

# Baldwins Hill Newsletter

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Respect, Compassion, Courage, Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our May newsletter. The children have been working so hard in all their class challenges, showing great courage and responsibility, as usual. The pupils are now in the process of completing their annual surveys, so that we can gain an insight into their experience of school and learn the things that they enjoy the most, and the things that they wish could be even better. The staff will then analyse this information to shape our curriculum and enrichment decisions going forward.

We were so proud of our Year 6 pupils last week and the courage and determination they showed in their Key Stage Two SATs tests. Thank you to 'Rumblin Tums' for so kindly providing bacon and sausage baps every morning (again) for the children. Such incredible kindness.

I hope that you enjoy reading all about the things that your children have been up to over the last month in their lessons and learn more about what is in store for them as the last half of the Summer term approaches.

Remember school is NOT open to the children tomorrow as we have an INSET day – and next week is half term. I hear that the sunshine is on its way back...

Have a lovely weekend and half term. See you all back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Warmest wishes,

Jenny Dabell and Team Baldwins.



**Baldwins Hill**  
Primary School





# Classroom News

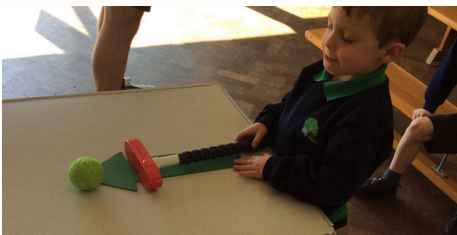


## Cherry

In Early Years, we have had a fantastic half term learning all about growing. In Drawing Club, we have centred our texts around The Lorax (thinking about growing and protecting trees) and The Secret Sky Garden (exploring how plants can make something beautiful). We have been developing our imagination through storytelling, using new vocabulary and building our oracy skills. The children have also been practising their writing, both through dictated sentences and writing their own ideas.

The children have been loving our new handwriting scheme, which links closely to our Read Write Inc. phonics. They have been learning the rhymes, focusing on correct letter formation and working hard to hold their pencil using a tripod grip.

In maths, we have been learning about number bonds to 10. Why not see at home if your child can find pairs of numbers that add together to make 10? You could also try playing Hit the Button to help practise in a fun way.



## Pine

In Writing, the children have been exploring acrostic poems, thinking carefully about spelling and choosing words that link meaningfully to their chosen theme. They've shown wonderful creativity and focus as they build their poems line by line.

In Handwriting, we've been visiting Letter Village and practising letter formation using our special jam sponge paper. The children have really enjoyed these sessions and are enthusiastically following along with the videos to perfect their letter shapes.

We've also been doing lots of reading in class. Our daily word challenges have been a big hit, and the children are working hard to keep their reading skills "tip-top".

In Science, we explored a variety of seeds and made predictions about what each one might grow into. The children loved comparing their guesses with a video that revealed the plants each seed belongs to.

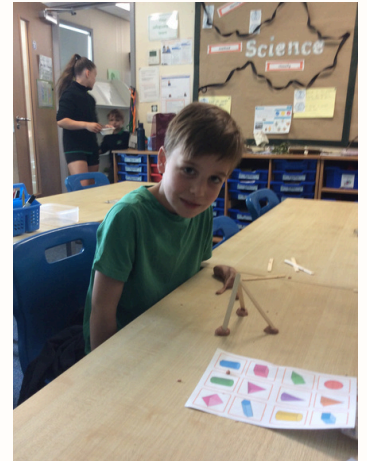
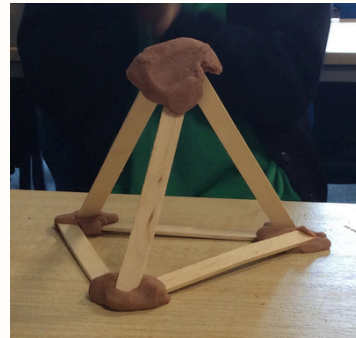
Looking ahead, we are very excited for our trip to Godstone Farm next term. It promises to be a fantastic hands-on learning experience for everyone.

# Hazel

Hazel Class have been busy mathematicians this term, using recipes, applying practical maths skills and working with buddies to create moveable clocks, playdough for 3D shapes, patterned artwork with tessellations, and even their own shops where they bartered and competed to make the most profit. The children worked brilliantly in teams and truly demonstrated our Core Values – great work, Hazel Class.

In PE, we have been practising for Sports Day, and our throwing skills are developing really well.

In English, we are busy writing persuasive letters... so be warned – with our effective writing skills, we might just convince you to let us have all sorts of exciting things.



# Cedar

This term in Reading, Cedar Class has thoroughly enjoyed finishing the class book Blue John. The children have used their VIPERS skills to explore the text in greater depth, helping them to better understand the characters, themes, and events within the story. They have used this text as inspiration for their own writing, creating detailed setting descriptions of Blue John and the cavern by focusing on atmosphere and vivid imagery. Additionally, the class designed persuasive brochures, encouraging visitors to explore the mysterious cave by using engaging language and persuasive techniques.

Alongside this, the children have begun the new Read Write Inc. handwriting scheme. They have been developing their handwriting by focusing carefully on correct letter formation and practicing a range of letter joins.



# Oak

Year 5 had a great trip a few weeks ago to Deers Leap park where E3 adventures organised and ran some fabulous activities. The class was split into three groups and we each took turns to try out the different challenges. My group took to the skies first by conquering the climbing wall, we worked as a team to hold the ropes and encourage our teammates to climb that little bit higher each time. The children also greatly enjoyed it when they could let go and "dangle" safely supported by the others while they enjoyed the view! Another activity was bushcraft where we took to the woods and searched out three sizes of sticks ready to build our own fire. We thought about what was needed to start and maintain a fire and once we got it going enjoyed roasting marshmallows as a reward.



The third activity was team building where the children used logic, communication and teamwork to solve a series of challenges. Through trial and error they improved their methods and succeeded magnificently (with much celebration!) It was a pleasure to spend the day with the class out in the open air and great to see each core values being used really effectively to complete each activity,



# Redwood



## A Poem for Our Amazing Year 6

You rose to the challenge, you stayed strong and true,  
With focus and courage in all that you do.  
During this SATs week, you showed boundless pride,  
With calm, steady minds and determination inside.  
You worked hard each day and gave your very best,  
Never giving up, even under test.  
You showed resilience, grit and care,  
Proving just how capable you all are.  
You were role models, thoughtful and kind,  
Supporting each other with strength of mind.  
You have represented Baldwins Hill with pride and grace,  
A truly remarkable, unforgettable Year 6.  
We are so proud of the way you grew,  
Of the effort you have showed in all that you do.  
Amazing pupils, focused and strong—  
Baldwins Hill cheers you as you get ready to move on!

# Chessington

Year 6 had an amazing time in chessington, thank you to the Friends of Baldwins Hill for your support and to those who volunteered on the day.



# Sports

## Sports day information

We are pleased to invite you to Baldwin's Hill Primary School's Whole School Sports Morning and Picnic Lunch, which will take place on Tuesday 16th June 2026, beginning at 10am, gates will open at 9.50am.

During the morning, pupils will compete for their team in an effort to win the Sports Day Trophy. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their Sports Day kit. We encourage children to include their team colour in their outfit – for example, a coloured T-shirt, socks, or hair accessory. If you are unsure which team your child belongs to, please speak to their class teacher.

As the children will be outside for most of the morning, please ensure they have sun cream and a hat, and bring additional clothing in case the weather is cooler.

Parents and carers should enter via the side gate to the playground on arrival, where you will be asked to sign in. Please remember to sign out when leaving the school site.

Children will take part in a variety of sporting activities and will move around these with their class teacher. There will be designated spectator areas at each activity, and we kindly ask that these are used to ensure everyone's safety and to allow the children to take part fully.

We kindly remind parents and carers that children should remain with their class throughout the morning and should not be taken away from their group unless this has been pre-agreed with the class teacher. This helps us to ensure the safety of all pupils and the smooth running of the event.

The picnic lunch for parents and children will take place from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Please collect your child from their teacher at the beginning of lunchtime. Children who have hot school meals will eat in the hall and then re-join you on the field afterwards.

Adult toilets are available at the front of the school and can be accessed via the school office. These may also be used by any younger siblings.

You are very welcome to take photographs of your own child during the event. However, for safeguarding reasons, please ensure that any photographs shared or posted on social media are of your child only.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope you enjoy the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McCreadie

# Friends of Baldwin's Hill (formally PTA)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are busy at Friends of Baldwin's Hill HQ finalising our plans for this years Colour Run. It will be after school on 3<sup>rd</sup> July – (10<sup>th</sup> if the weather is really bad) so make sure to keep it free. We will send out more details closer to the time.

Alongside the colour run we are hoping to be able to have refreshments and stalls so that it really is a great Summer event for everyone. In order to do this we REALLY need your help! As you can imagine, there is a lot involved with this kind of event and so our volunteers really are an important part of it.

Often when people think about volunteering they have a specific idea of what we may ask them to do but there are many different roles that may fit with what you can offer....

- Helping to set up beforehand
- Signing people in
- Sourcing raffle prizes
- Organising stall prizes
- Selling raffle tickets on the lead up
- Manning a stall for part of the time on the day
- Manning the refreshments
- Throwing the paint
- Helping to clear up
- And many more!

If you are able to offer to help with any of these things it frees up someone else to do something you might not be able to help with – which helps the whole Baldwins community. If you think you could help please message Laura on 07762475129 to be added to the happy to help Whatsapp group. There is no commitment at this stage but it will mean you can then opt in to offer help with these roles.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Colour Run!  
Friends of Baldwins Hill



# 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/>

21 <sup>st</sup> May	Last day of term
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term holidays
1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Class Photos</b> (please note new date)
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pine Class School Trip (details to follow)
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sackville visiting students
5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Oak</b> Class Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Imberhorne visiting students
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Hazel Class Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Pine</b> Class Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Hazel</b> Class Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Year 6</b> Imberhorne & Sackville School visits
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Cedar</b> Class Assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Colour Run (after school) details to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Cherry</b> Class Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent forum - online
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production – 6pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production – 6pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Redwood</b> leavers Assembly 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.**