

Bidbury Junior School NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th July 2026



In the news...



Giving It Our Best: Sports Day 2026

Pupils across the school enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day on Wednesday packed with energy, determination and teamwork. Everyone had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, including sprint races, hurdles, the crossbar challenge, racket race, hoop shoot, water race and an exciting obstacle course. The children in Years 3 and 4 also tested their throwing skills in the vortex event, while Years 5 and 6 competed in the javelin. Throughout the event, the children showed great enthusiasm, encouraged one another and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see so many pupils challenging themselves, trying new activities and enjoying being active together.

The final results showed a closely contested competition, with Green House finishing in first place on 3055 points, followed by Red House on 2795 points, Blue House on 2685 points, and Yellow House on 2280 points. Congratulations to Green House for their excellent achievement!

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated sports team – Mr Hooper, Mr Marsh and Mrs Bishop – and to Miss Gardiner for all their hard work in planning and organising such a successful event. We would also like to thank all the staff and volunteers who gave their time and support to help the day run so smoothly and Freya who took the fantastic photos. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make this year's Sports Day such an enjoyable and memorable occasion!



Year 6 Takes on the Fiver Challenge

This week, Year 6 have truly impressed us with their entrepreneurial skills as they took part in the Fiver Challenge. After pitching their business ideas to teachers and classmates, the children were given a budget of just £5 to create and run their own stalls for the rest of the school. Their creativity and enthusiasm were on full display, with a fantastic range of products and activities on offer. Stalls included ice creams and ice poles, fruit kebabs, sweet mix-ups, crochet critters, cakes, bookmarks, Oreos and milk, a "Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar" competition, and football target games, to name just a few.

The event was a huge success, and we are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, teamwork and business acumen. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who sent their children in with some spending money this week. Your support helped make the event such a success. The money raised has gone towards funding Year 6's visit to Paultons Park today – a well-deserved reward for all their efforts. Well done Year 6!



Big Me Day 2026

Our Young Governors are looking forward to Big Me Day on Friday 17th July. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their future career choice and will take part in activities exploring different jobs and opportunities. We will also be raising money for ActionAid and kindly ask for a £1 donation. Thank you for your support - we look forward to seeing the fantastic range of careers on display!

What's on?



Monday 13th July

- Rocksteady Concert 9:45-10:15am

Wednesday 15th July

- Year 6 performance of Gigglebox - 1:30pm and 6:00pm

Thursday 16th July

- Year 4 Chestnut Class visit to Goodwood Farm
- Year 5 workshops with our Resident Artist Susannah

Friday 17th July

- Big Me Day
- Reports sent home to parents/carers

Monday 20th July

- Book Look at 2:30pm - please bring a large bag for your child to take their books home in.

Tuesday 21st July

- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:10am-10:00am (Year 6 parents very welcome to attend)
- Last day of term for pupils

Summer Holidays - 22.07.26 to 01.09.26

Tuesday 1st September

- INSET Day 1

Wednesday 2nd September

- Back to school

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to the children that were awarded a **Golden Leaf** this week for showing all of our school values!

Year 3 - Phoebe V-D and James
Year 4 - Lara and Billy
Year 5 - Vaiga and Luka



Well done to Ben for winning our **Golden Sports Award** for outstanding effort and attitude towards PE and sport.



Mr Macintyre says well done to Chestnut Class who are the winners of the **Golden Broom** this week!

Can you help?

Bidbury Junior School is seeking one Parent Governor and two Co-opted Governors to join our Governing Body. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the school and help shape its future. No previous experience is needed, as full training, mentoring, and support are provided.

The Governing Body meets eight times a year, usually on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm. For more information, please see the email sent home or contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Our learning this week...

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This week in **Writing**, the children edited and published their dilemma stories based on the characters they created. The children spent a long time planning these stories and really had a chance to show their creativity and imagination! In **Maths**, we have been learning about horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines and then using this to help describe the properties of 2D shapes. In **Reading**, we have continued with our book *The Two Blankets* - thinking about what it would be like to move away from home and to another country.

In **PSHE**, we continued our learning from last week's SCARF workshops and learnt the scientific names for the different parts of a male and female body. We also learnt the changes our body will go through when we reach puberty. We finished our **RE** topic about sacred places by thinking about how we would behave if we visited one.

We also wanted to say a big 'well done' to the children for Sports Day this week - we were so impressed with the children's resilience, team spirit and effort on the day.

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It has been another busy week in Year 4. In **Maths**, we have been looking at statistics. The children have interpreted a range of pictograms, bar charts and line graphs and created their own questions to explore their understanding of the data.

In **Writing**, we have started a new book called *Everest* which explores in detail the journey of Edmund Hillary to the summit of Mount Everest. We have used the book to generate a class bank of adjectives. We then watched multiple clips of modern day explorers tackling the challenge of Everest to get a glimpse into the difficulties faced by mountaineers.

In **Design and Technology** we spent the day exploring a range of mechanical systems to make a moving car. The children tested different prototypes before designing and making a team car. At the end of the day we were able to test each car to see which would move the furthest. Finally in **History**, we looked at a range of primary and secondary sources to come up with our own interpretations of the Vikings and discussed typical stereotypes.

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In Year 5 this week, all of the children have shown fantastic resilience and self-regulation to focus during the heat. In **Maths**, the children began their focus on converting units of measure. Although this was slightly tricky at first, all of the children showed focus and determination to ensure they are overcoming this challenge.

In **Writing**, the children have been developing the skills that they will need in their final writes next week. Specifically, the children have been developing their understanding of speech as well as creating short sentences with the aim of creating tension. We also did a text analysis which has really helped the children to get some examples of all the features that they will need to include in their writing.

In **Science**, the children explored how blood moves around the heart. This included learning about how the blood is pumped around the body to ensure all of our cells are receiving the oxygen that they need.

In **French**, the children created their own wheel spinner to help them to create their own sentences. They were then able to test their peers to see whether they could translate what they had written.

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Year 6 have had a very busy week, finalising and preparing their Fiver Challenge stalls and practising their end of year show, *Gigglebox*. The adults have all been so impressed with their dedication and creativity in their ideas for the enterprise stalls and they seem to have had an excellent time selling their items. We definitely have some budding entrepreneurs and keen salespeople!

The end of year show is almost ready for the fee-paying audience, though there's some last minute line tweaking and costume dramas still to resolve next week. We still have lots of tickets for the Wednesday afternoon show and there may be just a few left for the evening performance at 6pm.

Year 6's final Sports Day was such a success and the children were at their best, with their sportsmanship and their sporting abilities. And the crowning achievement of the week was the visit to Paultons Park, where the children represented the school proudly.



Sports News

In **Tennis** this week the children focused on mastering the serve, developing coordination through accurate ball tosses and well-timed racket swings. The children practised serving from behind the baseline and worked hard to direct the ball consistently into the diagonal service box to start points effectively.

Year 3 and 4 continued their **Football** unit, exploring attacking movements and ways to break through strong defensive lines. The children focused on quick, accurate passing, creating width across the pitch and providing support for the player in possession. These skills helped them build and maintain attacking momentum as they progressed toward goal-scoring opportunities.

In Year 5 **Swimming**, the focus was on backstroke technique. Pupils worked on maintaining a flat, streamlined body position at the surface of the water while developing a continuous kick driven from the hips. They also practised smooth, controlled arm rotations to improve efficiency, balance and straight-line swimming.

Year 6 **Rounders** concentrated on defensive play and fielding strategies. The children developed their communication skills when calling for catches, practised accurate relay throws between fielders and learned the importance of backing up teammates at the bases. These defensive tactics helped them work effectively as a team and limit the opposition's scoring opportunities.



Attendance

Average whole school attendance:

Week beginning 29th June 2026 - 96.1%
Since 3rd September 2025 - 95%

Year 3 Beech Class - 96.9%
Year 3 Willow Class - 98%

Year 4 Chestnut Class - 92.6%
Year 4 Birch Class - 99%

Year 5 Oak Class - 98%
Year 5 Rowan Class - 97.2%

Year 6 Maple Class - 96.1%
Year 6 Alder Class - 96.9%

Class Award: Birch Class

Number of children late: 6
Learning days missed due to unauthorised holidays: 15



Positive Points this week:

Year 3 - 755
Year 4 - 590
Year 5 - 1,219
Year 6 - 512
Total: 3,076

Our menu



Week 2 - commencing 13th July 2026

Monday	Margherita or Vegan Margherita Pizza or Mild Baked Bean Chilli
Tuesday	Chicken & Coconut Curry or Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake or Vegan Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake
Wednesday	Pork Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding or Broccoli Cheese Loaded Yorkshire or Hot Sausage or Plant Based Baguette
Thursday	Pasta Bar or Neapolitan Chicken
Friday	Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Lunches are available for £3.19