



15th May 2026

Diary Dates

May

- 18th - Year 1 phonics meeting with parents 3:30pm KSI Hall
- 18th - Year 3 Egyptian Day
- 19th - Year 5 Summer Showcase to parents (9:15am & 2:15pm, tickets required)
- 19th - Last day of half term

June

- 1st - Return to school
- W/C 1st - Multiplication Tables Check
- 5th - Year 1 visits to the local library
- W/C 8th - Multiplication Tables Check
- W/C 8th - Phonics Screening Check
- 8th - Yr 3-4 football match v Eversley(A) (selected children)
- 9th - Year 3 trip to Call of the Wild
- 15th - Year 2 trip to Hanningfield
- 16th - Year 4 Roman Workshop (in school)
- 19th - Summer Enterprise * & Inflatable Event 3:30-5pm
- 22nd - Year 1 trip to Barleylands
- 23rd - KSI Music Festival at Lincewood (Selected children)
- 24th & 25th - Bikeability (selected children)
- 25th - Pupil Voice @ St Mary's (Head boy & girl)
- W/C 29th - Sports Days

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

The children have all been working incredibly hard this week, as they do every week. The learning behaviour within our school is something that the children should be very proud of. Their dedication and positive attitudes towards learning continue to be exemplary.

Even though there are only two days of school next week before INSET days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, attendance is crucially important. The children will continue their usual lessons up until the end of the day on Tuesday, so please ensure your child is in school on both Monday and Tuesday.

This week our Year 6 children have completed their end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs). Throughout the tests, which took place from Monday to Thursday, the children have all demonstrated desire, compassion towards one another and resilience. A big well done to all of the Year 6 children, and thank you to the staff and parents who have provided them with encouragement and support. Your collective efforts in preparing the children for these important assessments have been invaluable.

The sun was shining for the children's photos today and I have had a sneak peek already – they all look great! Your child will have brought a photo card home with them today. By clicking on the QR code on the card, you will be able to purchase copies of the photos.

As it is a two-day week next week, there will not be a newsletter. Have a wonderful weekend and half term when the end of Tuesday arrives.



Talk it Topic

'Talk it' topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to 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.

The coming week's topic is:

EYFS - Do we always need to win?

KS1/KS2 - Do we learn more from winning or losing?

The topics are linked to one of the following British Values: Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy or Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Mr Wade
Head of School

Well done to the following children

Certificate of Achievement

Buttercup - Delilah & Nelly
Daffodil - Eli-Young E
Primrose - Robert
Bluebell - Alexandra M
Rose - Caliph
Tulip - Ubaid
Lavender - Kyle
Orchid - Parker
Sunflower - Iremide O
Birch - Frankie W
Hawthorn - Jessica L
Pine - Ochuwa Y
Ash - Levi F
Beech - Bobby A
Maple - Jay-J W
Olive - James B
Sycamore - Tiffany
Willow - Sasha W
Elder - Whole Class
Elm - Whole Class
Oak - Whole Class

Reader of the Week

Bluebell - Beau O
Rose - Jack
Tulip - Elissia
Lavender - Harry M
Orchid - Daisy
Sunflower - Isla-Alanna T
Birch - Ramzan R
Hawthorn - Raeya
Pine - Vincy T
Ash - Angel K
Beech - Chidebube E-O
Maple - Jenson R
Olive - Roheem A
Sycamore - Imogen L
Willow - Bianca T
Elder - Owen D



School Crossing Patrol Service

Could pedestrians please remain on the safety of the kerbs until the patrol is in the middle of the road. Some vehicles do not stop when requested to do so by the patrol, so it is much safer to wait until the patrol has established their position in the middle of the road and advised you it is safe to cross before pedestrians leave the kerbs. Thank you.

Berlesduna Vacancies



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – GOVERNOR/TRUSTEE closing date 22nd May
CRAYS HILL – CLASS TEACHER closing date 15th May
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 18th May
WHITMORE – LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT (UPPER KS2) closing date 31st May
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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 - Ducklings

Reception - The Tiny Seed

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 words ending in 'ing- swimming', 'ed- blinked, melted' and 'est- softest' We have been learning new phase 4 tricky words- out and today
Year 1	Phonics- We have been continuing to revise the phase 5 graphemes and tricky words this week.
Year 2	This week we have been reviewing this terms spelling units. Please practise the new, weekly spellings. The children shall be tested on these, after half term, on Friday 5th June. Thank you for your continued support. Year 2 team.

KS2 Class of the week - Beech Class - 97%

Player of the week—
Lavender— Delsina
Orchid — Eliza
Sunflower— Iremide O
Birch— Poppy-Rose S
Hawthorn— Ella
Pine— Ralph C
Ash— Jenson A
Beech— Adebanji A
Maple— Azlan
Olive - Freya F
Sycamore - Apshara
Willow— Alianna W
Elder— Bella-Rose E



KS1 Class of the week - Bluebell Class - 26%



Player of the week—
Bluebell— Ace Y
Rose— Spencer
Tulip— Camelia



Oracy Corner



Let's Talk



Would you rather have more playtime or more PE lessons?

 **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

