



Newsletter Friday 10th January 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates:

- Wednesday 15th January** - Primary School New Starter Admissions Deadline
- Wednesday 15th January** - Tag Rugby Year 5 and 6
- Friday 17th January** - EYFS Games morning starts
- Wednesday 22nd January** - Talented Athletes
- Friday 24th January** - Hannah Peckham author visit

House Point Results

Winning House Goodwood

Cowdray	Parham
558	423
Goodwood	Petworth
600	523

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and year. The children have returned after the Christmas break eager and motivated to start their learning.

Whilst children were enjoying the last day of their holidays, teachers met to develop their knowledge around additional needs. The sessions included therapeutic approaches to behaviour, planning for children working below key stage and learning more about neurodiversity and masking. We must pass on a big thank you to Fran, from "Equine partners," who supported us with her vast knowledge in neurodiversity.

Thank you parents and friends for your positive comments and likes on Facebook and Instagram. It has been wonderful reading parents comments about the exciting opportunities and events posted and is proving invaluable in raising the profile of our wonderful school and sharing this in the community.

Have a restful weekend,
Ms Ley



Year 5 - Space Immersion Day

This week, Year 5 has been fully immersed in our space topic, engaging in a variety of hands-on activities to deepen our understanding of the solar system. To help remember the order and names of the planets, we created our very own mnemonic. We also explored the size of the planets by using fruits, which allowed us to visualise the vast differences in scale.

In another creative activity, we used toilet roll (yes, toilet roll!) to represent the distances between the planets. Each square of toilet roll represented approximately 16 million kilometres, helping us to grasp just how far apart the planets are in our solar system.

To wrap up the day, we had a blast (yes pun intended!) designing and teaching an astronaut fitness routine, which we shared with our fellow 'astronauts.'



Equine Partners Training

On Monday, we were pleased to receive training and support from Fran Hibbard, co-founder of Equine Partners. Equine Partners offers equine learning techniques, horsemanship and Neuro Linguistic Programming. They specialise in helping families, individuals and groups to overcome life's challenges.

Fran was able to support teachers to understand some of the challenges faced by young people with neurodiversity and explore the best ways to support their journey through school. If you would like to learn more, please visit their website

<https://www.equine-partners.co.uk>



Year 6 - WW2 Immersion Day

On Tuesday, Year 6 were immersed into their new WW2 history topic by dressing up as evacuees for the day. They created their own identity labels and walked down to Billingshurst Station, imagining they were children from London being evacuated to the countryside. They all looked great in their outfits so thank you for your support!



London Marathon 2025

In April, one of our parents, Lydia Plumbley, is running the TCS London Marathon for the National Autistic Society! We wish Lydia and the rest of the team the very best of luck. If you would like to support the event and charity, please visit their [Just Giving page here](#) or scan the QR Code.

Lydia
Plumbley's
JustGiving
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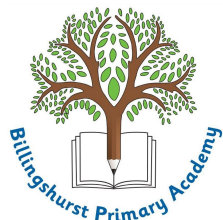


BPA Bees - Summer Fun Day Donations - Did you get any unwanted gifts over the festive period? Perhaps you've had a sort out and have things you no longer need. Please consider donating items for our Summer Fun Day, to be used on either the child or adult tombolas. These can be left in our trug outside the school office.

Eco Party Pack - Hire our eco-friendly party pack with 36 plates, bowls and cups, 36 knives, forks and spoons, 2 large jugs, 6 large bowls, 4 large plates, and 2 trays. We suggest a donation of £10. Collect from school (or local address), use it for your party, then wash it up and return it for the next person. Please contact bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk to book the Eco Party Pack for your event.



Chair of Governors - On behalf of the governing body, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year! You may have seen on the school's social media pages or in the Village Tweet that we currently have vacancies on our governing body. If this is an opportunity that interests you or you would like some more information about the role and what it entails, please get in touch by emailing me at nwaters@billingshurstprimary.org.uk.



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