

Baldwins Hill Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our end of April newsletter,

The Summer Term is certainly in full swing as the sun is shining, we are now enjoying the school field at playtimes and the Summer trips out have begun! It has been so wonderful to hear how your children have enjoyed their visits out of school, and the beautiful way they have behaved and taken our Core Values with them. We are always so proud of the children when they visit other places – they are an absolute credit to you.

Please read on to hear all about what your children have been up to and what is coming up for them in the next few weeks. In the meantime, have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 5th May.

Happy weekend from Miss Dabell and Team Baldwins.

Jenny Dabell & Team Baldwins



We are delighted to have achieved the **Autism Awareness Award, silver level**, demonstrating consistency across our school community in autism affirming practices which appreciates and empowers autistic learners.

Strength included are: the impact of the sensory environment, our wonderful A Team, CPD training for staff, strong autism affirming practises, adapting and actioning ways to work with parents & carers and encouraging children to recognise and celebrate their differences and strengths. Watch this space for our new silver certificate!



Classroom News



Cherry

We have come to the end of our exciting journey watching our caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies, and the children loved releasing them to fly away. We are now exploring the topic of growing.

In EYFS, our topic is "How Does My Garden Grow?", and Year 1 have also been exploring plants and growing in their science lessons with Miss Barber.

We have been reading *Oliver's Vegetables* and *The Tiny Seed*, which have helped us learn about what plants need in order to survive, how to grow them, and the different parts of a plant. During outdoor learning, we explored a variety of plants and the children have started to identify some common ones in our environment.

We are really looking forward to growing our own plants and continuing to care for them in our outdoor area.

Year 1 have also been taking part in their Curious Quests and science lessons with Miss Barber, so please read the Pine Class overview for more detail on what they have been learning.



Pine

In Pine Class, we have been busy writing fact files about animals, building on our science learning from last term. The children have shown a fantastic depth of knowledge through their writing and should feel very proud of the work they have produced. We have now begun our next writing sequence, where we will be creating our own fairy tales.

In Year 2 maths, we have been exploring fractions, focusing on finding a half, a third and a quarter of both objects and numbers. The children have worked methodically and shown great perseverance in understanding these tricky concepts. Our focus has now changed to learning about time, building on our existing knowledge to telling the time to 5 minutes.

In science, we have been investigating how plants grow and asking questions such as whether they need water to survive. We have also been learning about the different parts of a plant and identifying a variety of plants around the school grounds.

In geography, our topic is coasts. We have been learning about what coasts are, what you might find there, and why they are important.

The children are also enjoying their art lessons with Mrs Lunt, where they have been exploring birds, pattern and texture through a range of creative activities.

We will soon be sending out information about our school trip, which will take place at the start of June.

Hazel

Well, what a busy (even if short) half term!

The children have been busy exploring how seeds grow and what they need to thrive. As part of our investigation, we have been experimenting with different conditions, including keeping some seeds hidden away in the cupboard to see how this affects their growth.

Alongside this, the class has been learning about the structure of plants. The children have enjoyed drawing flowers, carefully labelling parts from the roots all the way up to the petals, and discussing the important function of each part of a flower.

We have also planted strawberry seeds, and if they grow successfully, the children will have the exciting opportunity to taste the strawberries they have helped to nurture!



Cedar

In Science this term, Cedar Class has been thoroughly enjoying learning about how living things can be grouped in different ways. The children have developed their understanding of vertebrates, which have a backbone, and invertebrates, which do not. Through careful observations, they have explored the features of a variety of plants and animals and used this knowledge to sort and group them accurately.

To strengthen their scientific skills, the children have been recording data using Carroll diagrams and Venn diagrams, helping them to compare and organise information clearly. They have also been learning how to choose appropriate yes/no questions to create their own classification keys, which they have used successfully to identify and group different living things.



Oak

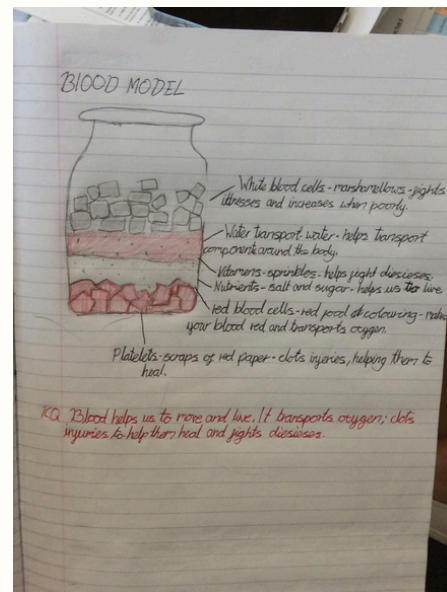


Year 5 have had a great time performing experiments in their science lesson this half term looking at unbalanced forces. We used balloons to create a range of sized "parachutes" and predicted which would fall faster or slower. We carried out the experiment and recorded our findings as a class. This week we were investigating water resistance. Each group used plasticine to create a range of shapes which they then dropped into water and timed to see how long it took for them to sink. They made predictions of which shapes would fall slower or quicker and then made conclusions from their findings. They showed great scientific skills and tried hard to ensure it was a fair test so that only one variable was changing. We will move onto investigating friction next testing objects using a newton meter.

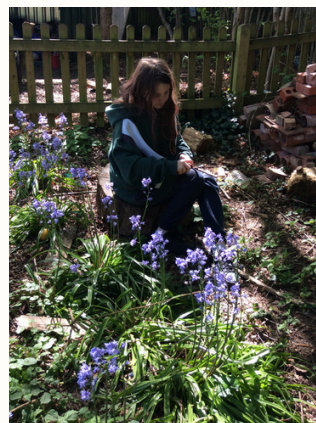
Redwood

Year 6 have shown fantastic focus and determination in the lead-up to SATs. Revision has been engaging and enjoyable, with pupils taking part in a range of arithmetic, reading and grammar games that have helped build confidence as well as skills. The class have worked incredibly hard, supporting one another and approaching each challenge with a positive attitude. We are extremely proud of all their efforts and the maturity they are continuing to show.

During SATs week, Year 6 will start each morning with a calm and supportive breakfast together to help settle nerves and set them up for the day. The children are also very excited about finding out the upcoming school production, which has given them something special to look forward to. To celebrate the end of a successful half term, the class will finish with a well-earned trip to Chessington in the final week. It's a wonderful way to reward their hard work and resilience, and we know they are very much looking forward to it. The Year 6 team could not be prouder of every single pupil. Their hard work, resilience and positive attitudes have been a pleasure to see, and they should all feel incredibly proud of what they have achieved. Go Year 6!!!!



With the ever changing weather improving to blue skies we are making more use of the outdoor area. If you having a spring clear out and have anything we could make of use of, please contact the office. For example scrap wood for the fire, spare socks or wellies, it would be much appreciated.



Sports

Get Active Event – Wednesday 22nd April

On Wednesday 22nd April, twelve Year 5 and Year 6 pupils visited the King's Centre to explore a range of exciting sporting opportunities as part of our Get Active programme. During the afternoon, pupils took part in:

- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Frisbee Golf
- Tri-Golf
- Martial Arts

The children had a wonderful afternoon in the sunshine, learning new skills and having a go at sports they may not have tried before. Behaviour and enthusiasm were excellent, and it was fantastic to see pupils stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing new challenges.

Dance Showcase

A dedicated group of children, alongside Mrs Osborne and Miss Martinez have been working hard to learn and create a dance, resulting in them performing this at the annual Sackville Dance Festival. The dance showed that everyone is unique and special, and that when we work together and support each other, we can shine with confidence. The children excelled themselves, performing with courage and enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs Osborne and Miss Martinez for their fantastic teaching and choreography,



Sports

Tri-Golf Competition – Year 4

Next week, some Year 4 pupils will be travelling to East Grinstead Sports Club to take part in a Tri-Golf competition. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing how they get on. What is Tri-Golf?

Tri-Golf is a child-friendly version of golf designed to introduce key skills in a fun and accessible way. It focuses on:

- Putting and short-distance shots
- Hand-eye coordination
- Accuracy and control
- Teamwork and sportsmanship

It's a great way for children to develop confidence and enjoy golf in a supportive environment.



Year 3 swimming is now up and running.

Year 3 pupils will be heading to the King's Centre for swimming lessons most Mondays until the end of the summer term.

During swimming lessons, children will work on:

- Water confidence and safety
- Floating and body positioning
- Basic strokes (front crawl and backstroke)
- Breath control and movement in the water
- Developing independence and confidence

Swimming is a vital life skill, and it's great to see Year 3 making a positive start.

Sports Week 2026

We are very excited to announce that Sports Week 2026 will take place during the week beginning Monday 15th June.

All Baldwin's Hill children will take part in a week packed full of sporting opportunities. We have teamed up with Premier Sports, who will help deliver a programme of new and exciting sports for all pupils.

More information about activities will follow soon.

Sports Day

As part of Sports Week, Sports Day will take place on:

- **Tuesday 16th June**
- Reserve date: Tuesday 23rd June (weather dependent)

Parents and carers will be invited to attend, and further information will be sent closer to the time, including timings and arrangements.

Friends of Baldwin's Hill (formally PTA)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a great Easter and are all ready for the last term of the school year.

With your help our Egg-cellent outfit day raised funds for our outdoor learning area and a couple of bags of donated waterproof trousers – giving out children more opportunity to get to spend time outside (and stay a bit cleaner doing so!)

Upcoming events:

5th July will see the return of the infamous Colour Run! A firm favourite with many of our children – more details to follow.

The year 6's are also planning a car wash to help contribute towards their traditional Chessington trip this year. We are sure they would love your support.

As much as we appreciate your donations, we really need people to help with our events in order to make them happen. As Friends of Baldwin's Hill anyone who wants to can get involved – it doesn't just need to be parents or carers. It can be a great opportunity to meet with others, add to any CV or to feel like you are doing something to make a difference for our children.

Ways in which you can help:

Join Friends of Baldwin's Hill

We always welcome new members and fresh ideas

Join the "Happy to Help" Whatsapp group

This is a relaxed way to lend a hand when you can without any formal commitment. We only post when looking for specific support. This could be helping with an event but also non-public facing things like messaging class groups, helping to organise uniform, sourcing raffle ticket or stall prizes, applying for funding and many more. Message Laura on 07762475129 to find out more or scan the QR code USING YOUR CAMERA ON WHATSAPP to join the group directly.



Upcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

Please click the link for the term dates for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

<https://baldwinshillprimaryschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)
8 th May	Parent forum - online
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATS
20 th May	Year 6 Chessington Trip
21 st May	CENSUS Day
21 st May	Last day of term
22 nd May	INSET Day
23 rd – 31 st May	Half term holidays
1 st June	First day of term
2 nd June	Class Photos (please note new date)
3 rd June	Pine Class School Trip (details to follow)
3 rd June	Sackville visiting students
9 th June	Imberhorne visiting students
5 th June	Oak Class Assembly
15 th – 19 th June	Sports Week
16 th June	Sports Day
19 th June	Pine Class Assembly
26 th June	Hazel Class Assembly
1 st July	Year 6 Imberhorne School visit
3 rd July	Cedar Class Assembly
10 th July	Cherry Class Assembly
10 th July	Parent forum - online
13 th July	Year 6 Production – 6pm
15 th July	Year 6 Production – 6pm
22 nd July	Redwood leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Last day of term

Check out the video filmed back in spring of Baldwins Hill:

<https://baldwinshillprimaryschool.co.uk/>





Internet Safety

Online Safety: Top Tips

Online safety is so important, particularly over the holiday period when children may be online more than usual.

Please use the following link to find advice and guidance for your own online safety and for children and young people: www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety.

Here are our tips to get you started:

1. Chat to them about what they like to do online

Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

2. Talk about who they are in contact with online

Use settings to help limit who can contact your child. Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.

3. Help manage what they see and do online

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe. Make sure to talk to your child first before implementing any new settings and explain to them how they help to keep them safe.

Remember it's ok to ask for help!

Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Call the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000 to speak to an advisor

Speak to a member of Baldwins Hill staff or ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead

Breakfast Club

Don't forget we have breakfast club open to all year groups 8am - 8:30am every morning.

If your child is feeling unsure about the club, please at least sign up for one day so they can have a taster and see what they think. There is no need to commit to the whole week - just sign up for the days you want!

Please note that we will not be able to take ad-hoc/last minute arrivals, so please do sign up in advance if you feel you may need the place. This ensures we will have enough staff to safely supervise the children.

Clubs

Our PE clubs will continue to run until the end of the school year. We are currently offering football, netball and rounders clubs.

If your child is interested in joining one of these clubs, please contact the school office, as a few spaces still remain.

Reminders



To ensure the safety of all, the entrance to the staff car park must not be used when dropping children off at breakfast club.

Community Events

🎉 Bank Holiday school uniform savings incoming...

Enjoy **10% off all schoolwear** with code **BANKHOL10**

Runs from **Saturday 2nd May to midnight Monday 4th May** 🇬🇧

Don't forget to apply the code at checkout when the sale goes live! 🛒 ✨

Delivery Information 🇬🇧

📦 **Parents Direct – Home Delivery:** Our current lead time is **14–21 working days**.

🏫 **Direct to School:** Orders are processed on the 15th and 30th of each month and are delivered to the school within up to **2 weeks**.

📦 **Wholesale:** Our current lead time for wholesale orders is **14–21 working days**.

All lead times are stock permitting.

EAST GRINSTEAD
TENNIS, SQUASH & RACKETBALL CLUB

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

FUN RACKET SPORTS OPEN AFTERNOON!

FOR FAMILIES • FOR ALL AGES • ALL WELCOME

1:00PM – 4:30PM

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SQUASH, RACKETBALL & MORE

ON THE COURT
Try tennis, squash, racketball, pickleball and even table tennis!
Meet our friendly club regulars for a bit of your level, test your skills against the ball machine, or get tips from our expert coaching team.
Rackets and balls are provided – just bring your trainers!

THE SOCIAL SIDE
BBQ fired up from **1:00PM – 3:00PM**
Our fully stocked bar will be open all afternoon for cold drinks, ice lollies, tea and coffee.

THE FINAL WHISTLE
Finishing up at **4:30PM?**
Stick around to watch the **FA Cup Final** on the big screen in the clubhouse!

WHAT WE OFFER
Top-tier courts, a fantastic social scene, and a way to play racket sports all year round.
Come down and see why we love it here!

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