



# The 4 Bees Newsletter

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## Peek into Wagtails!!

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### Bee Kind Winners

- Reception— Amelia
- Year 1— Alex
- Year 2— John
- Year 3— Callum
- Year 4— Amelia
- Year 5— Taiya
- Year 6— Alec

### Headteacher's Awards

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| Reception | Elliott and Cole |
| Year 1    | Makar            |
| Year 2    | Lily             |
| Year 3    | Joey             |
| Year 4    | Marshall         |
| Year 5    | Harry            |
| Year 6    | Hudson           |

It was a pleasure to welcome some of our Reception and Year 1 parents yesterday morning for our '**Peek into Wagtails Class**' session. The children were incredibly proud to share their learning, eagerly showing their parents all the exciting activities they take part in each day. Many of the experiences were linked to their book of the week, *Chapatti Moon*, with children enthusiastically collaging characters, making chapattis from playdough and writing about the story. Others explored their creativity outdoors by making potions or engaging in imaginative role play, pretending to be people who help others, while some enjoyed practising their writing on whiteboards or constructing models. Parents commented on how lovely it was to join their children and see what they get up to at school. **We are planning on holding the next session on Thursday 25th June from 8.45-9.30am so please come and join us!**



### Happy Half-Term to all our Families!

Please come and join us tomorrow for our final **Celebration Worship of the half-term at 9.05am**. Please feel free to come in for a tea or coffee beforehand at 8.45am.

Mrs Vessey



## BounceFest Brings Fun for All!!

What a fantastic and fun-filled day was had on Saturday at the PTA's annual **BounceFest!** We were incredibly lucky that the rain held off, allowing everyone to enjoy the event to the fullest. The children had a wonderful time, adorning themselves with glitter and tattoos, testing their skills on the football goal and trying their luck at winning teddies. Of course, the highlights for many were the bouncy castles and the thrilling assault course, which kept smiles on faces all day long. A huge thank you goes to our amazing PTA for organising such a brilliant event, **(they raised around £300!)** and in particular to **Mrs MacHardy and Mrs Marlow**, without whom it simply wouldn't have been possible.





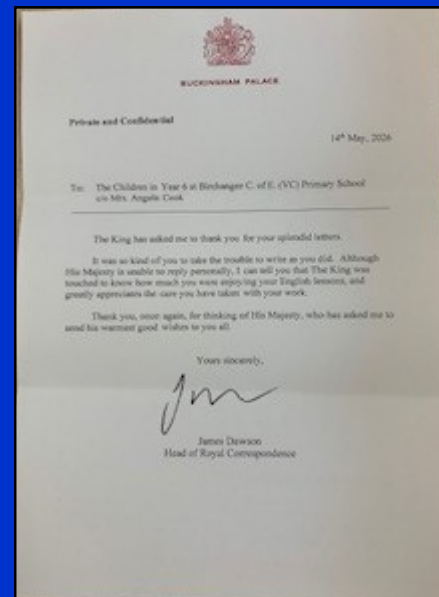
### Showtime at Apton Dance Studio!

We are incredibly proud of the **many children from our school who attend Apton Dance Studio**, as well as our very own staff member, **Mrs Williams**, who runs it and recently celebrated its fantastic **40th birthday**. On Sunday, the children performed **'Showcase 2026'** at Southmill Arts and truly danced their hearts out, showcasing a wonderful variety of routines including street dance, samba, cha cha cha and jive, to name just a few. They all performed with great enthusiasm and confidence, doing themselves and our school proud. It was also a joy to see a number of our school mums take to the stage with their own street dance performance – and they absolutely did us proud too! Well done to everyone involved, and a very special thank you to Mrs Williams for her passion, dedication and boundless energy in making these opportunities possible for our children and their Mums! (We will be calling these children up for a big clap in Celebration Worship tomorrow!)

### The King Writes to Kestrel Class

As part of their unit on Persuasive Writing Year 6 decided they would write to the King to ask him to consider a 4-day week for children at Birchanger Primary School.

The King praised their writing, expressed his gratitude that they had written to him and sent his warmest good wishes - sadly, to Year 6's disappointment - he didn't mention the 4-day week. Good try though Kestrels!!



### New Government Website—'Kids Online Safety'

In February the Government launched a new website to support families help keep their children safe online - the website offers:

- ◆ - tips for parents' conversations with their children
- ◆ - actions to support each stage of their child's life
- ◆ - parental controls information

They are also signposting to trusted resources from charities and third parties, where parents can access other forms of support (like speaking to an expert). Please click on link: <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>



We are thrilled to be able to share some information about our upcoming **Great Athletes event**. We will be announcing the name of the athlete who is coming to visit on Tuesday 2nd June. **The event is to take place on Tuesday 16th July.**

On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by their athlete, a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Their athlete will then share their incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly, followed by the opportunity to ask questions. Fundraising for the event will begin on 2nd June when the children will be bringing home a sponsorship form. The money raised for the event will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school. Many thanks for your support. Mrs Burton

## Diary Dates— Summer Term Dates

**PTA Crazy Hair Day**—tomorrow! (donate via their QR Code on newsletter)

**Fathers' Day Picnic**—11.45am—1.30pm Friday 19th June

**Year 5 Residential**—Tuesday 9th-Wednesday 10th June

**Peek into Wagtails**—Thursday 25th June 8.45-9.30am

**Year 6 Residential**—Sunday 28th June—Wednesday 1st July

**Sports Day**—Friday 10th July (doors open for parents 12pm)

**KS2 Production**—Monday 13th July 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th July 6.30pm, Wednesday 15th July 6.30pm

**Year 6 Leavers' Church Service**—11am at St Mary's Church, Thursday 16th July

**Year 6 Leavers' Service**—9.05am Monday 20th July

### Weekly Scores on the Doors

Water	133	Well done to Water who are our House-point Winners this week!
Air	118	
Earth	94	
Fire	93	

Please remember the **school breaks up for half-term this Friday 22nd May** and children return on **Tuesday 2nd June as the Monday is an Inset Day.**

The school breaks up for the summer term on Monday 20th July (please see term dates for 2026-27 academic year on our website).