



30th January 2026

## Diary Dates

### February

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Brilliant Club visit to London (selected children)
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Athlete event in school
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Valentines Disco - Reception 3:10-4:15pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Yr3-4 Valentines Disco - Yr 3-4 4:30-6pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Trust Spelling Bee (selected children)
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Yr5-6 Netball match v Lee Chapel (H) (selected children)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Cross Country Competition (selected children)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Yr1-2 Valentines Disco 3:10-4:15pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Yr5-6 Valentines Disco 4:30-6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Last day of half term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Return to school.
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Young Voices (KS2 Choir)
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Individual School photos
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Reception parent meeting - Phonics (KS1 hall 3:30pm)
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Yr5/6 girls football match v Eversley (A) (selected children)

Inset Dates— 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

This half term really has flown by – we can hardly believe there are just two weeks left! The children have been working incredibly hard this week across all year groups, and it's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and dedication to their learning. A special mention must go to our Key Stage 2 children who have been absolutely brilliant on TT Rockstars this week. We've been taking part in a Trust-wide competition, and at the time of writing, we're sitting in third place – what an achievement! The competition runs until 5pm today, so if your child hasn't logged on yet, please do encourage them to take part and help us climb even higher up the leader board.

Year 2 had a fantastic time today with a special workshop all about The Great Fire of London – you'll find more information about this below. It's been wonderful to see the children so engaged with their history learning and bringing the past to life through hands-on activities.

A quick reminder that chewing gum is not permitted within school – please can you remind your child of this rule to help us maintain our school standards.

Looking ahead to next week, we're incredibly proud that our Year 6 children who have been taking part in The Brilliant Club will be graduating at Goldsmith's University. This is a wonderful achievement and we'll share a full write-up with you next week.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Wade  
Head of School

♥ Hello ♥  
Weekend

# Well done to the following children

## Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Isla W  
Daffodil - Mia B  
Primrose - Niko  
Bluebell - Freya M-W  
Rose - Joshua  
Tulip - Ryan  
Lavender - Mckenzie  
Orchid - Ana  
Sunflower - Lottie A  
Birch - Sophia M  
Hawthorn - Harriet  
Pine - Zyva A  
Ash - Angel K  
Beech - Ryka R  
Maple - Charlie A  
Olive - Gracie B  
Sycamore - Stefan V  
Willow - Faida E  
Elder - Mia B  
Elm - William G  
Oak - Calum T

## Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Teddy F  
Rose - Ronnie  
Tulip - Jaxon  
Lavender - Isa  
Orchid - Elvin  
Sunflower - Henderson W  
Birch - Wiktor B  
Hawthorn - Victor  
Pine - AJ Y  
Ash - James M  
Beech - Oscar M  
Maple - Yusuf  
Olive - Dilara T  
Sycamore - Mya-Lily G  
Willow - Holly H  
Elder - Bella-Rose E  
Elm - Noah P  
Oak - Darius





Medicine - if your child needs medicine we can give this once during the school day but we do not have a supply of Calpol or paracetamol, you will need to provide this to the office and complete a consent form. Antibiotics need to be in original packaging with the name label and dosage and we can only give 1 dose throughout the day.

Year 6 (current Year 5 pupils) residential to Danbury - deposits are needed by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

## Berlesduna Vacancies



**BERLESDUNA**  
ACADEMY TRUST

### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 5<sup>th</sup> February

CHERRY TREE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 5<sup>th</sup> February

ST MARYS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 4<sup>th</sup> February

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)



# Reading Corner

Next week we will be reading....

Nursery - How to grow a dinosaur by Caryl Hard and Ed Eaves

Reception - Super Milly and the super school day to Stephanie Clarkson

Year 1 - Beegu by Alexis Dolan

Year 2 - A walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino

Year 3 - The Thames and Tide Club: The Scret City by Katya Balen

Year 4 - The accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin

Year 5 - Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Year 6 - The boy in the tower by Polly Ho-Yen

## Recommended Reads

KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
		



# Phonics

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised  
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please scan the QR code or click the link to take you to the Little Wandle Parents page where you will find how we teach a new sound, how we teach children to read decodable words and tricky words. You will also find how to pronounce all GPCS your children learn.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Reception	<p>This week in Reception we have continued to learn phase 3 sounds which consists of diagraphs (two letters making one sound) and trigraphs (three letters making one sound).</p> <p>-air (chair) -ur/ er (digger) Double letters (dd mm tt) -Double letters (bb rr gg) -Double letters (dd pp ff tt)</p> <p>We have practiced the pronunciation, the formation of these letters. We have also learnt some new tricky words (are, pure, sure).</p>
Year 1	<p>In Year 1 this week we have been learning - Phonics- o-e,ou, o/u, se/z/, ce,se/s/, ey/ee/ (son, tuch, above, cheese, fence, horse, donkey) Tricky words- thought, through, friend, work</p>
Year 2	<p>This week, year 2 have been focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When do I add the suffix -es/-s to words?</li> <li>• Why do I double the final letter in some words when I add the suffix -ing?</li> </ul> <p>Please practise the new, weekly spellings. The children shall be tested on these on Friday 6th February. Thank you for your continued support.</p>

## KS2 Class of the week - Sycamore Class - 100%

Player of the week—

Lavender— Ziya

Orchid — Sonia

Sunflower— Iremide O

Birch— Keegan A

Hawthorn— Hayden

Pine— Shabiyah R

Ash— Lily K

Beech— Adebajji A

Maple— Amaya

Sycamore— Elizabeth A

Olive - Ragnar L

Willow— Emily W

Elder— Vivien M

Elm - Daniel P

Oak— Darius



## KS1 Class of the week - Daffodil - 50%



Player of the week—

Bluebell— Juni-Kathryn P

Rose— Leonard

Tulip— James



# Oracy Corner



## Let's Talk



Why is it important to listen to others?



**Build**  
Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.

Start by saying:

- Building on X's idea...
- I agree and would like to add...
- X's idea made me think...

**Build**



**Challenge**  
Disagree or present an alternative argument

Start by saying:

- I disagree because...
- To challenge you X, I think...
- I understand your point of view, but have you thought about...?

**Challenge**



## Talk it Topic

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to the British Values. It encourages children's communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We cover a different topic in school each week. It would be

fantastic if you could talk about it at home too. This week's topic will be—  
Early Years— Do all children choose to play with the same toys? This is linked to the British Value - Individual Liberty.

KS1 & KS2—Does seeing yourself in a toy or story help you feel like you belong? This is linked to the British Value - Individual Liberty.





## Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

On Friday we were very lucky to have a company in to put on a Great Fire of London workshop. We learnt about the key events, important individuals and the physical effects of the fire.

All this information will help us plan and write our newspaper report on the Great Fire of London!

