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# Newsletter

Dear Families,

This week, there are signs of spring finally arriving; playtimes have been enjoyed in the sun, cherry blossom is out, and evenings are lighter. Beech and Pine visited Holy Cross Church and Yew and Hazel had a (slightly wet) educational trip to Avebury Henge. Staff were very impressed with the manners, enthusiasm and behaviour of our children—what great ambassadors for Badbury Park!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 1 Spring show yesterday. Staff and children have worked very hard to bring you a polished performance and I am sure you will agree they were all superstars! Thank you also if you visited the Roving bookshop; the school receives commission for every book sold which will be put towards new books for the library or classrooms.

The new Chief Inspector of Ofsted took up post in January and is reviewing the inspectorate to make improvements to the way it works. The Big Listen is an opportunity for anyone who works in education but also parents, carers, and children to have a say on the priorities for Ofsted that are important to you. If you would like to complete the survey please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen>. The closing date for this consultation is **31 May 2024 at 11:59pm**.



Mrs Mason has asked me to pass on her very happy news that she is expecting a baby in September—she will share this news with children in Hazel class today. I am sure you will join me in sending her our congratulations! We look forward to meeting Badbury Baby number 3 soon

*Ramadan Mubarak* to all our families who are celebrating the holy month of Ramadan.

Mrs Dance

Headteacher



## Nursery

Apple Tree have continued their outdoor learning in Forest School. We have enjoyed looking at signs of spring and exploring how to share and take turns on the field.

We have been finding out lots about how things grow and change. We have been checking on our caterpillars and cannot believe how big they are now! We are excited to watch them make their cocoons. We have also been using our fine motor skills to make our own caterpillars and butterflies using cotton buds.



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**Reception :** What an exciting few weeks Ash Tree and Oak Tree have had! We found magic beans and planted them in soil, sand, cotton wool and tissue paper and....they have started to grow into beanstalks! We are watching them closely each day, watering them and measuring to see which is the tallest. We also had an exciting 'fragile' delivery of caterpillars! We have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and what we need to do to look after the caterpillars.



Ash Tree and Oak Tree went on a trip to our local library. We walked with our class, listened to a story, spoke about the rules at the library and then each child chose a book to bring back to school. It was very exciting and they had lots of little seats, cushions and caves for us to read in.

**KS1** Year 1 have been working really hard at their performance for the Spring Show! We are so proud to show you all the things we have learnt this year. We have also been working hard at our maths and writing our fact files on Neil Armstrong. It has been an exciting week because we also went to visit Chiseldon Church! We explored hot and cold climates in Geography and also had World Book Day! What a busy couple weeks we have had. Miss Ahmed, Mrs Magiera and Mrs Stutt are so proud of every single one of us and our learning journey



In Yew Tree class, we thoroughly enjoyed our educational visit to Avebury, learning all about the stones and visiting the museum which took us through the Stone Age period. Maple Tree class are looking forward to their visit next week! We've had some lovely hands-on and outdoor learning opportunities in year 2 over the past two weeks; looking at how Hindus celebrate Diwali and drawing our own rangoli patterns with chalk on the floor, measuring height and length in cm and m in maths and even using loose parts to create our own rivers in Geography. We enjoyed coming dressed in our favourite book day characters for World Book Day and picking our own free book from the book fayre. Maple Tree have started drumming and are enjoying this opportunity!



**KS2** What a busy 2 weeks Year 3 have had! We have been learning about rivers in Geography and used loose parts and collage to label the parts of the river- can they remember the three main stages? In one of our Science lessons, we had a hands-on activity looking at the layers of the Earth, using some sweet treats to create our own dirt pudding to show the 5 layers. We got to dress up as our favourite book characters on World Book Day and enjoyed visiting the book fayre. Hazel class embarked on their adventure to Avebury which was "the best day ever!" and experienced their learning come to life. Maple class are eagerly awaiting their trip next week!



Year 4 have had an excellent fortnight. They have been finding perimeters or shape with missing lengths and have started to learn about fractions beyond one. To make our learning even more hands on we linked our learning to sectioning grapefruits into fractions and then we got to try a little bit of them at breaktime. They were a hit for some but not for all... 'hand sanitiser' and 'sunshine' were some of the flavour comparisons! Geography continues to be a source of joy as the children have become **Ambassadors of Antarctica**.

This fortnight we have been busy identifying the physical and human features of this special continent and we even had an interview for a 'Travel Show'. We included information about where Antarctica is, what can be seen there and what the climate is like. Mrs T is very proud of their developing geographical skills and knowledge.



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## Notices and reminders



- **Parent Workshop Survey** : thank you to everyone who has already completed this survey. There is still time to have your say about what type of parent workshops or events would be of benefit to you; complete an online survey via this [link](#) or use the QR code (survey closes next Thursday)



Thank you for your donations so far. There is still time to donate whatever you can via the Comic Relief Just Giving page [here](#).

- **Price increase of Breakfast Club and School meals:** from 4th September 2024 there will be a price increase to the cost of breakfast club and school meals. Breakfast club will rise to £4.50 per day and school meals (for those who pay) will also increase from £2.30 to £2.40 per day for a nutritionally balanced two-course meal.

## Sports Day and Clubs Information



We can now confirm the dates for this year's sports days, which we are really excited to deliver for all of our children again. Sports Day will be split across 3 days this year, to allow all children to have as much activity time and engagement as possible during their time slots.

Please see below days and times for your child's sports day, where you are more than welcome to come and spectate and support your child with their sporting activities.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – **10-11:30am** – Apple Tree.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – **1.00-3.00pm** - Yew Tree, Maple Tree, Hazel Tree and Willow Tree.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – **1.00-3.00pm** – Ash Tree, Oak Tree, Beech Tree and Pine Tree.

Our Sports Days will tie in with our Badbury Park Sports Week (w/c Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July), where we will be inviting in some external sports companies to allow our children to experience and have taster sessions within various sports.

**After school sports clubs**—We still have a couple of spaces left on our After School Sports Clubs this term, which you can book via the My Child at School App. Clubs for next term will also be going live within the next couple of weeks, so please keep your eyes peeled to secure your place

## School Council



We are very proud to announce our new school council members for this year—They will meet regularly to discuss and implement ideas that could help improve the school.

**Bethany, Thea, Archie, Parker, Teddy, Gaby, Robyn, Sriyan, Nefeli, Hayden, Emmie, Sohini, Reign**

With School council secretaries : **Elsie and Fateh**

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and prepared a speech

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## Friends of Badbury Park

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Pocket Money event last week. It helped to raise a wonderful £350 for future events and projects to support the whole school community.

Unfortunately the widely advertised Tabletop sale was very poorly attended by our school community, so we will be reconsidering whether it is an event we want to repeat in the future.

Spring is firmly on our doorstep and we are excited to announce our spring art competition.... get your thinking caps on and get creative, see the poster below for more details.

Looking forward, we have some exciting events coming up in the summer term, including the highlight of the year, the Summer Fair. If you would like to become a volunteer or committee member or even just have an idea on how we can raise or spend money for the school community, please speak to any member of the PTA team via our Facebook page, in person or email us on

[friendsofbadburyparkprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbadburyparkprimary@gmail.com)

Friends of Badbury Park  
Primary School PTA

# SPRING

art competition

**FREE ENTRY**

Create a piece of Spring  
artwork no larger than A4 size  
(Colouring competition available  
for Nursery & Reception)

Hand in to your class teacher  
by Friday 19th April  
(Name and Class on the back please!)

**FANTASTIC PRIZES  
A WINNER IN EVERY CLASS**

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## Safer Sleep Week

The Lullaby Trust raises awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), provides expert advice on safer sleep for babies

and offers emotional support for bereaved families. Around 3 babies a week still die from sudden infant death syndrome and they are committed to bringing that number down to zero.

The Lullaby Trust are raising awareness and leading the **Safer Sleep Week 2024 from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

A survey of 1,000 parents, carried out as part of the campaign, showed that over two-thirds of parents let their baby sleep in items that are not designed for sleep. The Lullaby Trust advises parents that if a baby falls asleep in a sitting position, move them to a firm, flat surface such as a cot or Moses basket.



To protect a baby's airway, The Lullaby Trust also advises parents to keep their baby's sleep space clear of anything that could cover their face. Items such as soft toys, loose bedding, or soft-sided pods and pillows can block a baby's airway and make it difficult for them to breathe. However, 81% of parents surveyed had unnecessary items in their baby's sleep space, such as soft toys and pillows, that could restrict their baby's airway or cause them to overheat. If you would like more information about the support that the Lullaby Trust can offer, please see their website [here](#)

## Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

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# School Diary

## March 2024

4th: Author study week  
6th: Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents  
7th: World Book Day  
8th: FOBPPS Gift event  
11th: Year 1 to Holy Cross Church  
12th, 13th, 14th : Y2/Y3 to Avebury  
13th: Roving Book shop in school  
14th : Year 1 Spring show  
15th: Comic Relief day  
22nd: Reports out to parents  
28th: "Open house" parents are welcome to come in to see class and books from 2.30pm or 11.30/3.00 for Nursery)  
**28th: Last day of Term 4**  
**29th—12th April : Easter Holidays (school closed)**

## April 2024

15th: Children return to school for term 5  
22nd: Curriculum meetings for all year groups—5pm

## May 2024

6th: Bank holiday (school closed)  
24th: Last day of term 5

### Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

- 📅 Monday 3rd June 2024
- 📅 Monday 8th July 2024

## June 2024

3rd: Teacher training day (**school closed**)  
4th: Children return for term 6  
w/c 10th: Phonics screening check (Y1)  
12th: Meeting for parents of new Reception starters (6.30pm)  
14th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)  
14th: FOBPPS Gift event  
18th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)  
19th: Meeting for parents of new nursery children (6.30pm)  
20th: Class group photos  
29th: Summer fete