

BUNNY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

11th September 2026 Newsletter

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Headteacher update

What a lovely week it's been in school. It has been so calm everywhere and the children are already getting well and truly stuck into their new topics. We even had our first fire drill which was brilliant. The children were so sensible and I was so proud of how quickly we evacuated the building.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our "Meet the teacher" information sessions this week. Hopefully you found it useful. If you do have any further questions or need clarification about anything, drop your teacher a message on Dojo.

I have been asked to share that it will be the Year 5/6 open evening at South Wolds Academy on Thursday 17th September at 6pm. Please go along and have a look around. There is lots of new building happening on site and it all looks very exciting!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

V. White

Victoria White, Head Teacher



Local History day - Monday 28th September



We are always looking for new and exciting ways to bring our curriculum alive and as we are in our "Discover" term we are having a super "Local history day" with every class finding out more about the exciting events which happened in the past in our village.



We would like all the children (and staff!) to join in the fun by dressing up in a historical outfit. This could be from any period of history or a famous person from history. Children are welcome to wear outfits from previous theme days and performances if they wish.

Phonics information evening



Miss Barrowcliffe would like to invite the parents of reception aged children to a meeting on Monday 14th September at 3.30pm to find out all about the phonics scheme we use in school and to find out how we teach phonics here at Bunny School. This is a meeting for parents, but if your child needs to stay then Miss Hughes will be able to supervise the children in Willow playground for the half hour.

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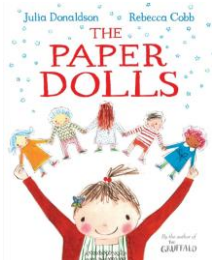
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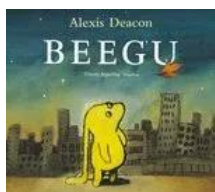


Willow Class



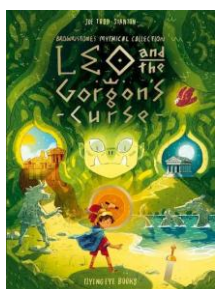
Willow Class have had a fantastic second week in school! Miss Hughes and I have been so impressed with how the children have engaged with their learning choices, shown our school values and embraced their new classroom jobs. We finished our assessments this week, which the children tried really hard with. Well done, Willow Class! We started our Literacy lessons by focusing on the book *The Paper Dolls*. Reception made predictions about what might happen in the story and adapted the story so that the paper dolls went on an adventure around their house, meeting different animals along the way. We also talked about who was in our families and what we had done in the past with our families. In SCARF, Reception explored the theme 'All About Me'. We discussed how we were different, the same and unique. Nursery started their topic 'Marvellous Me', exploring how they were all special and unique. We also enjoyed our Art lesson, where we explored using wax crayons to create different lines and shapes. Mrs Middleton has been very impressed with the children at lunchtime. They have been working hard to use their forks while eating and have eaten all of their dinner most days. Their favourite meal this week was the pizza pasta! Well done, Willow Class, on another fantastic week! We are so proud of you all!

Chestnut Class



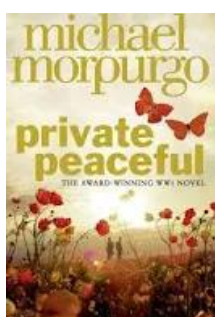
Everyone in Chestnut Class has impressed us with how they are "stepping up" to their new year groups. This week we have started working on our Discover theme with find out the incredible history of our own 326-year-old school. The children particularly enjoyed reading the 100-year-old punishment book! We used "I see... I think... I wonder" to help investigate the similarities and differences between then and now. We had an afternoon experiencing Victorian school activities. We had fun writing on real slates and dip ink pens - some of the children asked if they could use them all the time! In English, we have been looking really carefully at the illustrations in "Beegu" to explore the feelings of the characters at each point in the story. The children used adjectives to write Lost posters to help Beegu's parents to find her.

Oak Class



What a fantastic first week back at school Oak Class have had! We have been so impressed with how sensible, motivated and polite the children have been. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value, exploring the value of digits within numbers and using practical resources to help us explain our thinking. In English, we have been enjoying the exciting text *Leo and the Gorgon's Curse*, using it to develop our reading skills and inspire our own writing. During Discover, we have been getting creative and learning about Ancient Greece by making our own clay amphora pots, while in Spanish we have been busy making puppets and using them to practise and develop our Spanish vocabulary. It has been a busy and enjoyable week, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm and hard work Oak Class have shown!

Hawthorn Class



Hawthorn have had a fabulous start to the term! The children have settled in brilliantly and have been busy exploring a range of exciting learning. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of place value, while in English they have been enjoying *Private Peaceful*. They have been thoroughly engaged with the story and have been developing their reading skills through thoughtful discussion and character studies, exploring characters' personalities, emotions, relationships and motivations. In Science they have started learning about light, and they have particularly enjoyed playing Cross the River in PE developing their teamwork, communication, coordination and problem-solving skills while working together to complete the challenge. The children have also been getting creative in D&T, designing puppets, and developing their coding skills in Computing through activities linked to our topic.

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Celebrations and successes!

 STAR assembly S - Sensational effort T - Teriffic teamwork A - Achievement R - Remarkable reasoning/ Remarkable writing	S	Lydia – Willow Thomas - Oak
	T	Jack - Hawthorn
	A	Alfie - Chestnut
	R	
Class Recognition awards 	Willow	Jessica - Courage
	Chestnut	Bethany - Courage
	Oak	Ivy - Courage
	Hawthorn	Maddie - Love
Headteacher award 	This week my award goes to Samson. I have been impressed by how Samson has started back at school with a such a fantastic attitude to his learning. It has been so lovely to have lots of "happy visits" from him to show me his amazing work this week. Well done. I am really proud of you.	
Top Table 	This week my Middy staff have chosen Jessica, Astrid, Teddy, George, Maisie, Layla and Darcey to be on the top table. You have show super behaviour at lunchtimes, so thank you all.	

Communication



Just a reminder, that if your child is absent from school for any reason, you **MUST** let the school office know either by phone or email. Please do not just message class teachers on Dojo as sometimes messages can be lost/ information not passed on in a timely manner.

Also, if you have any changes to your contact details including emergency contacts, please let Julie in the office know. Last year we had some out of date phone numbers and it makes our job harder trying to track parents/ carers down if there has been an accident or we need to get in touch with you quite quickly. Many thanks.

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Diary dates for Autumn term 2026

1/9/2026	INSET day – school closed
2/9/2026	Welcome back to school
8/9/2026	Class parent welcome meetings with class teachers: 3.30 - Hawthorn 4.00 - Oak 4.30 - Chestnut
10/9/2026	Flu inoculations
14/9/2026	Maths challenge day at South Wolds Academy – Invitation only 3.30pm - Phonics Meeting for Reception parents
17/9/2026	Chestnut class visit from staff at ASDA 6.00pm - Year 5/6 Open Evening at South Wolds Academy
24/9/2026	Rushcliffe Primary Schools Girls Autumn Football tournament – Platt Lane, Keyworth 1.00pm. Invitation only
28/9/2026	Local history day – further details to follow
28/9/2026	Full Governors meeting 5.30pm
29/9/2026	Harvest festival – 2.45pm - St Marys church. All welcome.
1/10/2026	Rushcliffe Primary Schools Boys Autumn Football tournament – Platt Lane, Keyworth 1.00pm. Invitation only
6/10/2026	Oak Class – Ancient Greece day with One day Creative
9/10/2026	Individual and sibling photographs from 8.30am
13/10/2026	Parent's evening – further details nearer the time
13/10/2026	Book Fair in the school hall
15/10/2026	Parent's evening – further details nearer the time
16/10/2026	INSET Day – School Closed
19/10/2026	HALF TERM
2/11/2026	Back to school
8/11/2026	6pm – Village Remembrance service at St Marys Church
16/11/2026	Odd socks day (for Anti- bullying week)
11/11/2026	Remembrance Day service St Marys – Time TBC
27/11/2026	9.15am- Hawthorn class assembly
30/11/2026	PM – Whole school trip to Loughborough Pantomime
30/11/2026	Full Governors meeting 5.30pm
1/12/2026	Christmas theme day
4/12/2026	Nottinghamshire Primary Dodgeball championships – Invitation only
15/12/2026	6pm –Nativity at St Marys church
16/12/2026	9.30am - Nativity at St Marys church
16/12/2026	Christmas dinner
16/12/2026	PM - Grandpa Sticks storyteller in school
16/12/2026	5.30pm – Carols by Candlelight at St Marys Church (all welcome)
17/12/2026	Christmas party day
18/12/2026	Finish for Christmas Holidays

Please note these diary dates may be subject to change and/or added to over the term.