

Baldwins Hill Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our June newsletter! I hope you enjoy reading on to see what your children have been learning and what is coming up for them next month. We are all looking forward to the children meeting their new teachers tomorrow. Miss Willington and Miss Crowther will both be in school and on the playground at the end of the day, if any parents want to pop over and say a quick hello.

The next stage of our transition programme is for teachers to meet together to discuss vital information about the successes of each child this year, and the next steps to help their new teacher understand exactly what to plan for September.

We still have plenty of this term to go though- and we are very much looking forward to our 'Friends of Baldwins Hill' (FOBHs) Colour run and outdoor disco after school on Friday. Please do come along and join in. The ice cream van will be on the playground at the end of the day for pick-up, whether you decide to stay for the run or need to rush off.

This has been an exceptional event for the last two years and we know it will be a wonderful opportunity for the Baldwins Hill community to have fun together again – hopefully in the not-too-blazing sunshine!

Healthy Snacks

We have been a little concerned lately that some less-than healthy- snacks have been taken out to play etc for snack time, such as chocolate biscuits or crisps. These may be fine as part of a lunch with a balance of different types of food but not ideal in isolation as a snack.

We try to encourage our children to eat a snack of fruit, veg, salad (cucumber/tomatoes), or cheese during the morning session. Please could you encourage your child to find these types of item in their bag or lunchbox for snack time.

Please also remember, we are not to have any food containing nuts in school.

Uniform expectations

We are beginning to see different items of clothing, make-up and nail extensions/varnish being worn in school. Although these are all quite lovely for general life outside of school and all dependent on you as parents to decide, the expectations for our uniform do not include these things. School Uniform fosters that vital sense of belonging and helps to rule out the need for competing style! Thank you for your understanding.

After nearly 4 years of dedicated service as our Chair of Governors, Mr Scott Gibbons has taken the very difficult decision to step down, due to an increase in other commitments. We are so grateful to Scott for the support and challenge he has brought to the school and wish him all the very best for the future.

Whilst we look for a replacement for Scott, our Vice Chair, Marcia Goodwin is stepping up into the role of Acting Chair of Governors. THANK YOU, MARCIA!

Best wishes,
Jenny



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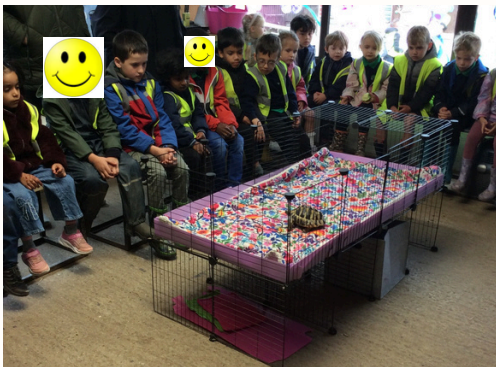
Classroom News



Cherry

This term, the Reception and Year 1 curriculum has linked together beautifully through our Early Years topic, "Going on a Journey," and the Year 1 History topic, "The History of Flight." The children have explored different types of journeys, including modes of transport, travelling to new countries, and stories about adventures. Alongside this, they have learned about the Wright Brothers, Bessie Coleman, and Amelia Earhart. The Early Years children have particularly enjoyed joining in with these lessons, experiencing more formal learning opportunities and preparing for their transition into Year 1.

As we approach the end of the school year, our focus is shifting to the children's own personal journeys as they prepare for their next year group. The children are delighted that they will remain together as a class, with some Year 1 pupils from Pine Class joining them, allowing them to maintain existing friendships while building new ones. During the remainder of the term, we will be supporting transition through visits to their new classroom, time with their new teacher, and opportunities to become familiar with any changes ahead. We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made this year and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish.



Pine

We had a fantastic trip to Godstone Farm, even with the rain. Thank you for your support—whether you joined us on the day or helped ensure your children arrived promptly. The children have since been busy writing some brilliant recounts of their experience, and the pig race has definitely been the standout memory for many of them.

In English, we have also been exploring comic writing, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Their creativity and humour have really shone through.

Sports Week was another highlight, with archery emerging as a firm favourite among the class. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best and trying new activities with enthusiasm.

In Science, we have been investigating materials—how they bend, stretch, twist and change—and thinking about why certain materials are suitable for particular purposes. We also had a lovely visit from Cats Protection, who taught us how to care for cats responsibly. The children were highly engaged and asked thoughtful, compassionate questions. Looking ahead, we are excited to begin creating healthy foods in Design and Technology, continue our hands-on science experiments, and dive into more wonderful books during our Curious Quest lessons.

Hazel



Hazel Class had a fantastic time during their visit to Gravetye, enjoying a range of exciting activities and memorable experiences together. The children learned lots, worked brilliantly as a team, and represented the school wonderfully. We are looking forward to sharing all the highlights and stories from our adventure in our class assembly on **17th July**.

In Maths, we have been focusing on shape, developing our understanding of different shapes and exploring how these mathematical skills connect to everyday concepts such as time and money. The children have been working hard to apply their knowledge in practical and engaging ways.

We are also incredibly proud of the way Hazel Class conducted themselves during recent sporting activities. The children demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, encouraging and supporting one another throughout. They consistently showed our school's core values. Well done, Hazel Class!

Cedar

This term, Cedar Class has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Sports Week, where the children had the opportunity to experience a range of exciting sports and activities. They showed great enthusiasm when trying archery, fencing, American football, and glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, developing new skills while building confidence and teamwork.

A particular highlight of the term was Sports Day, where the children enjoyed competing in a range of events while making the most of the beautiful sunshine. They worked incredibly well as teams, showing determination, respect, and sportsmanship. The day was made even more special by the support of family and friends, and the children loved sharing their achievements and celebrating together.

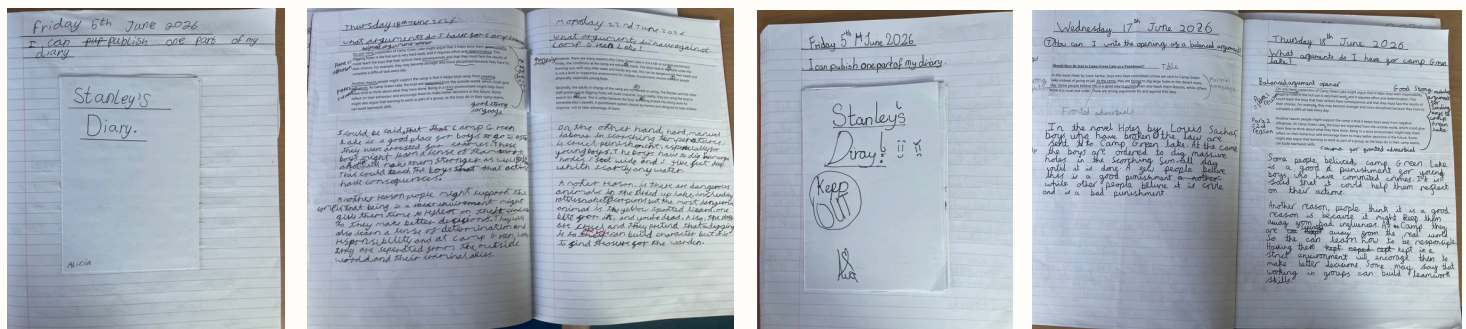


Oak

This month we want to celebrate our writing based around the book Holes which we read last half term. For our last writers sequence we produced diaries from the perspective of the main character, Stanley. The children did a great job getting into role and wrote great diary extracts about how he was feeling about living at Camp Green Lake. They published these into mini books which looked great.

We have then also used the text to write a balanced argument putting forward the reasons for and against sending children to Camp green lake as a punishment. The class thought of lots of reasons it was a bad place to send boys who were then forced to dig holes but were also able to balance this out with ideas about why it could be seen as a fair thing to do. We enjoyed sharing our writing with hazel class (while also taking advantage of the air conditioning!)

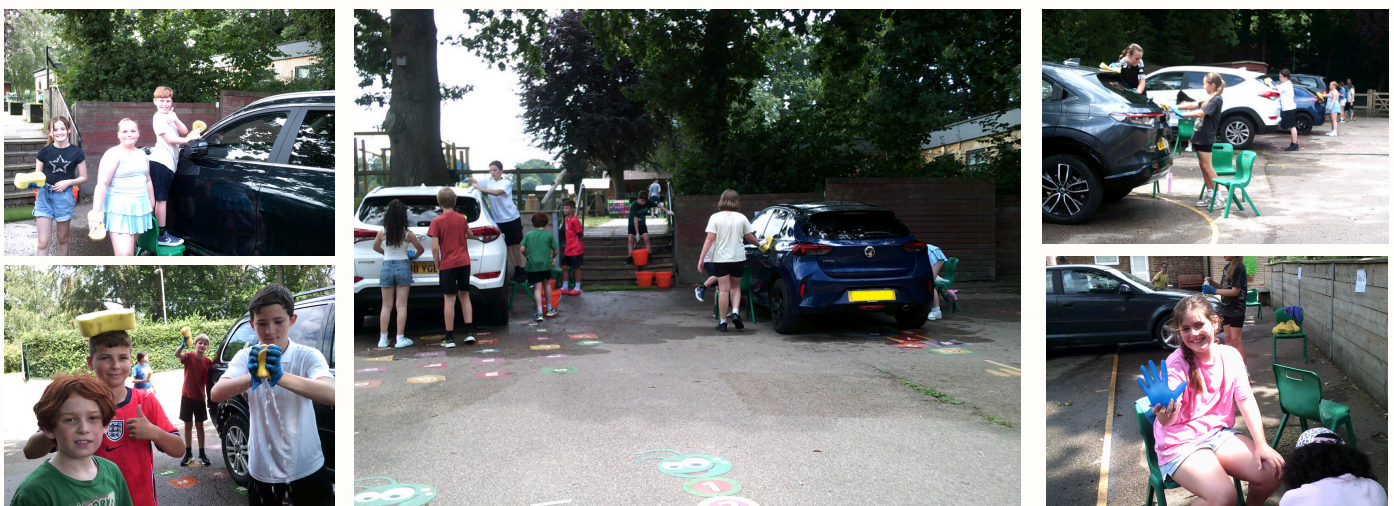
We're really enjoying the new handwriting scheme and it's starting to show in their writing in their English writing books too, keep it up!



Redwood

Year 6 have been absolutely fantastic over the past few weeks! The children have shown real dedication when practising their lines and choreography, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they fully immerse themselves in our production of Matilda. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have truly brought rehearsals to life, and we are incredibly proud of how committed they have been. Alongside this, our Enterprise work has been bursting with creativity, with pupils coming up with some brilliant and imaginative ideas for merchandise—watch this space! We were also thrilled with the success of our recent car wash, which was an amazing team effort.

Thanks to everyone's hard work and support, we raised over £400—an incredible achievement! Well done, Year 6!



Sports

As we come to the end of another successful sporting year, one of the highlights was undoubtedly Sports Week and Sports Day. It was wonderful to celebrate with our families and friends, and congratulations to the **Green Team**, who won the Sports Day Cup with the highest number of points. We were fortunate to enjoy sunny weather throughout the day, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the competitions and picnic. During Sports Week, pupils also had the opportunity to take part in exciting activities including fencing, archery, glow-in-the-dark dodgeball and American football.



Today, children from Years 3–6 will compete in Area Sports at Sackville against local primary schools.



On 8th July, our Year 5 Sports Crew will visit Imberhorne School to develop their leadership skills while supporting Year 1 pupils in a range of sporting activities. Thank you to all the children, families and staff who have supported our sports clubs and events throughout the year.

Sports week



Armed Forces Day

Our choir represented the school brilliantly at Armed Forces Day on Saturday. They performed with great confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing both their talent and their hard work in rehearsals. It was wonderful to see them singing with such pride and energy, and they received a fantastic response from the audience. We are incredibly proud of their excellent behaviour and outstanding performance—it was a truly memorable occasion for everyone involved.

One lady commented- "The children were an inspiration, they sang beautifully and the mix of music was fantastic. I loved it!"



Friends of Baldwin's Hill (formally PTA)

Hi everyone,

Hope you have cooled down after last week!

There is still time to sign up for the colour run on Friday – more details and booking link here <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/baldwinshillpta/?event=event&eventId=118577>

We will be selling raffle tickets this week after school. We are incredibly thankful to local businesses that have supported us with raffle donations. Please keep an eye out for their businesses and return the support. There is a full list of prizes below, including meals out and family activities to keep the children occupied over the summer!

We are also incredibly excited to let you know that we have been chosen as one of the green token boxes in Waitrose – starting on 1st July for three months!! If you shop there (or know anyone who does) please go in and add the green tokens to our box. It will mean we will raise extra funds to go towards our outdoor learning space – even possibly an outdoor classroom – which would be amazing for the kids to be able to use.

Thank you for your continued support

Friends of Baldwin's Hill

Raffle prize list:

Emma Louise - £10 voucher (https://www.facebook.com/emmalouisegiftshop/?locale=en_GB)

Pet Corner - voucher for pet food (<https://www.petcorner.co.uk/stores/pets-corner-stores-east-grinstead/>)

Cook- £15 voucher (<https://www.cookfood.net/shops/east-grinstead?srsltid=AfmBOopJBjjHdZCSuAXWDC0iAwUXdFfKQQDFgRINRxHhJxZajkemSqPO>)

Eterna - Sauna and plunge pass (<https://www.eternawellnesslab.com>)

Kings Golf centre - £25 voucher (<https://www.kingsentertainment.co.uk>)

Robert Dyas - Sandwich Toastie maker (https://www.robertdyas.co.uk/storefinder/robertdyas-east-grinstead/?srsltid=AfmBOorxqJgo7p0kYol-30El8MG-TBfu-pCUa8RBo-W_uubQNVn8rx)

Ashdown Flowers- large bouquet (<https://www.ashdownflowers.co.uk>)

Becky Barker – 20 minute oracle/card reading (<https://www.facebook.com/becky.barker.9235>)

Harbour Fish and Chips on Ship Street (<https://www.harbour-fishandchips.co.uk>)

Carlo Lounge Voucher - £30 (<https://thelounges.co.uk/carlo/>)

2 tickets to Fishers Farm <https://www.fishersfarmpark.co.uk>

2 adult and 2 children tickets to Godstone Farm (<https://godstonefarm.co.uk>)

2 tickets to Bocketts farm (<https://www.bockettsfarm.co.uk>)

The Physio Spot (physio therapy)- assessment/sports massage/acupuncture/recovery legs/ performance training session (<https://thephysiospot.co.uk>)

The Ship Inn – Bottle of Wine (<https://www.shipinneastgrinstead.co.uk>)

The Market Square – Bottle of Wine (https://www.facebook.com/themarketsquare/?locale=en_GB)

Rocca Restaurant – Bottle of Wine (<https://www.roccakitchen.co.uk>)

Scrumptious Little Bakery – Cream Tea for Two (https://www.facebook.com/scrumptiouslittlebakery1/?locale=en_GB)

Kings centre – family swim (<https://www.placesleisure.org/centres/kings-centre/>)

Twenty Nine – one meal including a drink. (<https://www.twentyninerestaurant.co.uk>)

Nova Dance School - £20 gift voucher for the dance school (<https://novaschoolofdance.com>)

Learts Creative- £50 off Summer crafts camp (<https://www.learts.co.uk>)

Learts Theatre - £50 off Summer school (<https://www.learts.co.uk>)

Martells – Puzzle (<https://www.martells.co.uk>)



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/>

Breakfast Club

Don't forget we have breakfast club open to all year groups from 8am, which is free.

Our Breakfast Club is now well established, and we have successfully secured funding for the next school year. Breakfast Club will operate on an ad hoc basis, meaning pupils will be able to attend without pre-booking.

Clubs

Our PE clubs will continue to run until the end of the 17th July, there will be **no clubs for the last week of the school year!**

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.

1 st July	Year 6 Imberhorne & Sackville School visits
3 rd July	Cedar Class Assembly
3 rd July	Colour Run (after school) details to follow
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
17 th July	Hazel Class Assembly
22 nd July	Redwood leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Last day of term



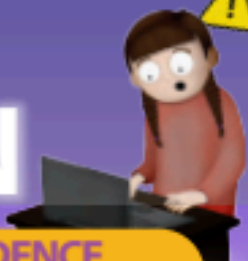
Check out the video filmed back in spring of Baldwins Hill:

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





What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION



Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially recognised gaming addiction as a modern disease. The condition was confirmed as part of their International Classification of Diseases (ICD) which serves as an international standard for diagnosing and treating health conditions.

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.



The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.



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Top Tips for Parents



In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they wake up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their Outdoor activities to show your support.

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.

STATISTICS

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