



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Half-term has arrived and with it some lovely weather. We hope you have an amazing break, full of fun, and come back well-rested and ready for the final half-term of the academic year.

As the weather improves, please make sure children always come to school 'sun-safe'. Please send them with a sun hat, water bottle and either sunscreen applied at home before school, or in a named dispenser. Thank you.

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.

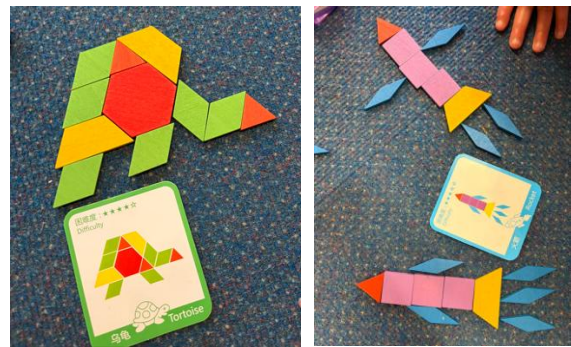


Curriculum

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....

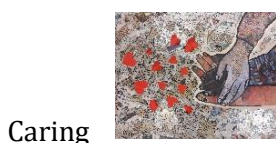
Miss Russell, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Bellemere say...

In Year R we have continued to look after our baby chicks. We have enjoyed watching them grow and finding out what they need to thrive. Although maybe we didn't enjoy cleaning them out quite so much!! We were able to write simple sentences, be creative making chick pictures and models, and even find out facts from books. We said goodbye to the chicks – some went back to the farm, and some went to live with two of our Year R children, so we hope to hear more about how they have grown up. In maths, we have been learning all about shape. We have named shapes, made shape pictures, cut out shapes and even looked at how shapes change if we rotate them.



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

Year 1 have had a brilliant end to the half term. We have taken part in an online quiz all about our topic, Mary Anning, and enjoyed lots of fun activities during our Explorers Day. We have also explored collage and texture in art to create our own dinosaur collages and written dinosaur poems. In Maths, we have been looking at place value to 100 and have been busy partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones.



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Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have been looking at the book 'The Lonely Sea Dragon' for the last few weeks. We have written character descriptions and retold the story. We have also been working hard on our handwriting and letter formation. In maths we have been learning about fractions, and understanding that they are equal parts of a whole. In science we planted seeds and kept a growing diary. Sadly they did not grow but we worked out this was because they had too much water and not the right temperature. We finished the term with a D&T day where we designed, made and evaluated beaches in a box. We have had a great half term!



Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say

Year 3 have continued to look at plants over the last couple of weeks. We have been learning about the life cycle of a plant and what happens at each stage. We also loved going on our school trip to the Living Rainforest, where we saw many different plants and animals. We also managed to spot the Sloth! In PE, the children have been practising different athletics skills, such as throwing and jumping. They have also been learning to play mini tennis matches using the skills they have learnt this term. Finally in maths, we have been doing money. We have learnt to convert between pounds and pence and have been adding and subtracting using money.



Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...

Year 4 have had a busy and enjoyable few weeks. The children have just finished writing their non-chronological reports about butterflies, and it's been wonderful to see how much they've learnt and how confidently they've shared their knowledge in their writing. In class, our caterpillars have now all formed their chrysalides, so there's a real sense of excitement as we wait for them to emerge as butterflies; it's been a fantastic way to see our learning come to life. In our topic work, we've been using map skills to locate rivers around the UK, as well as thinking about river pollution and what we can all do to look after our environment. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity, and it's been lovely to see them so engaged. Well done, Year 4 - keep up the fantastic work!



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

Year 5 have ended their topic on the USA with an in-depth look at the amazing book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. Children have thought about the characters and their motivations and have thoroughly enjoyed reading the story. In Art, they have been focussing on drawing New York street scenes using one-point perspective, having practised using the horizon line and vanishing point. In Geography lessons, the children have continued to research and learn about America, including some of its best-known features (both man-made and naturally occurring),



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and through comparing life in some of its most populated and varied cities. In PE, the children have been learning the skills for, and playing, team games including rounders, where the children have been showing incredibly resilience and teamwork. Well done!

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



Year 6 have had a fantastic end to the half term. After successfully completing their

SATs last week, they saw out the week in the traditional fashion of a post-SATs party! We are all so proud of the children last week and we know they will have showcased themselves brilliantly in their tests. Now the SATs are out of the way, the next big project begins....the Year 6 play! This week, the children took part in auditions for speaking roles, as well as beginning to learn the songs for their leaver's play, 'The Wrong Way Round'. The highlight of this week though has been our fantastic rocket launch. Every group produced fantastic-looking rockets, and we had some real 'wow' moments watching them soar high into the sky! We hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children ready to go full into rehearsal, prop making and our new topic of "I'm a Year 6, get me out of here!"

The Hive

We have had a great end to this term in The Hive. Our topic has been "Bugs". We went into the woods and collected nature to use to make a Bug Suncatcher. These look amazing on our windows. Also, we have used clay to sculpt our own bugs. The children showed resilience, when the clay wouldn't go how they wanted it to first time. Well done to everyone!

Sporting Competitions

On Thursday 21st May, 9 girls from Year 5 took part in a Tag Rugby competition at Mays Bounty. They did an incredible job in very warm conditions. The resilience and determination to keep going was amazing to see and all other teachers spoke of how excellent they were with their sporting behaviours. We are already looking forward to competing again next year!



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.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School

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Dates for Your Diary

23rd -31st May – HALF-TERM

1st June – Choir rehearsal at St Mark's School

5th June – PTA Doughnut Day

8th June – Phonics Screening Week

8th June – Y4 MTC Assessment 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

16th June – YR Trip to Finkley Down Farm

17th June – Sports Day (Infants am, Juniors pm)

23rd June – Anvil concert 7pm

24th June – Anvil concert 7pm

26th June – Move up morning

1st July – Y2 Trip to Four Kingdoms

3rd July – Y1 Trip to Marwell

20th July – Y6 Trip to Paulton's Park

21st July – LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR!

MAY
HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Scan to book

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

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AVENUE DANCE COMPANY

Sherborne St John & Chineham

DANCE CLASSES

STREET DANCE

MONDAY'S:
 5-6pm (ages 4-8)
 6-7pm (ages 9-11)
 7-8pm (ages 12-16)

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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.

You can Donate at The Link

Supported by **connect4communities**

CHARITY NO: 1198457
 TEL: 0118 9814538

Sport In Mind

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

Supported by the **10 Crowsley Legacy**

Working in partnership with **NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**

supported by **Basingstoke and Deane**

BIG Splash WEEKEND

FREE SWIMMING TASTER LESSONS

Come and make a splash with us!

Enjoy a fun introduction to swimming in a safe and friendly environment.

- Perfect for beginners
- All children's ages and abilities welcome

PLUS... GREAT EXTRAS!

- Special joining offer available
- Fun pool games for everyone to enjoy

Event Details

Date: Saturday 6th June
Location: Tadley Health & Fitness
Available stages: Non-Swimmers, Beginners and Intermediate

Phone: 0118 981 7818
 Timetable & info: <https://www.basingstokeleisure.com/tadley-health-fitness-centre/timetables/#SWIMTIMETABLE>

let's do **MORE**

See website for full details.



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3K/5K/10K WALK/RUN/CYCLE/HOP /SKIP YOUR WAY AROUND BLACKBUSHE RUNWAY

Saturday 12th Sept 5.15pm

Spotlight UK are looking for people who would be interested in taking part in this year's Twilight Challenge at Blackbushe Airport to help raise funds to support Armed Forces and their families, young carers, Children in care, children with mental health issues, children affected by loss and separation and children with long term medical illness/terminal illness

[REGISTER NOW](#)

CALL: 07804880072 EMAIL: ADMIN@SPOTLIGHTUK.ORG



CYCLISTS WANTED FOR LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE

Sunday 21st June

Spotlight UK are looking for people who would be interested in cycling from London to Brighton to help raise funds to support Armed Forces and their families, young carers, Children in care, children with mental health issues, children affected by loss and separation and children with long term medical illness/terminal illness

Free entry
[REGISTER NOW](#)

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ALDERMASTON BLACKS

NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

ARE YOU GOING INTO
YEAR 7
THIS SEPTEMBER?
(CURRENT YEAR 6 PUPILS)

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

- SUNDAY LEAGUE MATCHES**
- TUESDAY TRAINING SESSIONS**
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS & HAVE FUN!**

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

RICHARD 07901534296
 KYLE 07470779121

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!

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