them as they grow and eventually transform into butterflies. We are all very excited to watch this amazing life-cycle unfold.



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writing, they have been finishing their work on Macbeth's journal and have done a fantastic job getting into character. In art, the children have been creating chalk planets. They have practised shading and blending techniques and the effects are brilliant. In science, they have been researching the planets in our Solar System, ready to create their own planets' fact books! Finally, we wish the children all

the best for their SATs next week. We know they will give it their everything and continue showing super resilience.



Sporting Competitions

On Tuesday 28th April, Mr Sargeant and a group of 9 Year 6 students went to a hockey competition at Down Grange. The year 6's had a great time and showed great resilience throughout, finishing 6th overall. All the children should be proud of this achievement representing the school brilliantly. Well done team!



On Friday 1st May, a group of 10 Year 2 students took part in a Football Competition at The Vyne School. The team did brilliantly, finishing in 2nd place! This is the first time in a few years that we have entered the finals, and the team should be tremendously proud! Well done everyone!

The Hive

We have been learning lots of interesting facts about Guide Dogs. Everyone was amazed at how much training goes into having a Guide Dog. While doing this topic, we have continued working on our independence and resilience skills. The children also enjoyed a mini disco, as a reward to filling up our reward jar with pom-poms.

Parking Reminder

As a reminder, parents are not permitted to park on the zig-zags, or double yellow lines outside school, including at the end of the car park near the Infant School gates.



Please do not park in a designated blue badge/disabled parking space unless you have a badge on display, or you may be asked to move your car.

Additionally, parents are not permitted to use the inner school car park at all, including for before and after school clubs.

Thank you for helping to keep our school site safe.

Walk to School Week - 18th - 22nd May

It's time to promote road safety again as we recognise Walk to School Week's annual UK initiative organised by the charity Living Streets. Whilst we hope as many parents as possible leave their cars at home, we appreciate that some cannot avoid driving. To include as many children as possible, we would encourage you to park and stride - park safely away from the school and walk the remaining distance.

Our JRSO's will be leading an assembly across both schools during the week on the Green Cross Code, as well as promoting the health and environmental benefits of walking to school. We

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WALK to SCHOOL WEEK 2026
Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Designed by Kerim from Four Lanes Federation

Your school is supporting 'Walk to School Week' Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey

What are the advantages of walking?

- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken
- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day

stop look listen think

would encourage parents to practise and model those key pedestrian skills too.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School

Dates for Your Diary

- 11th - 14th May - KS2 SATs Week
- 12th May - New EYFS parents' Welcome Meeting
- 13th May - Y3 Living Rainforest Trip
- 15th May - Y1 Explorers Day
- 18th - 22nd May - Walk to School Week
- 21st May - Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby Competition
- 23rd - 31st May - HALF-TERM
- 1st June - Choir rehearsal at St Mark's School
- 5th June - PTA Doughnut Day
- 8th June - Phonics Screening Week
- 10th June - New EYFS Story Time and Coffee Morning
- 10th June - Y6 Newbury Weekly News Photo
- 15th June - New EYFS Parents' afternoon session
- 16th June - Y5/6 Girls' Cricket Tournament

CAR BOOT SALE

VENUE:
Bishopswood School
Barlow Road
RG26 3NA

DATE:
Sunday 17th May

EVENT TIMES:

- Sellers arrive from 9:00 AM
- Buyers welcome from 10:00 AM
- Event closes at 2:00 PM

SELLER FEE:
£5 per car

TO BOOK A SPACE:
bishopswoodschoolspta@gmail.com
Or just turn up

EVERYONE WELCOME!

COME ALONG FOR GREAT BARGAINS, HIDDEN TREASURES AND A FUN COMMUNITY DAY!

LOTS TO SEE, LOTS TO BUY, SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

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MAY
HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

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

Scan to book

AVENUE DANCE COMPANY
Sherborne St John & Chineham

DANCE CLASSES

STREET DANCE	ACRO
MONDAY'S: 5-6pm (ages 4-8) 6-7pm (ages 9-11) 7-8pm (ages 12-16)	THURSDAY'S: Beginner Level 1 4:45-5:45pm (ages 6-10) Beginner Level 2 5:45-6:45pm (ages 11-14)

www.avenuedancecompany.co.uk

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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You can Donate at The Link



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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



Calendar of events this spring

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



£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

Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

RAFFLE £3 PER
TICKET

WIN A WEEK FAMILY BREAK TO BUTLINS
THIS MAY HALF TERM



Scan here or email
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to enter

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

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You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st 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



CHILDREN'S
DANCE CLASS

Ages 7-11
The Link Tadley, RG26 4HN
Tuesdays 6:15pm-7:00pm

MAY SCHEDULE
05/5/2024-19/5/2024

WEEK 1: 'LUSH LIFE' - ZARA LARSON
WEEK 2: 'BEAUTIFUL THINGS' - BENSON BOONE
WEEK 3: '(STAY) IF YOU WANNA DANCE' - MYLES SMITH

£6.50 PER CLASS

Join Now! jcdance@outlook.com

PLAY DANCE GAMES, LEARN CHOREOGRAPHY, CREATE MOVEMENT AND LEARN NEW TRICKS!

Explore - Discover - Record!
BIOBLITZ
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!

Sport In Mind

Sport & Games - for Youth Mental Wellbeing

FREE!

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

Instagram: @sportinmind | Email: info@sportinmind.org | Website: www.sportinmind.org | Phone: 03001021400

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