



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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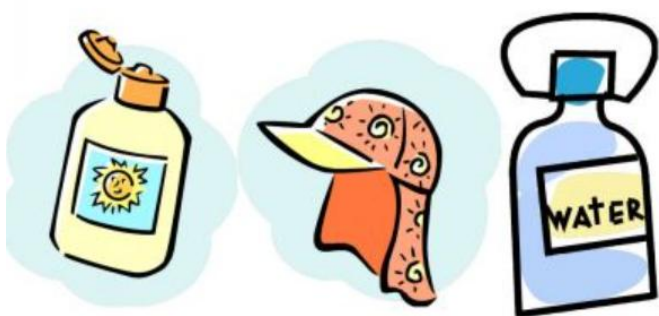
Executive Headteacher: Mr G Golding
Executive Head of School: Mrs J Armes

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, what a week this has been weather-wise! It certainly has been challenging, and school has felt unbelievably hot, both inside and outside too. The children have all done amazingly well with coping during this Red Weather Warning, and my thanks go out to all of the brilliant staff here at Bishopswood, for keeping the children safe, and as cool as possible, over this week.

Thank you to all of you too, for sending your children in with everything they need to keep them as protected as possible.



However, at this time, it feels pertinent to just give a little reminder of the essential things we expect **all children, from R to 6**, to have in school every day, to help keep them safe:

- When it is sunny, we do require the children to bring a hat to school, or they may be asked to play in the shade on especially hot days.
- We also require children to bring a filled **water** bottle every day, as it is so important to keep hydrated throughout the day.
- Finally, a reminder to please put suncream on your child before sending them in on hot day. They can be outside for over half an hour at lunchtime, which on a hot summer's day can be detrimental if they do not have suncream on.

As we approach the summer holidays, please also keep your children safe around water, and remind them of the dangers of going into rivers, lakes or the sea, no matter how tempting it might be to try to cool down.



Thank you!

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Sports Day last week – I am sure you will all agree that the children were amazing and did so well, showing not only their sporting prowess, but also great teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship! Well done to everyone – we are very proud of you!



I can reveal that the results were as follows:

Infants:

- 1st Place: Blue and Yellow
- 2nd Place: Green
- 3rd Place: Red

Juniors:

- 1st Place: Panthers
- 2nd Place: Lions
- 3rd Place: Leopards
- 4th Place: Tigers



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BPSM Concert at the Anvil, Basingstoke

A massive well done to all the children in our Bishopswood Junior Choir. This week they went to sing at the Anvil in Basingstoke on Tuesday and Wednesday



evening, alongside an orchestra, narrators, dancers and 17 other schools. We were so proud of them, not only for the fantastic concert that they were a part of, but that they did their school and parents proud. They have worked hard rehearsing different parts and learning words, turning up for extra practices, and were well behaved, polite and respectful. We hope that this was an inspiring experience for them. We also thank all the parents involved for your support with lifts, word-learning and being a great audience....

From Mrs Hunter and Mrs Sullivan

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...

What a busy week in Year R! We had a fantastic time on our trip to Finkley Down Farm. The children were very excited to be on a big coach, wave goodbye to school and set off to Andover. We were extra lucky with the weather and managed to feed, stroke and look at lots of farm animals, and even some reptiles. The sheep race was a highlight of the day with Baaaaa-bara Streisand a clear



winner! We also loved our first Sports Day. Everyone had fun and were good sports cheering

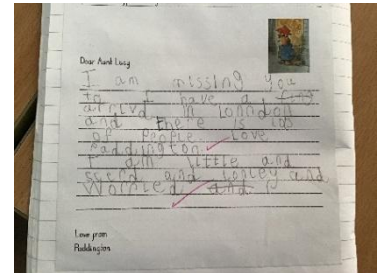
on their friends. We all had different favourite races, but it was great to see everyone having a go. Well done Year R.

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

Year 1 have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks! In

Topic, we have continued our fascinating learning about meerkats and penguins, exploring whether these animals could ever

be neighbours. We have investigated the North Pole and South Pole, comparing the two regions and discovering which animals live in each environment. In Maths, we have been learning all about money. The children have explored the value of different coins and notes and have practised using their knowledge to pay for different items. In English, we have been enjoying the story of *Paddington*. Inspired by his adventures, the children wrote thoughtful postcards to Aunt Lucy from Paddington's perspective, to tell her all about his new start in London.



Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have been working hard over the last few weeks.

In our topic work, we have been learning all about how to stay healthy and the importance of eating a balanced diet. In maths, we have been exploring statistics and learning how to read and interpret

data. In art, we created our own fantastic pictures inspired by the artist Archimboldo. In English, we rewrote the story 'The Bear and the Piano', while also focusing on improving handwriting and letter



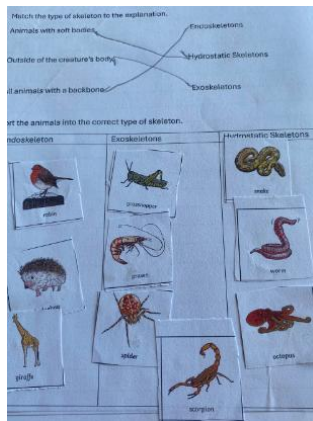


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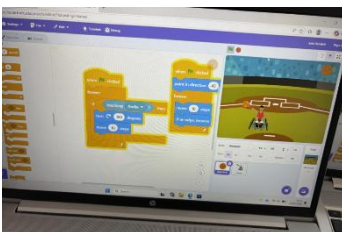
formation. We are also busy practising for our leavers' assembly and can't wait to show you soon!

Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say

Year 3 have had a lovely couple of weeks carrying on our topic about healthy eating. We have learnt all about the different types of teeth, animal and human and learnt about the different types of animal skeletons. We then sorted animals into the right category. In writing, we have produced a piece of writing about ourselves to give to our new teacher. We have written some lovely paragraphs about what we look like, our hobbies and what we enjoy doing at school. We also had great fun at sports day. The children loved taking part in all the different activities and were so proud of themselves for running their races!



Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...



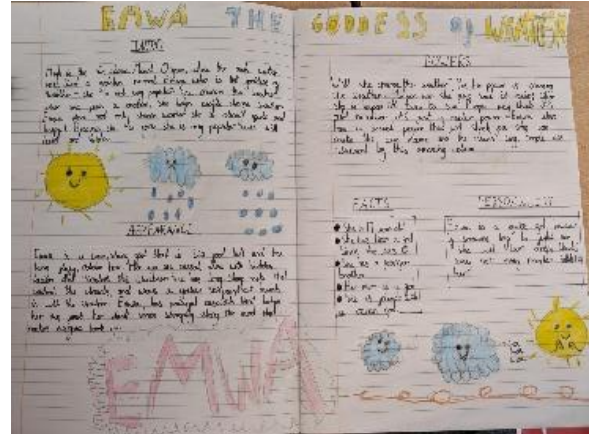
Year 4 have had a fun time this week getting to terms with creating games on Scratch! Who doesn't love a paddle game? Previous work on Scratch has

allowed for us to get used to the software. So, we now had to put it into practice. We had to make sure we had to the correct programming in the right place. At times we found it easy to get each sprite to follow the instructions. However, there were times when our sprites needed to interact and it could become a bit frustrating. However, we persevered



and were resilient to finish off our first trial game. Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo.... here we come!

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



Year 5 have continued to delve into our history topic all about Ancient Greece by learning about the chronology of the Greek Empire. We have also discovered how the Greeks created democracy and compared their version to the current UK political system. In English lessons, we created our own god or goddess, inspired by the ones we have been learning about. Then we wrote non-chronological reports all about our god, including what they looked like and what their special powers were. In computing, we have started programming the microbits to say our names, show different images, interact with each other, and even play Rock, Paper Scissors! In Spanish, we have been learning about Spanish traditions and celebrations including the tomato-throwing festival La Tomatina!!

Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein & Mrs Dreehan say....

Year 6 have really stepped up their rehearsals in the last two weeks and the show is coming together

really well. The singing sounds incredible! In maths, we have been completing projects such as learning how to budget money to help them prepare for secondary school, and solving investigations to help understand the value of one million! In the





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afternoons, we have continued our work on maps, looking at OS maps, as well as finding out about the different countries in Africa. Finally, we have started a project all about a chosen country and the beginnings of these look amazing! We wish the children all the best for their move-up days and look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!

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.

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.



Dates for Your Diary

1st July – Y2 to Y3 Parents' Transition Information Evening – 6-7pm - tbc

1st July – Y2 Trip to Four Kingdoms

3rd July – Y1 Trip to Marwell

6th July – Move up morning

7th July – New EYFS Parents' Afternoon Session

7th July – Reserve date - Y2 to Y3 Parents' Transition Information Evening – 6-7pm - tbc

9th July – Meet the Teacher in new KS1/KS2 classroom – 3.45-4.15pm (NB not new EYFS or Y1 Sycamore class).

10th July – Meet the Teacher in Y1 Sycamore class – 3.45-4.15pm.

13th July – Y2 Leavers' Assembly – 2.15pm

13th & 15th July – Y6 Play – 6pm

14th July – RockSteady concert

15th July – End of Year Reports sent home

16th July – Y2 Picnic with parents

17th July – Y6 party (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

20th July – Y6 Trip to Paulton's Park

21st July – Y6 Leavers' assembly (2:30pm)

21st July – LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School



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MEET UP WITH FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES

£6PP BOOKING ONLINE

CALLING ALL NEW YEAR 6'S

31ST JULY 2026

PARTY @ THE POINT CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR 5 AND MOVING UP!
CHOOSE HOT DOG OR PIZZA

7PM-9PM
THE POINT, NEWCHURCH RD,
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£6 PER CHILD BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Last Year 6 Party night

CALLING ALL YEAR 6'S

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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!

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