

Bidbury Junior School NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th June 2026

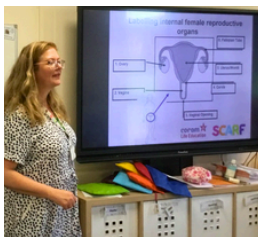


In the news...



Relationships and Sex Education Workshops

This week, we were joined by Julia from SCARF, who led RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) workshops for the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 alongside their class teachers. We were very impressed with the children's mature approach to the workshops and the thoughtful questions they asked. The children in Year 3 will be taking part in their RSE workshops before the end of term. Parents and carers can find out more about how Relationships and Sex Education is taught at our school by referring to the email already sent home or by visiting our website.



Big Me Day 2026

Last week, the Young Governors met with Mrs Double to plan their final fundraising event of the year - Big Me Day on Friday 17th July 2026. Big Me Day is a fun and inspiring day that encourages children to think about their future, explore their ambitions and dream big about who they might like to become when they grow up. On the day, children are invited to come to school dressed as the job or career they would like to have in the future. Whether they dream of becoming a doctor, firefighter, teacher, engineer, artist, athlete or something completely different, this is an opportunity to proudly celebrate their aspirations and individuality.

During the afternoon, the children will take part in a range of activities designed to help them learn about different careers and understand the many opportunities that may be open to them in the future. These activities will encourage pupils to think about their strengths, interests and ambitions, while helping them develop confidence in achieving their goals. As part of the event, we will also be raising money for ActionAid, an international charity that supports children and families in some of the world's poorest communities. We are asking for a £1 donation, which could help fund two weeks of schooling for a child. We look forward to seeing the fantastic range of future careers represented across the school!

Welcome back Stanley!

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Stanley, our Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog, back to school for another wonderful visit.

Enjoying the sunshine outdoors, Stanley spent time with the children, providing plenty of opportunities for calm interaction, conversation and connection. His gentle and friendly nature immediately created a relaxed atmosphere, helping children to feel comfortable, confident and at ease.

The Pets as Therapy programme continues to be a valuable part of our wellbeing provision. Therapy dogs can help children develop confidence, improve communication skills, reduce anxiety and support emotional wellbeing. For some pupils, spending time with Stanley provides a calming break from the busy school day, while for others it offers a positive opportunity to build social skills and self-esteem in a nurturing environment.

Stanley's visits are always eagerly anticipated, and his positive impact on both children and staff is clear to see. We are incredibly grateful to his owner for their continued support and commitment to the programme. We look forward to welcoming Stanley back again soon!



What's on?



Tuesday 30th June

- Sports event: Year 5/6 Rounders Fun Festival
- Year 6 workshops with our Resident Artist Susannah

Wednesday 1st July

- Whole school transition morning

Thursday 2nd July

- Year 4 Matilda performance at Park Community Theatre 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Friday 3rd July

- Year 4 workshops with our Resident Artist Susannah

Monday 6th July

- Year 6 Fiver Challenge begins

Wednesday 8th July

- Sports Day

Friday 10th July

- Year 6 visit to Paultons Park

Monday 13th July

- Rocksteady Concert 9:45-10:15am

Wednesday 15th July

- Year 6 performance - 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

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

Can you help?

Bidbury Junior School is currently seeking to appoint one Parent Governor and two Co-opted Governors to join our Governing Body.

This is a rewarding opportunity to play an active role in supporting the school and helping to shape its future direction. Parent governors represent the views of parents and the wider community, while co-opted governors bring valuable skills, knowledge and experience from a range of backgrounds.

The Governing Body meets eight times a year, usually on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm. No previous experience is required as full training and support are provided, including in-house mentoring and access to external governor training.

For more information, please refer to 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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We have seen great resilience from the children this week in the heat. We have been completing our summer assessments in the mornings and the children have worked extremely hard on these.

In **Writing**, we have been creating dilemmas and planning our stories ready to start writing next week. The children have really enjoyed coming up with different dilemmas for their characters, considering how the dilemma will build through the story and building tension for their readers.

In **French**, we finished our topic of life cycles this week. The children made a food chain flip, including full sentences written in French. I wonder if any of them have been teaching you some new French words? In **Art**, the children have finished their monster collages which they started last week. They have taken real care with these and they are lookin fantastic! Finally in **Science**, we have continued our learning about rocks, this week learning the names of different types of rocks and their properties.

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The children have been incredibly resilient this week coping with all the heat. We have completed our assessments for the summer term and are very proud of the effort the children have shown.

In **Writing**, we have continued our learning linked to biographies. We have looked at a range of famous explorers including Ranulph Fiennes, Sarah Outen and Apsley-Cherry Gerrard. We have used these stories to create our own description using complex sentences, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

In **Science**, we have been revisiting our understanding of living processes. The children recapped what makes a living thing using the acronym MRS GREN. We have also revised categories of living things and used these to sort organisms by characteristics.

In **History**, we have started our new topic linked to the Vikings, we looked at key dates and used chronological data to create a timeline.

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Everyone has been so impressed by how much resilience all of the children have shown in Year 5 this week. Not only have the children had to cope with the hot weather but they have also completed their end of year assessments.

In **Maths**, we have been completing our three assessments, giving the children a chance to showcase everything they have learned this year. We are incredibly proud of the fantastic progress they have made and the hard work they have shown. Their dedication has certainly paid off.

In **Computing** this week, the children got the opportunity to plan their stop motion animations. They planned their characters as well as story boarding their animations. In the next following weeks, the children will start using the iPads to make their animations and they will have modelling clay to create their characters.

In **PE** this week, the children were able to stay in the classroom where they created their own football kits.

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We've been proud of the maturity and resilience shown by our Year 6s this week. We've not only had the hot weather to contend with, but our final piece of extended writing for our collections of writing evidence, and our RSE workshop. Both classes impressed with their effort in the former and sensible responses in the latter.

In **Reading**, we've completed our class read of *Holes* and will be starting our second crime and punishment themed book - *Ghost Boys*. The children have engaged really with the text and taken part in some great discussions.

In **Geography**, the children have completed their unit on UK Economy and will be moving on soon to their final topic. They could choose from a range of tasks to demonstrate their understanding of the unit.

One of the Year 6 **PE** lessons this week was adapted to an indoor lesson with the children making board games.

Term dates for 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Development Day 1: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Back to school: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Last day of half term: Friday 23rd October 2026

Half Term: Saturday 24th October - Sunday 1st November 2026

Development Day 2: Monday 2nd November 2026

Back to school: Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Last day of half term: Friday 18th December 2026

Holidays: Saturday 19th December 2026 - Sunday 3rd January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Development Day 3: Monday 4th January 2027

Back to school: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Last day of half term: Friday 12th February 2027

Half Term: Saturday 13th February - Sunday 21st February 2027

Back to school: Monday 22nd February 2027

Last day of half term: Thursday 25th March 2027

Holidays: Friday 26th March 2027 - Sunday 11th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Development Day 4: Monday 12th April 2027

Back to school: Tuesday 13th April 2027

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Last day of half term: Friday 28th May 2027

Half Term: Saturday 29th May - Sunday 6th June 2027

Back to school: Monday 7th June 2027

Last day of half term: Tuesday 20th July 2027

Development Day 5: Wednesday 21st July 2027



Attendance

Average whole school attendance:

Week beginning 15th June 2026 - 95.3%

Since 3rd September 2025 - 95.6%

Year 3 Beech Class - 95.2%

Year 3 Willow Class - 96.7%

Year 4 Chestnut Class - 98.1%

Year 4 Birch Class - 93.1%

Year 5 Oak Class - 97.3%

Year 5 Rowan Class - 95.2%

Year 6 Maple Class - 93.9%

Year 6 Alder Class - 96.2%

Class Award: Chestnut Class

Number of children late: 13

Learning days missed due to unauthorised holidays: 3



Positive Points this week:

Year 3 - 695

Year 4 - 460

Year 5 - 746

Year 6 - 669

Total: 2,570

Our menu



Week 3 - commencing 29th June 2026

Monday Margherita or Pineapple Pizza or Vegan Margherita Pizza or Spanish Omelette

Tuesday Chicken Dippers or Quorn Dippers or Summer Pesto Pasta

Wednesday Roast Chicken or Hearty Puff Pie or Tomato Chicken Melt

Thursday Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegetable Curry

Friday Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers or Sweet & Sour Noodles

Lunches are available for £3.19