



# The 4 Bees Newsletter

'Life in all its Fullness': Believing ~ Being Our Best ~ Being Creative ~ Belonging



## Celebrating our value of Belonging!

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### Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Next week we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, and this year's theme is one of our values - Belonging. Throughout the week, children will take part in a variety of collective worship and activities which celebrate our differences while highlighting the special bond we all share as part of the Birchanger School community. We know that children feel safer, happier, and more confident when they feel they belong. On Monday, we are delighted to welcome Amy Gair from the Multi Schools Council, who will be running workshops for Key Stage 2. As part of this, children will be creating their own jigsaw piece, which will come together to form a class puzzle celebrating unity. On Friday, we look forward to the return of Express Yourself, a much-loved Birchanger tradition.



**Children are invited to come to school on Friday 13th February in clothes that best express who they are and will spend the afternoon exploring creativity through a range of arts and expressive activities.**



#### Bee Kind Winners

- Reception— Hallie
- Year 1— Max
- Year 2— Eduard
- Year 3— Phoenix
- Year 4— Olivia
- Year 5— Meghan
- Year 6— Florrie

#### Headteacher's Awards

- Reception Alice
- Year 1 Niamh
- Year 2 Jessica  
Nate
- Year 3 Penelope
- Year 4 Marshall
- Year 5 Finlay
- Year 6 Alec

### Football Fever!

Our wonderful football team played All Saints Primary School on Monday in a tough match played in cold conditions. The team showed great determination, with a strong defence and a confident attacking performance throughout the game. Two fantastic goals were scored by Arsenii and Hudson! Although the final score was 4-2 to All Saints, we are incredibly proud of our team's effort and teamwork.

Well done to everyone involved!

You are warmly invited to our Celebration Worship tomorrow morning at 9.05am. Please join us for a hot drink beforehand at 8.45am. If we don't see you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Vessey



### The Great British Birdwatch!

Puffin and Dove Classes joined forces to take part in the RSPB Great British Birdwatch, setting up bird-spotting areas in the snug and Puffin classroom. Using a bird spotting guide, the children observed birds from the warmth of indoors and were excited to spot wagtails, robins and pigeons! They then did some beautiful water colour paintings of different birds. On Friday, they will be visiting the nature garden to look for more birds in their natural habitat and will also be making bird feeders. The children had a wonderful time and showed great enthusiasm throughout the afternoon!





### Multi-Schools Council—Silver Award

The **Multi Schools Council** is an initiative dedicated to promoting inclusivity and understanding among pupils, particularly those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The programme is built around three key pillars: multi-school meetings, in-school work, and the development of local ambassadors. Birchanger has worked closely with the Multi Schools Council for many years, and we are exceptionally proud of the partnership we have built. Last week, a panel of our children met with Kierran Pierce and Amy Gair to discuss how we support their learning. They were absolutely fabulous, speaking with bravery, honesty, and real articulacy. Mrs Cook was also interviewed afterwards, and we are delighted to share that Birchanger **has been awarded the Silver Standard**. Well done to all the children involved and Mrs Cook for all her hard work.

### Safer Internet Day

You may be aware that **Safer Internet Day** is due to take place on 10th February 2026. As a school we recognise the importance of raising awareness about staying safe online and this year have decided to celebrate Safer Internet Day separately from Mental Health Week so that each can have a clear focus and the attention it deserves. Mrs Gates, our new Computing Lead, is very excited to be organising Safer Internet Day on **Thursday 16th April**, with activities planned to help children learn how to use the internet safely and responsibly.

## Diary Dates— Spring Term 2026

**Parent4Parent Coffee Morning**— tomorrow (after worship)

**Children's Mental Health Week**—wc 9th February—Non-School

Uniform Day—Friday 13th February (Express Yourself Day!)

**PTA Pancake Breakfast**—Thursday 12th February

**Valentines Day Tuck Shop**—Friday 13th February

**Half-Term**—16th-20th February—children return to school on Tuesday 24th (23rd is an Inset Day)

**Young Voices (Yr 5 and 6) at the O2**— Monday 23rd February

**Book Week**—wc 2nd March (Fancy Dress Book Character Day—Friday 6th March)

**Mothers' Day Lunch**—Friday 13th March

**Parents' Evening** (incorporating Caterlink Food Tasting!) - Tuesday 24th March

**Safer Internet Day**— this will take place on 16th April

#### Class Assemblies:

Kestrels—13th February

Puffins—27th February

Doves—13th March

Wagtails—20th March

Magpies—27th March

### Scores on the Doors

Weekly

<b>Fire</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>Congratulations to Fire who are our weekly house point winners!</b>
Air	291	
Earth	280	
Water	268	



Please come and help yourself to free **Pret-A-Manger sandwiches and treats**, provided by Touchpoint, at 5.30pm tonight. Also remember our **free weekly yoga** with Che which is at 7.00pm in the hall every Wednesday.