

Baldwins Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our end of June/early July 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 very much looking forward to our PTA Colour run and outdoor disco after school today- 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.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is well underway and we are loving seeing how much enjoyment our children get out of attending. We had an unannounced visit from the Mid Sussex Food and Safety Team this week and they were very pleased with all our arrangements – and gave us a 5 star rating! We have since been informed that we do not need to be registered with Food Standards and that it is unlikely we will need any future supervision or documentation - but we are still EXTREMELY proud of our achievement in getting started so effectively! A special thanks goes to Mr. Gray, Miss Smith and Mrs. Sargent for all they do to ensure the club is well stocked, organised and for how much fun it is for our children.

Have a wonderful weekend, all – but hope to see you at the Colour run first!

Jenny Dabell
Head teacher

Healthy Snacks and uniform expectations

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 snacktime.

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 and school attendance do not include these things. Thank you for your understanding.

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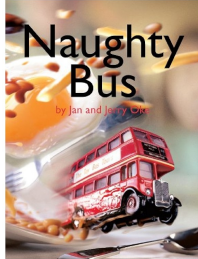


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Saplings

Our Early Years class have been busy exploring the theme of journeys through a range of exciting stories. From 'The Journey Home', flying high in 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane', to going on wild adventures with 'The Naughty Bus', the children have loved using stories to inspire their learning.



More recently, our focus has turned to the sea with the story 'Sunk', which has launched a fun-filled pirate theme! The children have created their own treasure maps, will be making pirate flags, have used telescopes to spot "enemy ships," and even explored water capacity through pirate-themed water play. We've also been busy counting up our treasure.

In phonics, we are proud to say we have nearly learned all our Phase 5 sounds, including those tricky split digraphs. In maths, the children have been working hard and are now nearing the end of our Mastering Number programme.

As the end of the year approaches, excitement is building as the children begin to find out about their new classes. They have enjoyed spending time in their new groups, making new friends, and looking ahead to the next chapter in their learning journey.

Willow

Year 1 have been working super hard so far this term. We had a successful Sports Day despite the rain! We have been working hard in our new topic, Out and About, exploring historical landmarks in London. We discussed and designed our own suitcases with what we would take on a great day out, as well as looking at the differences between London and East Grinstead.

In maths, we are currently focusing on time, and before this, we looked at money and ordering events, as well as the days of the week and months of the year.

In curious quests (writing) we have enjoyed lots of stories, such as 'Paddington', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Katie in London' and 'Billy's Bucket'.

In science, the children have been working hard with Mrs Hodges and Mrs Murrell to identify and classify animals, and explaining how we group animals. Take a look at some photos down below of the children working hard!



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Sycamore

Year 2 have been enjoying learning what life was like at the seaside in the past. We have been using maps and atlases to find different seaside places around the UK. We have also been designing seaside based moving pictures in Design and Technology, and have made some prototypes to investigate how we will make these. In art we have been exploring different seaside artists. The Great Wave off Kanagawa is the children's favourite so far!

In Maths we have been doing a lot of work on fractions, including halves, quarters and thirds. We are now revisiting multiplication and division, with a particular focus on the relationships between the two. The children have demonstrated that they can recall the key information from earlier in the year and are working very hard.

In English we wrote postcards pretending we went on a seaside holiday. The children really enjoyed writing these on to actual postcards and decorating the front of them. We have moved on to writing a leaflet/brochure. Using our learning in Geography and History, we have investigated Brighton and we are writing about what you can see and do there.



Maple

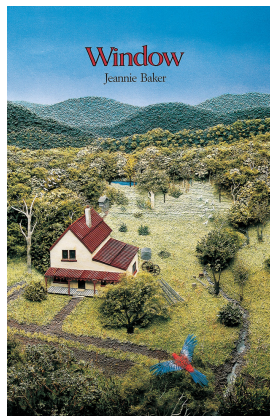
Year 3 have had a fantastic start to our final topic in year 3 - Greener Grinstead!

Maths - we have now come to an end of our topic on time but please continue to support your children at home where possible with reading the time on an analogue and digital clock as this is such a life skill! We have now moved onto measurement where we will be measuring different items in m, cm, mm and g and kg. Ask your child how to measure the perimeter of a shape!

English - we have now finished our first WRITER sequence on our diary entries all about the story 'Window' which the children thoroughly loved and are continuing to ask questions about! The children have improved so much in their writing through out the year and this is evident in their final pieces. Well done Year 3!

Geography - we have been putting our map skills to use and have been identifying the continents, oceans and countries across the world. We have also been exploring how to read 4 figure and 6 figure grid references on a map. Our skills have also been put to use through doing orienteering in P.E.

Art - the children have been sketching / painting and collaging how the 'window' outside our classroom looks each week - they have thoroughly enjoyed using a different artistic skill each week and linking this to our story.



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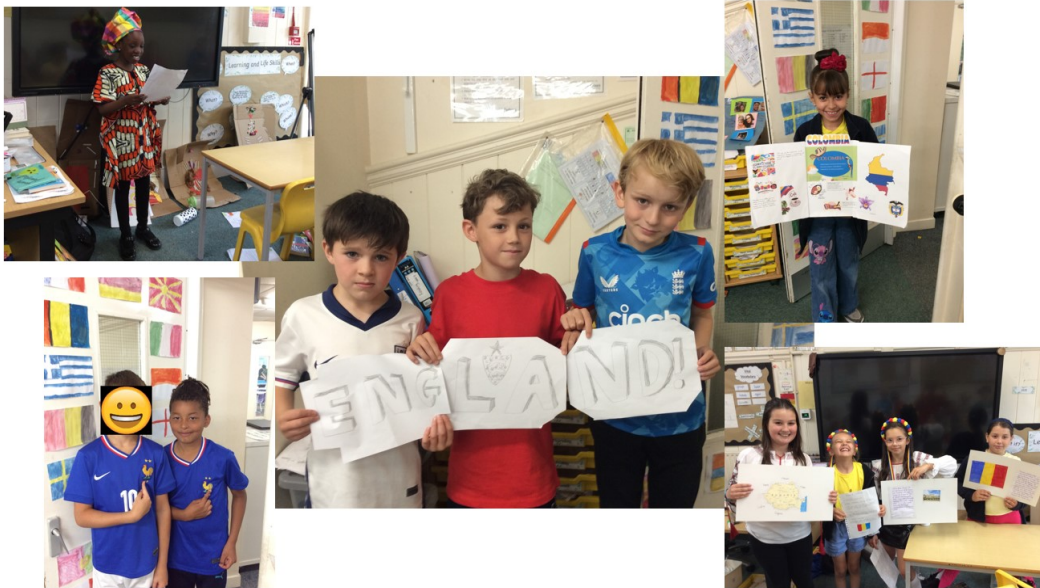
Cedar

This half term, Year 4 have been preparing for an exciting journey as we explore the fascinating country of Portugal in our new topic, 'We're Off to Portugal!' We began by learning that Europe is one of the seven continents, and we explored where it is in relation to the other continents of the world. From a bird's-eye view, we imagined flying over Europe and seeing a mix of land, sea, and mountains, as well as experiencing a variety of weather conditions. We've been learning about the physical and human geography of Portugal, including its sophisticated river systems, busy coastal ports, and the Azores—a group of volcanic islands that belong to Portugal. The children were especially intrigued to learn that some of these volcanoes are still active! We also compared the seasonal foods grown in Portugal with those in the UK, and discussed how Portugal's warmer climate allows for different crops and harvest times.

In Reading, we've been using our VIPERS skills to explore the beautifully illustrated book *Quest* by Aaron Becker. With no words, the story has challenged the children to use their inference and prediction skills to understand the plot and characters. They've been making thoughtful observations, discussing what might happen next, and using evidence from the pictures to support their ideas

In English, the children have been writing about a holiday destination of their choice. They researched fun and interesting places like Portugal, Spain, and Italy. Then, they used what they found to write their own persuasive website pages to make people want to visit. They used descriptive words, rhetorical questions, and exciting facts to make their writing fun and convincing. The children really enjoyed sharing why their destination would be a great place for a holiday!

In Maths, we've been focusing on two key areas: telling the time and division with remainders. The children have been learning to read both analogue and digital clocks, and they've been solving real-life problems involving time. In division, they've been using number lines and practical strategies to divide numbers and understand what to do with the remainders. These skills have helped build their confidence and problem-solving abilities.



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Oak

Year 5 have been working so hard at school recently and showing some great behaviour for learning. In English we have been reading the book 'Holes' and writing a diary entry by the main character, Stanley. They have been working on using "show not tell" in their writing to make it more interesting, see if they can explain this to you. We will be moving onto writing a balanced argument in the last few weeks of term. In maths we have been dealing with decimals and seeing how we can multiply and divide them by 10, 100 and 1000 by moving the digits to the left or the right. This skill is then being super useful as we learn how to convert different metric units such as kilograms to grams and kilometres to metres, metres to mm, cm to mm etc. we are then going to move onto converting metric and imperial units of measure. In science we have been getting really into our science topic, learning all about the planets, the movement of the moon and it's phases as well as how the earth moves and how this causes day and night and the seasons. We are going to move onto thinking about how sundials work and finally natural and unnatural satellites. In PSHE we are learning about drugs and alcohol and their effects and risks. We will think about peer pressure and ways to deal with it. We have created some beautiful artwork linked to space and in Geography we have explored a different area of our beautiful planet seeing what the features are like of North America. Told you we have been working hard!

Area Sports

A number of students participated in area sports and we are so proud of the children for coming 3rd



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Redwood

The children have settled well in their final half term as Year 6 children at Baldwins Hill. Rehearsals are going well and the children are doing really well learning lines and songs. We have gone script-less and will now start to add choreography too. It is going to be a fabulous show!

We are also running a 'mini enterprise' this half term. This is to enable children to understand the economic value of running a business, thinking up an idea and ensuring profit is made and looking at how to market a product. This encapsulates lots of PSHE and Maths elements.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their transition days at there Secondary Schools. They came back full of excitement of what they will be moving onto.

I am extremely proud of what all the children have achieved and the final weeks that we have together I am sure will be brilliant! Well done Year 6- keep up the great work!

Congratulations to **Green** team for winning sports day



National College

Our school National College subscription allows parents and carers of Baldwins Hill to sign up to access Online safety resources for use with their children at home. Parents and carers, please click the link and sign up.

Link for parents to use <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/baldwins-hill-primary-school-east-grinstead>

Dates for your Diary

Please visit our website for the term dates for 2025/2026.

<https://baldwinshillprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Term-Dates-2024-2025.pdf>

Term Dates	
4 th July	Colour Run
11 th July	Transition – Children will meet the teachers Teachers will be on the playground after school
14 th July	Year 6 Production (tickets released today)
16 th July	Year 6 Production(tickets released today)
22 nd July	Last Day of Term
3 rd September	INSET day (School closed to pupils)
4 th September	Back to school for students
5 th September	New EYS students start school
7 th November	Flu Vaccinations
Class Assembly	
11 th July	Willow Class Assembly (Year 1)
22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Armed Forces day

Children from Baldwins Hill performed at The Meridian Hall on Saturday 28th June to celebrate Armed Forces Day.

The children sang beautifully and received resounding applause from the audience. Well done!

'Thank you so much for bringing your school children to sing for us at Armed Forces Day'.

'That was so worth getting up for this morning- your children made my day! Thank you '.



Internet Safety

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£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
 Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
 Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME
 2 parents and 1 child = £320
 2 children = 640
 3 children = 960
 4 children = 1280
 No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
 A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

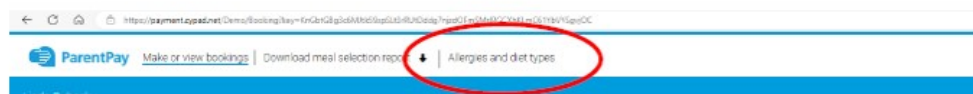
A message from Chartwells:

Allergies and Intolerances are always a huge worry when children are at school.

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There are several ways you can organise this now in readiness for September:

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Email westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk, the team can support and guide you through set up.

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