

Baldwins Hill Newsletter

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Respect, Compassion, Courage, Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter. Having just had our half term break, the previous learning experiences seem far away in the rear view mirror already - but it is still important to note how impressed we were with the rich learning that took place in all classes and also how compassionate the children were in working together and helping each other.

We are looking forward to the upcoming experiences and events, including World Book day next week and the sale of our 'Wonky Bars' again from our Friends Of Baldwins Hill team. Let's hope that the weather continues to be a bit brighter in the weeks leading up to the Easter holidays.

Read on to find out all about what your child has been learning and what is coming up for them over the next month.

Have a wonderful term.

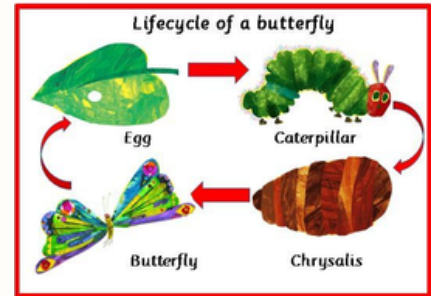
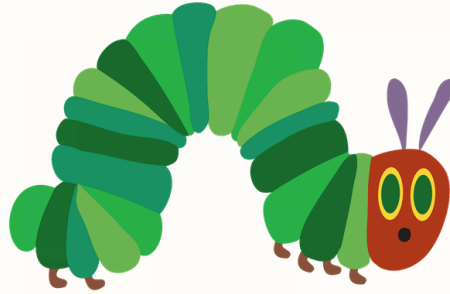
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Classroom News



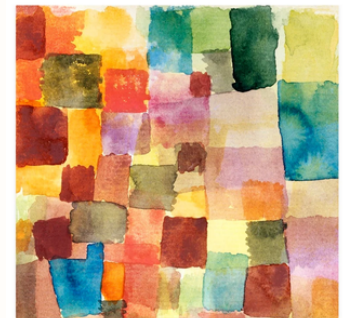
Cherry



This term in Reception, we have begun an exciting learning journey all about life cycles, using *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to help us explore the different stages a butterfly goes through—from egg, to caterpillar, to cocoon, and finally to butterfly. The children have been fascinated by these changes, and their excitement has grown even more as we have ordered real baby caterpillars to join our classroom so we can watch them grow and transform in real time. In Drawing Club, the children have been creating wonderful caterpillar-inspired drawings and using them as a springboard for their writing, which is becoming increasingly confident and imaginative.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubles and using butterfly symmetry to help the children understand how each side matches, creating colourful symmetrical patterns through paint and loose parts. We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and curiosity, and we can't wait to see what they discover next as our caterpillars begin their life cycle journey.

Pine



Pine Class have had a wonderfully creative half term exploring shape and colour, beginning with sketchbook studies inspired by artists such as Matisse and Klee before moving on to cutting bold paper shapes, arranging and layering them into thoughtful collages, and adding detail through line work, texture and pattern using pastels and crayons. This has resulted in sketchbooks full of experimentation, vibrant final collages, and growing confidence in expressing ideas through art. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have enjoyed the sequence of learning, and many spoke with real enthusiasm about their artwork during parents' evening. It will be exciting to move into design and technology this term, where the children will begin exploring textiles and toys, developing their ideas through hands-on investigation before designing and creating their own.

Hazel



In Hazel Class this February, we loved getting hands-on with our learning. We explored the fascinating world of animals and deepened our scientific understanding through an exciting visit from The Company of Critters. A big thank you to the Friends of Baldwins Hill for making this wonderful experience possible!

We were also delighted to perform the dance we've been practising during our PE unit. Year 5 and 6 gave us fantastic feedback and a huge round of applause to celebrate our hard work and progress.

We're very excited to welcome you all next Friday afternoon (6th March) for our Celebration of Learning—hope you can join us!

Cedar

To conclude our term, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip linked to our reading and writing work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. During the visit, the children learned about the history of chocolate, discovered how it is made around the world and explored the science behind tempering. They also developed their geography knowledge by following the journey from cacao bean to chocolate bar, learned about Fairtrade, and even took part in chocolate tasting to stimulate their senses. It was a fun, hands-on experience that brought our learning to life and gave the children a memorable end to the unit.



Oak

Oak class have been exploring the work of William Morris in their art sessions and created their own pieces inspired by his designs. First, they sketched a range of animals and plants to help them decide what they would use for their design. Once they settled on a choice they created a template which they used to create a repeating pattern. They then thought carefully about colour choices to create their finished piece. As you can see from the display of their work, they created some stunning designs!



Redwood

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about different styles of art this year and last term's focus was on tessellation.

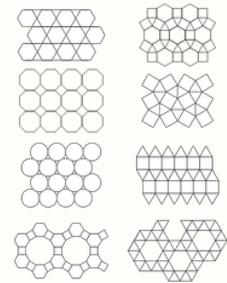
We linked this with our text Beetle Boy and looked at different animal shapes within this too.

Alice, Year 6 - What is a Tessellation?

A tessellation is a repeating pattern.

Tessellation is usually created with a stencil but can be done by hand, but is easier with a stencil.

It was fun.



Sports

Football Fixtures

Our Football team also represented the school superbly in their two recent fixtures.

•Against Halsford Park, the team battled hard in a close match, narrowly losing 1-0.

They bounced back brilliantly in their next game against Copthorne, securing a 1-0 victory with a fantastic winning goal from Callum.

Both our Netball and Football teams have worked amazingly together, showing great team spirit and representing our school wonderfully.



We've had an exciting and active few weeks across the school, with pupils from Year 1 all the way up to our competitive sports teams taking part in festivals, fixtures, and special enrichment sessions. Our children continue to show brilliant enthusiasm, teamwork, and pride when representing Baldwins.

Netball Success - Our Netball team played two fantastic matches this week and delivered outstanding performances in both:

Blackwell: Won 13-0

Estcots lost 6-2

The players worked brilliantly together, demonstrating excellent communication, focus, and sportsmanship. A huge well done to them all for their effort and determination.

Year 1 Inclusion Festival at Imberhorne

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful morning at Imberhorne, taking part in the Key Stage 1 Inclusion Festival. The children tried two new sports — curling and boccia — and joined in friendly games alongside pupils from other schools.

They showed enthusiasm, kindness, and brilliant confidence throughout the morning. The children loved the experience and can't wait for their next visit to one of the bigger schools to enjoy more sports activities.

Cross Country Representation

On Thursday 26th, three children represented Baldwins at the Cross-Country event at Muddy East court. All three runners performed incredibly well, showing great stamina, determination, and resilience across a challenging course.

We are thrilled to share that one of our runners finished 5th overall and has qualified for the next round. We are still awaiting the final results for our boys' race and look forward to celebrating their achievements when they arrive.

A huge well done to all three children for their commitment and for representing the school so proudly.

JOLF Nurture Sessions Begin

This week also marked the start of our JOLF Nurture sessions. The children took part in fun-filled golf activities that included elements of team building, problem-solving, and the development of social skills. With four more weeks of sessions still to come, the children are excited to continue learning new golf skills and building their confidence in a supportive, enjoyable environment.



Friends of Baldwin's Hill (formally PTA)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our Love and Kindness Day on 13th February. Your generosity helped raise £94.60, which will go directly towards activities and improvements that benefit your children at school. We are incredibly grateful for your support.

If you would like to get more involved, there are several ways you can help:

Join Friends of Baldwins 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. If you would like to be added, please contact Laura on 07762 475129.

Match funding through your workplace

Many employers offer match funding, where they match the amount raised at fundraising events or through volunteering. This can significantly boost the funds we raise at no extra cost to families. If your employer offers this, please let us know.

Take on a sponsored challenge

If you have a sporting event or personal challenge coming up, you could consider raising sponsorship for Friends of Baldwins Hill. As a registered charity, we can benefit from fundraising efforts of all sizes.

Storage boxes needed

We are looking for sturdy storage boxes with clip-on lids to help organise uniforms and clothing in the shed. This will allow us to run uniform sales and collections more frequently. If you can help, please get in touch.

World Book Day (5th March) also sees the return of the much loved Wonky Bars!! More info to come.

Thank you for your continued support — it truly makes a difference.

Warm regards,
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/>

W/C 2 nd March	Year 6 Bikeability
5 th March	World book day & WONKY Bar sale
6 th March	WONKY Bar sale
6 th March	Hazel celebration of learning class assembly
10 th March	Year 6 Museum Trip
13 th March	Pine celebration of learning class assembly
20 th March	Cedar celebration of learning class assembly
27 th March	Last day of term
27 th March	Cherry celebration of learning class assembly
28 th March – 12 th April	Easter holidays
13 th April	First day of term
Year 6 SATS	12 th – 15 th May
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
5 th June	Oak Class Assembly
19 th June	Pine Class Assembly
26 th June	Hazel Class Assembly
3 rd July	Cedar Class Assembly
10 th July	Cherry Class Assembly
17 th July	Redwood Class Assembly
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.

Reminders

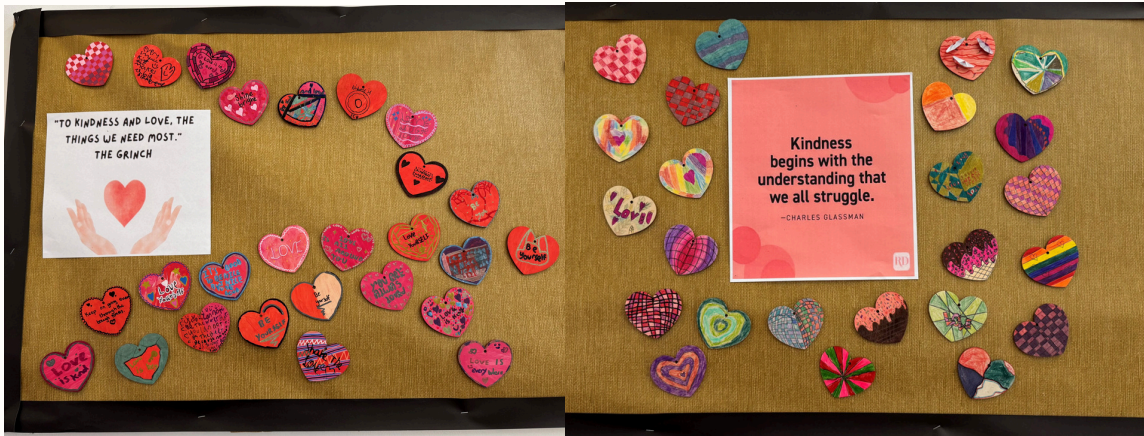


To ensure the safety of all, the staff car park must not be used when dropping children off at breakfast club.



Community Events

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Meridian
Rotary 
Rotary Colour Run

Raising Funds for
Cut out Cancer

Sunday 19th April 2026
East Grinstead Sports Club, St Hill Road, RH19 4JU
Starts 10:00am
Adults £18 Children 5-15 £12, Family of four £50.00
Ticket includes white T shirt and novelty sunglasses

www.ticketsource.co.uk/meridian-rotary-colour-run
meridianrotary.co.uk

East Grinstead Sports Club is proud to be the location of the Colour Run
Come and join the fun for a great cause



Scan the QR Code for your tickets



The background is a vibrant pink with several stylized Easter eggs in various colors (yellow, white, tan, purple, blue) scattered around. A white rabbit is depicted in mid-leap, positioned above the word 'EASTER'.

EASTER TREATS

Thursday 26th March 2026

MAINS

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

BBQ Chicken & Rice

Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES

Peas or

Seasonal Salad

DESSERT

Easter Egg Cookie



Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than

Thursday 12th March 2026

Please Note: Special diet meals will remain in place.