

Bidbury Junior School NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th September 2026



Welcome back!



I am delighted to write to you as the Headteacher of Bidbury Junior School and to introduce myself officially in this role. It is a real privilege to lead a school community that I know well and care deeply about.

I have been part of Bidbury Junior School for the last four years, first as Deputy Headteacher and more recently as Co-Headteacher. During this time, I have developed a strong understanding of our school, our values and what matters most to our children, families and staff. My aim is simple: to make sure every child at Bidbury Junior is happy, feels valued and has every opportunity to achieve their very best, both socially and academically.

I am incredibly proud of our dedicated staff team, who work so hard every day to support and inspire our children. Together, we are committed to providing a curriculum that is engaging, enjoyable and challenging, helping children to grow in confidence, make strong progress and achieve well.

I know that children thrive when schools and families work together. Building positive relationships with parents and carers is very important to me, and I look forward to working closely with you. Alongside our staff and governors, I am committed to ensuring that our school continues to be a place where your children feel safe, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support. I am excited about the future of our school and look forward to working with you and your children in the months and years ahead.

Kind regards,

Claire Gardiner
Headteacher

Diary dates



Monday 21st September

- School photo day

Thursday 24th September

- Year 5 visit to Staunton Country Park

Thursday 1st October

- Year 6 Alder Class visit to The Sustainability Centre

Friday 2nd October

- Year 6 Maple Class visit to The Sustainability Centre

Tuesday 6th October

- Year 4 Chestnut Class visit to The Spinnaker Tower

Wednesday 7th October

- Year 4 Birch Class visit to The Spinnaker Tower

Friday 23rd October

- Last day of half term

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

Monday 2nd November

- INSET Day 2

Our Staff Team

Class name	Class teacher	Year group LSAs
Year 3 Beech Class	Mrs Clarke	Mrs Phelan Mrs Moxham Miss Seebohm Mrs Fennemore
Year 3 Willow Class	Mrs Hale	
Year 4 Birch Class	Mr Eaton	Miss Philbrow Mrs Hill Mrs Bishop
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Mr Hooper	
Year 5 Rowan Class	Miss Moore	Mrs Hebditch Mrs Johnson Mrs Bishop
Year 5 Oak Class	Miss Williams	
Year 6 Alder Class	Mrs Tickner	Mrs George Mrs Warwick Miss Farthing Mrs Wibberley
Year 6 Maple Class	Mr Davies	
Whole School		
SEND Team Mrs Horne (SENCO) Mrs Hunter (Assistant SENCO)		Mr Marsh (Physical Activities Co-ordinator) Mrs Wibberley (HLTA) Mrs Moxham (HLTA) Miss Farthing (ELSA)
Admin Team Miss Ollerenshaw (Senior Admin Assistant) Mrs Yates (Admin Assistant)	Site Team Mr Macintyre (Site Manager) Mrs Macintyre (Cleaner) Miss Gallagher (Cleaner)	Breakfast Club Miss Gallagher Mrs Hill Mrs George
Leadership Team Ms Gardiner (Headteacher) Mrs Cooper (Deputy Headteacher) Mr Mahmud (Administration Manager)		

Morning gate routines



To help ensure a safe and calm start to the school day, our three school pedestrian gates will now **open at 8:30am** each morning.

Please note that children and families arriving before 8:30am will not be able to access the school site. From 8:30am, staff will be on the gates to welcome families and support children as they settle into school.

For families with children attending both Bidbury Infant School and Bidbury Junior School, the existing routes between the two schools will remain open between 8:30am and 8:50am. If you arrive outside of these times, please use the intercom at the main pedestrian gate and a member of the office team will be happy to help you.

Children attending Breakfast Club will be welcomed into school as usual, through the main pedestrian gate. If you arrive after 8am, please use the intercom to let us know you have arrived.

Keeping our children safe is always our top priority. We have noticed some children arriving well before school starts, sometimes without an adult. This has led to some unsafe behaviour, especially when bikes, scooters or mobile devices are being used; staff are not available to remind children that these are not to be used on school grounds and this can create safety risks for everyone on site.

By opening the gates at 8:30am, we can make sure children are supervised as soon as they arrive, helping everyone enjoy a safe and positive start to the school day.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes and thank you for your continued support and understanding as we make this change. Working together helps us create the safest possible environment for all members of our school community.

Our menu



Week 2 - commencing 7th September 2026

Monday	Margherita Pizza or Vegan Margherita Pizza or Vegetable Curry
Tuesday	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake or Shepherdess Pie or Chees and Tomato Panini Melt
Wednesday	Chicken Fillet Burger or Plant-Based Burger or Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
Thursday	Pork Sausages or Plant-Based Sausages or Baked Bean Lasagne or Hot Sausage/Plant-Based Sausage Baguette
Friday	Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers or Cauliflower Cheese Tart

Lunches are available for £3.34 through School Grid

Lunch order cut-off for parents and carers is 8.55am.

The commencing weeks menu will be available to view on Facebook.

Our weekly updates of awards, diary dates and useful reminders will now be shared in weekly Facebook posts and a info flyer via Parentmail.

At the end of each half term, you will continue to receive a more comprehensive newsletter detailing the children's learning and celebrating school news.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Year 3 - Kyra and Joshua

Year 4 - Frankie and Blu G

Year 5 - Poppy and Owen

Year 6 - Rosie- May and Freddie G



Mr Macintyre says well done to Beech and Willow Class who are the joint winners of the **Golden Broom** this week!



PE Days

Year 3 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 - Thursday and Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday

A reminder that children are to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Usual school uniform should be worn on non-PE school days.

Positive Points this week:

Year 3 - 416

Year 4 - 576

Year 5 - 368

Year 6 - 751

Total: 2,111



THE BIG DROP IN

NHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services



As part of World Mental Health Day, we are running a series of **FREE** drop-ins across Hampshire.

This drop-in location has a focus on learning disabilities as well as mental health

This is an opportunity for parents/carers, professionals or young people to come and chat to our CAMHS clinicians, ask questions, get advice and resources.

Bookable slots available via our website or just drop in.

FREE

8 October 2026 10am - 4pm

Meriden Shopping Centre (old Wilko unit)
Elm Lane, Havant PO9 1UN



For more information scan the QR code or visit:

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>

Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online

www.coolmilk.com



Need help?

Send us a message

at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

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