



Newsletter

20th March 2026

Diary Dates

March

- 21st - Ghyllgrove Netball tournament (selected children)
- 23rd - KS2 Music Festival rehearsal at Ghyllgrove (Selected children)
- 23rd - Yr5/6 Netball match v Kingswood (H) (selected children)
- 24th - Year 1 visits to local church
- 25th - Nursery & Reception parent meeting - Reading, KS1 hall 3:30pm
- 25th - County Cross Country Competition (selected children)
- 25th - Yr5/6 Netball match v Greensted (A) (selected children)
- 26th - Pupil Voice meeting at Downham (Headboy/girl)
- 26th - Year 2 visits to local church
- 26th - Yr3/4 Dodgeball comp (selected children)
- 27th - Yr 4 Spring Production to parents 9:15am & 2:15pm
- 27th - Yr5/6 Football match v Greensted(A) (selected children)
- 27th - Last day of term

April

- 13th - Return to school
- 16th - Yr 5/6 Hanball Competition (selected children)
- 16th - Dental van visiting Reception
- 21st - KS2 Music Festival (selected children)
- 28th - Reception May Ball - 3:10-4:15pm
- 28th - Year3-4 May Ball - 4:30-6pm
- 30th - Panathlon event (selected children)
- 30th - Year 1-2 May Ball - 3:10-4:15pm
- 30th - Yr5/6 May Ball - 4:30-6pm

Inset Dates— 20th, 21st & 22nd May 2026

Happy Friday! We have just one week left of the spring term now before the Easter break. The children will continue to learn lots in the summer term when we return though, and this will help them be ready for their new year group.

In school this week, senior leaders have been formally observing lessons which allows us to ensure that the children continue to receive high-quality teaching. It also lets us see what learning feels like from the children's perspective, helping us to continually improve our provision. I am very happy to share that the quality of the teaching right across the school remains strong due to the dedication and hard work of all the staff here.

This week, Year 4 visited Thorndon Country Park and learnt about animals that live there and about their habitats. It was a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning outside the classroom, and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the natural environment.

Finally, a thank you to so many of you for attending parents' evening. Strong partnerships support children's progress, and these conversations are invaluable in helping us work together to support your child's learning and development. If you have not been able to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Wade
Head of School



Well done to the following children

Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Gracie L
Daffodil - Ilinca M
Primrose - Jaxon
Bluebell - Turner-John S
Rose - Spencer
Tulip - David
Lavender - Harry W
Orchid - Aarna
Sunflower - George H
Birch - Re'Nell C
Hawthorn - Eden-Grace
Pine - Elizabeth L
Ash - Lainey-Rae
Beech - Compton E
Maple - Maddie R
Olive - Daria P
Sycamore - Apshara S
Willow - Emily W
Elder - Matthew B
Elm - Zack M
Oak - Kurtis P

Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Nathaniel O
Rose - Caliph
Tulip - Jaxon
Lavender - Jessie
Orchid - Amelia
Sunflower - Colby C
Birch - Vinnie S
Hawthorn - Remy
Pine - Vincy T
Ash - Kyan R
Beech - Oscar M
Maple - Caleb S
Olive - Charlie G
Sycamore - Jaxon S
Willow - Bianca T
Elder - Pippa G
Elm - Charlie B
Oak - James L





A reminder that we are a No Nut School, please do not include any form of nuts in children's snack or packed lunches.

There are no after school clubs next week 23-27.03.26. New clubs will come out shortly to be signed up to for after Easter.

Berlesduna vacancies



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – EYFS TEACHER closing date 14th April
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 23rd March
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 14th April
MERRYLANDS – LEAD TEACHER for AUTISM SPECTRUM CONDITIONS closing date 19th April
MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 17th April
WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 24th April

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 - Jack and the bean stalk

Reception - My Shadow is Pink

Year 1 - Little Red

Year 2 - The Day the Crayons Quit

Year 3 - The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Year 4 - Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

Year 5 - King Kong

Year 6 - Darwin's On The Origin of Species

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	This week in phonics, Reception focus has been 'longer words, words ending in -ing, and compound words'. We have been reviewing phase two and three tricky words.
Year 1	Year one have been revising all the phase 5 sounds and tricky words so far.
Year 2	Our focus this week, is why do some words end 'ge' or 'dge'? Why can /j/ be spelled 'j' or 'g' in different words. Please practise the new, weekly spellings. The children shall be tested on these on Friday 27th March. Thank you for your continued support. Year 2 team.

KS2 Class of the week - Beech Class - 93%

Player of the week—
Lavender— Delsina & Delsidia
Orchid — Eliza
Sunflower— Iremide O
Birch— Wiktor B
Hawthorn— Albie
Pine— Adnan H
Ash— Jeremiah WB
Beech— Lamia MA
Maple— Temilouwa A
Olive - Poppie M
Sycamore— Imogen B
Willow— Bogdan C
Elder— Owen D
Elm - Daniel P
Oak— Darius



KS1 Class of the week - Bluebell - 26%



Player of the week—
Bluebell— Freya MW
Rose— Asher
Tulip— Reggie



Oracy Corner



Let's Talk



Homework should be short and fun. Do you agree?



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—How can we be the best at our favourite sport? This is linked to the
British Value - Mutual Respect & Tolerance.

KS1 & KS2—What makes someone a champion? This is linked to the British Value -
Mutual Respect & Tolerance.





TIME OUT FOR PARENTS

5 Week Parenting Workshop

9.15am for refreshments

9.30am - 11am

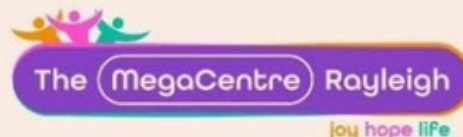
**Mondays 20th, 27th April,
11th, 18th May & 1st June**

An introduction to Autism and ADHD including understanding our child's nervous systems, sensory processing, anxiety and pathological demand avoidance.

Course delivered by NVR trained facilitators

Booking essential - please email to book your place

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Parents/Carers
only - No
childcare provided