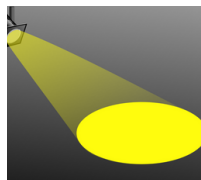




# BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



## Spotlight this week on PE

**Reception:** We have had the balance bikes this week and also started a new dance unit making dance moves to match the seasons of the year.

**Year 1:** We have been practising our jumping skills on the mats, trying out different jumps.

**Year 2:** We have been working on our rolling and underarm throwing skills.

**Year 3:** We have been working on our gymnastic skills and using the vault box to help build strength and coordination.

**Year 4:** We have been learning balance and movement routines in gymnastics.

**Year 5:** We have been working on teamwork and problem solving whilst outdoors and dance in our hall lesson.

**Year 6:** We have been doing gymnastics and have been focussing on teamwork and problem solving games.



## Assembly this week...



In our assembly this week we focused on our Aspire Skill of self-motivation. We talked about the power of YET and how this can mean:

Yes  
Every  
Time.

We explored growth mindset and how if we try and persevere we will succeed. We thought about changing the words "I can't," to "I can't yet, but I will" and the power this will give us.



In Mrs Ashworth's KS1 and Mr Woodrow's KS2 Picture News assembly the children explored the question:



## Messages

### LEGO

Can you help us? We are going to start a nurture group at lunchtimes. For our KS2 group we are wanting to have a lego box. If you have any spare lego at home we would be so grateful for any donations. Please send in to Mrs Hodgson.

Thank you so much for the lego donated so far. We could do with a little more if anyone has any spare.

### UNIFORM REMINDER

Please remember that long hair should be tied up and that no jewellery except watches (not smart watches) are allowed. No nail varnish neither please.

Thank you.

## Team Points

This week our team point winners were:  
PHOENIX.



## Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

### Wellbeing Wednesday

**Give: make a handmade card.**

We can give things without spending any money.  
Giving someone a handmade card with a nice message in can make them feel really special and cheer them up.  
Who would your handmade card be for?  
What would you write inside it?



## Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for January is Gustav Holst. This week we have enjoyed listening to "I Vow to Thee My Country."



## Non-uniform fundraising day

I can't say thank you enough for all the kind donations of cash you sent into school this week on our non-uniform day to raise funds for the local family affected by the house fire. It is a family close to the hearts of many members of our school community. The money raised will be exchanged into fuel or food vouchers for the family so they can use them when they need to. Y5/6 School Councillors have started to count the money and we will let you know next week how much you have raised.  
Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity.

*Thank  
You!*

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly.  
Names coming next week.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 95.4%. The figures below are for this week.

Congratulations to 1T, 1A and 4W for all being punctual. Well done!

Please ensure all children are in school on time so that valuable learning time has not been lost. We will be sending reminders to children's parents / carers who are repeatedly late.

	<b>R A</b>	<b>R H</b>	<b>1T</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>2 H P</b>	<b>2 M</b>	<b>3 B</b>	<b>3J</b>	<b>4 G</b>	<b>4 W</b>	<b>5 B</b>	<b>5 H</b>	<b>6 C</b>	<b>6 S</b>
Attendance for last week	95 %	82 %	95 %	93 %	98 %	97 %	97 %	94 %	92 %	99 %	98 %	97 %	96 %	94 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	2

This year is the **National Year of Reading**.

Today we launched our **Reading Buddy** session where each younger child was paired up with an older one to share the love of books. We hope your child enjoyed it.

Please send any good quality unwanted books which for our **book swap**. All donations gratefully received.

### Starbooks Reward Charts

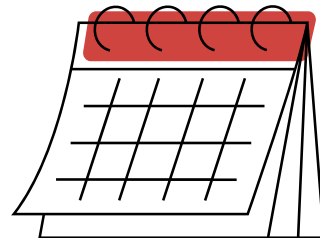
The older children who are reading thick books can just tell their teacher about their book after they have completed a good bit of reading as we appreciate they might take a long time to complete their books.

### Job Opportunities

We have an advertisement out on Social Media and also on Aspirational Futures website for a new Caretaker. Please share the news. If you would like any further information please contact Mrs Haydock in the office.



## Dates for this term



### JANUARY

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

### FEBRUARY

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

### MARCH

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Week beg 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Eco Council trip

Playgroup for children and families 0-4 years old 9:30-10:30am

Start of National Story Telling Week

**KS1 Phonics Day**

Y1 assembly at 9:15am

**Eco Council running a book swap**

Safer Internet Day

4W trip to Helmsore Mill

4G trip to Helmsore Mill

Day off curriculum to promote children's mental health week

PTFA Silent Disco

Young Voices

Reception balance bikes competition

Break up for half term

Children return to school

Playgroup for children and families 0-4 years old 9:30:10:30am

Y2 trip to Martin Mere

World Book Day - option to wear pjs or World Book Day costume

Reading Buddies

Biggest Ever Girls Football Event

Y6 visit Parklands to watch a dance show

Science week

Reception stay and play

Opportunity for parents to view children's work 8:40-9:00am

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Parents' Afternoon/Evening

Y4 assembly

PTFA bingo

## PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA meeting this week.

Last date for ordering for our Silent Disco is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.





# Community News



**Looking for CHILDCARE?**

**Ofsted Registered Childcare...**

\*Full-Time Spaces Available from **SEPTEMBER 2026** for children aged 0 to 5 years

**We provide...**

- ♥ Homely Environment
- ♥ EYFS Curriculum
- ♥ Flexible Routines
- ♥ Real-life Experiences
- ♥ Trips and Outings
- ♥ Health & Wellbeing

**Flexible Hours • Competitive Rates**  
Funded Places • Tax-Free Childcare

**Contact Lucy or Mark for More Details:**

- ☎ Lucy 07534 138991
- ☎ Mark 07792 216549
- ✉ [lucy-risi@hotmail.com](mailto:lucy-risi@hotmail.com)

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1 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PLACE  
BUCKSHAW VILLAGE  
PR7 7HS

Follow us on **Facebook** **LittleSwiftsChildcare**

The poster features a rainbow logo with the text 'Little Swifts Childcare' and a list of services provided. It also includes contact information for Lucy and Mark, and mentions that the childcare is Ofsted Good.

## Sports News

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics team who have qualified for the final coming 5th out of 32 schools. Well done everyone!





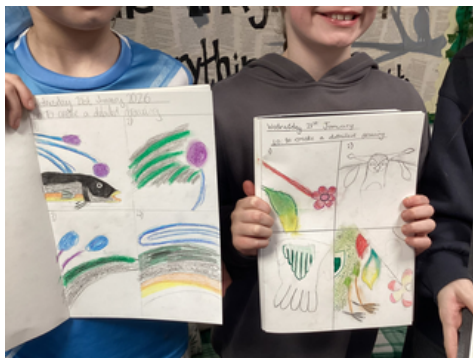
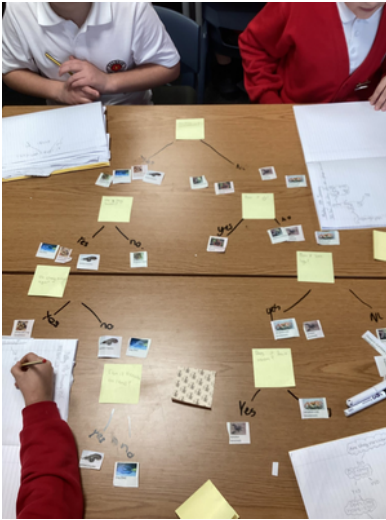


## Selection of photos from this week

Follow us on Facebook.



Please follow the school page as well as the PTFA page.



We have had a fun filled week in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Hodgson