

Baldwins Hill Newsletter

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Respect, Compassion, Courage, Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

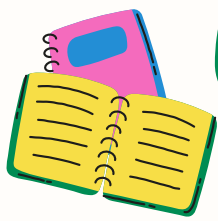
Welcome to our January newsletter. As the days grow longer and signs of spring begin to appear, the school continues to be a place full of energy, curiosity and achievement. As we approach the half way point of the school year, the children have been busy with their learning, embracing new challenges and showing great resilience and enthusiasm across all areas of school life. To give the children an opportunity to share this with you, you will find the dates of their celebration of learning assemblies in the upcoming events section.

We have also enjoyed a range of activities and events that have enriched the curriculum and brought our school community together. This month, our younger pupils have enjoyed developing their confidence and coordination through balance bike sessions, while Year 5 have taken part in Bikeability training, learning valuable road safety skills and building independence. And the whole school took part in Scooting & Skateboarding Workshops. These experiences are a fantastic example of how we support both physical wellbeing and life skills.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank families for their continued support with attendance. Regular attendance and punctuality play a vital role in children's learning and wellbeing, and we appreciate your efforts in helping children be in school, on time, every day. Please don't forget that our Breakfast Club is available each morning, providing a calm and welcoming start to the day as well as a healthy breakfast.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. This newsletter shares some highlights from the month along with important information and dates for the weeks ahead.

Warmest wishes,
Miss Dabell and Team Baldwins



Classroom News



Cherry

EYFS Newsletter – Superhero Adventures!

What an action-packed few weeks we've had in Reception! Our learning has been bursting with superheroes, creativity, science, and real-life role play. Here's a look at what we've been up to:

Supertato Takes Over Early Years!

We have been reading the story Supertato, which has inspired lots of wonderful learning and writing. The children have been busy creating their very own Supertato characters, using real potatoes and plenty of imagination! With the fantastic help of their Year 6 buddies, the children even designed and built special homes for their Supertatos to live in. The teamwork and creativity were brilliant to see.

Science: Freezing & Melting

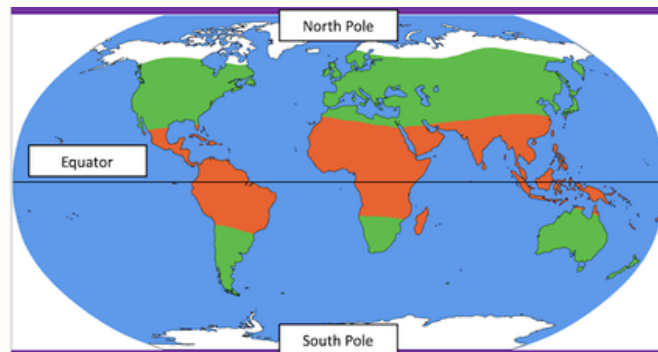
In science, we explored the concepts of freezing and melting. Supertato had been up to some mischief—he had frozen peas inside blocks of ice! The children investigated what happened when the ice came out of the freezer, made predictions, and observed how it slowly melted. They loved discovering how temperature changes affected the ice.

Real-Life Superheroes: Learning About the Police

This week, we've moved on to learning about real-life superheroes, starting with the police. The children have really enjoyed dressing up in costumes and taking part in lots of role play. From directing traffic to solving "mysteries," they've been exploring the important jobs police officers do to help keep us safe.



Pine



Pine Class and Cherry Class have had a fantastic time learning together this term. In our geography lessons, we have been exploring what life is like in the coldest places on Earth—the North and South Poles—as well as the hottest regions around the equator. The children have enjoyed using atlases to investigate the world, confidently locating countries in both hot and cold climates. They have also enjoyed singing and learning songs about the continents, which has helped bring our learning to life.

We have also enjoyed a number of other exciting highlights this term. In science, the children have been learning all about the five senses, exploring a range of smells and tastes during our investigations. As part of our Curious Quests, the class had fun reading 'the giant jam sandwich', with the aim to be to write instructions about how to make a jam sandwich. The balance bike session and skateboarding workshop have been a fantastic way for the children to get active and develop new skills—rain or shine!

Hazel

Hazel Class have settled into the Spring Term well and have already learned so much! In Science we have focused on growing and life cycles, animals, including humans! We have been using our maths skills and compared heights with tape measures too. We enjoyed making animal life cycle wheels to help us when explaining these to others.

In Geography, we have learnt about amazing places around the world and locating them using atlases. We have been learning the different continents as well as facts about locations and features around the UK. This week we are learning about the earth's various oceans.

In our writing learning, we have written and published recipes, and thoroughly enjoyed making salt dough ornaments using our own recipes.

We have enjoyed a range of different sporting activities, learning about handball, learning a dance to perform and enjoying developing some new skills as part of the skateboarding workshop - we would like to learn some of the tricks the trainer showed us!

Cedar



In Geography, Cedar Class is currently exploring the fascinating world of mountains. The children are learning how mountains are formed and investigating the natural processes that shape these landscapes over time. They are identifying key mountain features, such as peaks, ridges, valleys and slopes, and developing their map-reading skills by using maps and atlases to locate and name some of the UK's highest peaks. As this unit progresses, we will begin looking at volcanoes, exploring how they are formed, where they are found around the world and the powerful forces that cause volcanic eruptions.

Alongside this, the children have been creating artwork inspired by mountain and volcano landscapes. They have been learning the Zentangle drawing technique, using careful, repeated patterns to add texture and detail to their landscape designs. This has helped children develop creativity, concentration and close attention to detail.

Oak

In year 5 our learning in geography has been based around the question "Does it matter how we live?" which we have been really getting our teeth into! We have already looked at resources both renewable and non-renewable and how these can be used to ensure we don't affect future generations too negatively. We have also investigated the concept of carbon footprints and what actions we can take to reduce our own carbon footprint. This week we will think about using energy wisely before moving onto tackling food waste. It has been great to hear ideas from the class about what they already do to live more sustainably and what other ideas they have for at school and at home. Our next writers sequence will also incorporate these ideas when we make leaflets about the problem of plastic pollution.



In science we have also been looking at the phases of the moon as demonstrated using oreo cookies!



Redwood

Year 6 have really enjoyed learning about time zones through our Geography lessons. They were fascinated to discover how different parts of the world experience day and night at different times, and they loved comparing the time in the UK with places across the globe. Using the clear videos and interactive tasks, the pupils developed a strong understanding of why time zones exist and how the Earth's rotation affects them. The activities sparked lots of curiosity and discussion, making it an engaging and memorable part of their geography learning.

Henry- I have enjoyed the learning as it is something new.

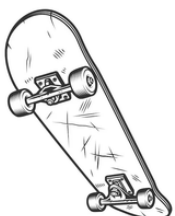
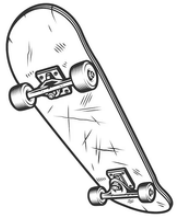
Alex- I liked learning about which countries were based on the Meridian line and knowing that it went through East Grinstead.

Melody- I have enjoyed this subject and using the atlases and time zone maps.

Rubicon Scooting & Skateboarding Workshops – Monday 12th January

We were delighted to welcome Rubicon to school for a day of scooting and skateboarding taster sessions. Every class had the chance to take part, and the hall was buzzing with energy and enthusiasm!

The children showed fantastic confidence as they learned how to balance, glide, and try out new moves. Many loved the challenge of trying something completely new, and it was wonderful to see their determination and growing skills. A huge well done to everyone who took part!



Balance Bikeability for EYFS & Year 1 - Thursday 22nd January

Our youngest pupils had a brilliant time taking part in Balance Bikeability. EYFS and Year 1 enjoyed learning key cycling skills including:

- Balancing on their bikes
- Starting and stopping safely
- Steering around obstacles
- Playing exciting balance games

They even had the chance to ride over a small ramp, which was definitely a favourite moment of the day! The children showed great bravery and coordination—well done, super cyclists!



Baldwins Hill PE and Sports– January Highlights! 🏆

Welcome to our Sports Newsletter! January has been an exciting and active month for our pupils, filled with new challenges, new skills, and lots of smiles. Here's a look at what we've been up to:

Cheerleading with Cristina Marks School of Dance – After School on Tuesdays

A group of 20 enthusiastic children have been taking part in our new after-school Cheerleading Club, led by Cristina Marks School of Dance. The club has been very popular, and it's been fantastic to see the children learning teamwork, rhythm, confidence, and performance skills.

From stunts to dance routines, the group has been working incredibly hard each week. We can't wait to see how their skills continue to grow!

A Big Well Done to All Our Pupils!

January has been full of energy, effort, and enjoyment. Thank you to all the staff, visitors, and children who have made these activities such a success. We're looking forward to even more exciting sporting opportunities as the year continues!

Upcoming Sports Events – February & March

We have a very exciting few months ahead with lots of sporting opportunities for our pupils across the school. Here's what's coming up:

Tuesday 4th February – KS1 Inclusion Festival

Some of Our Key Stage 1 pupils will be taking part in an Inclusion Festival, where children will enjoy a variety of fun, accessible activities designed to build confidence, teamwork, and physical skills. It's a wonderful event that celebrates participation and enjoyment for all!

Netball & Football Leagues – February & March

Our school teams will be playing their final fixtures in the netball and football leagues throughout February and March.

The teams have worked incredibly hard this season, showing commitment, resilience, and fantastic sportsmanship. We wish them the best of luck as they complete their remaining matches!

🏊♀️ Sunday 2nd March – Swimming Gala

Children representing our school will be taking part in the Swimming Gala on the 2nd of March. They'll be competing in a variety of races, showcasing their speed, stamina, and swimming technique. We know they'll do us proud—good luck to all our swimmers!

🏒 Tuesday 18th March – KS2 Hockey Festival & Competition

Key Stage 2 pupils will be heading to the Hockey Festival and Competition. This is a great opportunity for children to develop their stick skills, teamwork, and game strategies while enjoying some friendly competition with other schools.

👯 Tuesday 25th March – Dance Competition

Our dance team will be performing at the Dance Competition on the 25th of March.

Mrs Osborne and her after-school dance club have been working incredibly hard to perfect their routine. We're all excited to see their performance and cheer them on!

Friends of Baldwin's Hill (formally PTA)

Thank you so much for your involvement in Festive Friday - we managed to raise over £700 for the school and hope the children had as much fun as we did. A huge congratulations to the winners of the decoration design competition - the creativity from all the entrants was fantastic and we hope the winners enjoyed their craft kits!

There are lots of ways you can get involved, and everything helps - big or small:

- Join our "Happy to Help" Whatsapp group – this is where we post small, specific requests that people can dip in and out of as time allows.
- Join Friends of Baldwin's Hill more formally if you'd like to be more involved overall.
- Get in touch if you have something to offer, such as experience with social media, marketing, design, fundraising ideas, or writing grant applications.
- Ask your employer about match funding – many companies will match the money raised by staff for school or charity fundraising, effectively doubling what we raise at no extra cost to families. Even small events can have a big impact when match funding is applied, so it's always worth asking.

To join our groups or help in anyway please email PTABaldwinsHill@outlook.com and we will be in touch!

We also have some lovely events coming up that we wanted to share with you:

- Friday 13th February – Love & Kindness Day

We're inviting children to come into school wearing their own clothes, with a theme around love and kindness. This could be a splash of red or pink, hearts, rainbows, kind messages on clothing, or anything that celebrates being caring and thoughtful. On the same day, we're asking for donations of shop-bought cakes (to avoid allergy issues), brought into school in the morning. These will then be sold at the tuck shop after school as a lovely end-of-half term treat.

- Return of the Wonky Bars

Our much-loved Wonky Bars are making a comeback! We'll be selling them after school, with some bars containing magic tickets giving children the chance to win some great prizes. We know just how much the children loved this in the past, so we're very excited to be bringing it back.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us make your child's school experience the best it can be!

Warmest wishes

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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/>

30 th January	Oak celebration of learning class assembly
3 rd Feb 26	Family Learning Conference 3.30 – 6pm
5 th Feb 26	Family Learning Conference 3.30 – 6pm
10 th February 7pm	Eduthing – Online safety webinar
13 th Feb 26	Last day of term
14 th – 22 nd Feb	Half term holidays
23 rd Feb 26	First day of term
W/C 2 nd March	Year 6 Bikeability
6 th March	Hazel celebration of learning class assembly
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

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY, 7PM - 8PM eduthing.co.uk

**CLICKING WITH CONFIDENCE:
HELPING CHILDREN
STAY SAFE ONLINE**

FREE Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinar

eduthing In conversation with
IT Services for Education **SCREENSAFE**

We are excited to again be celebrating the upcoming Safer Internet Day by hosting a virtual parent & carer support session with Anna Sarjantson, ScreenSafe and experts from the eduthing Professional Learning team, and you're invited!

Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

- Artificial Intelligence - What to know and how to support your children and young people
- Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- Top Tips and Tricks for Parents & Carers
- Particular Apps or Features to be aware of
- Interactive Q&A Session

ABOUT SCREENSAFE

I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned. We want them to be able to recognise the risks, be able to call out fake profiles or misinformation and have the confidence to say NO and get away from anything or anyone online that doesn't feel right or safe to them.

ABOUT EDUTHING

eduthing are a leading technology provider to schools across the UK. As well as providing technical support to ensure teaching and learning runs smoothly, eduthing work with teachers, parents, carers and students with Computing, EdTech and Online Safety support and workshops. We are passionate about ensuring the safety of children and young people when they experience the online world and immerse themselves in a safe and measured way.

SESSION REGISTRATION

Click here to register for the upcoming session:
<https://eduthing.org/SIDW-2026> Please note that this is a live session.



Eduthing – Online safety webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/e-lekEQcQyqHbEn2-wEYJw#/registration>

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

Community Events

Junior Adventures Group

Ofsted Registered

HOLIDAY HQ

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Where imagination turns into action this February half-term

Multi-activity holiday childcare clubs

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT DESTINATION IMAGINATION THIS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination offers a mix of activities designed for children aged 4-11, keeping them engaged throughout the day. From **Hero Activities** and hands-on **Make & Take** creations to **Skill Zone** challenges that support confidence and teamwork, every day brings something a little different. Daily themed activities include:

<p>DEEP-SEA DISCOVERER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sunken Treasure Quest ✓ Ocean Creature Cookies ✓ Sea Bottom Mini Golf 	<p>EXPLORER ENGINEER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Elements Endurance Towers ✓ Static Surge Dance ✓ Electric Paper Circuit
<p>RAPID RESCUE RESPONDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Disaster Dash - Save the Town! ✓ Mini Parachute Buddy ✓ Emergency Airlift Landing Zone 	<p>INTELLIGENCE AGENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Operation: Escape Room! ✓ Cipher keypad ✓ Operation: Stealth Trace
<p>SPORTS STAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Super Sports Tournament ✓ Finger Football Frenzy ✓ Slam Dunk Snack Shootout 	<p>Holiday HQ by Junior Adventures Group provides trusted, Ofsted-registered holiday childcare. Flexible attendance options and a range of payment methods help families plan February half-term with confidence.</p>

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Short Breaks for children with additional needs

For families in West Sussex with a child under 18 with additional needs/disabilities

LODGE HILL SEND DAY

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

10AM - 3:30PM

Lodge Hill Centre, Pulborough

ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY:

- Abseiling
- Archery
- Climbing
- Low Ropes
- We Cycle Too Bikes
- Sno-tubing
- Orienteering
- Nature Trail
- Arts and crafts
- Freedom Through Fun with Chris North
- Woodland Crafts with Forest Knights

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9AM - 4PM

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TUESDAY 17TH & THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

£32 PER CHILD

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MONDAY 16TH FEB
 TO
FRIDAY 20TH FEB
 8AM - 5PM



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Hindleap
Adventure Camp

- 🌿 February Half Term
- 🌿 £40 per child per day
- 🌿 Sibling Discount
- 🌿 Ages 8-12
- 🌿 8.30am-5.30pm



KIDS RUGBY CAMP 

17TH-19TH FEB 2026
 9:00 - 15:00

Reception - year 3 **Year 4 - Year 8**
 Age 5 - 8 Age 9 - 13

Both boys and girls welcome!
 Hosted at
East Grinstead Rugby Club

Ryland **Dan**
 Run by



Scan for Tickets

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 The Gearon Pavilion, Saint Hill Rd, East Grinstead RH19 4JU



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Holiday clubs

more fun, more friendships, more smiles during the february Half-term!



