

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

Dear Families

It has been such a busy time since I last wrote you a newsletter... World Book Day, Science Week, Red Nose Day, Neurodiversity Week...and more recently all things Easter too! I thank you for being such a huge support in all of these and working with us to make school such an enriched place for children. A thank you too to our Friends of Birdsedge who so heavily support and facilitate a lot of this to happen. It has also been great to see so many families in school recently – our Science afternoon was great fun for all and Parents Evening saw excellent attendance – thank you. Sending you all my best wishes as always and a thank you for being the Birdsedge BEST community to work with. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break together when it gets here. Miss B 😊

### After School Clubs

**Gymnastics Starts Monday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**April for 3 weeks**

**Art Club with Sean Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**April, 29<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Bushcraft Starts Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**April for 5 weeks**

**Choir Starts Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**for 5 weeks**

### Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Easter Bonnet and Decorate an Egg Competition.  
Family Easter Assembly at 3pm.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Friends of Birdsege Easter Egg Hunt during the afternoon. Class 3 Class Assembly at 3pm.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** School Re-opens for all children

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** Non-Uniform wear something Green Day in exchange for planting donation

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** KS2 Hi 5 Netball Festival 4pm Shelley College

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday School Closed

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** VE family Celebration afternoon from 2pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Class 2 Family Assembly

### Subject Spotlight Handwriting

We have been doing lots of thinking about handwriting and spelling recently and how we can better support children to develop and embed these important skills. Coming home this week with every child is a handwriting pack that we ask stays in book bags so it can be used regularly at home and school for handwriting practice. In here is a guide to early transcription and handwriting skills for parents and carers to read and some resources and tools to support children to develop, practice and maintain quality fine motor skills and handwriting. These can also be found in our Curriculum – Reading, Writing and Phonics Page on the school website:

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One of the biggest things parents can support with when it comes to homework is the regular practice of basic skills – practicing spellings, number fluency such as times tables, regular reading and handwriting. We hope this pack will give a consistent way of practicing handwriting and early transcription skills that can be done in short manageable sessions as and when you can – we do ask that these are kept together and in book bags so children can use them in dedication transcription sessions in school too daily. As always – if you have any questions or need any support please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers.

### Class 1 and Class 2 Trip

Class 1 and Class 2 will be going on a trip to Ponderosa on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to find out about all things animals! Look out for the letter which should have come home this week for further information. Children need to arrive at school at 8:30am on this day so the coach can leave promptly and will return in time for home time at 3:30pm. Children should wear school uniform but any suitable, comfortable shoes are fine. Lunch needs to be in a plastic bag that can fit in a rucksack children are able to carry and also include sun cream, hat and waterproof coat. Up to £5 for the gift shop is also welcome.

### VE Day

It's that time of year again...the Maypole is once again out and practices are in full swing! This year we realised that the 8<sup>th</sup> May marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day and have decided to mark this occasion in school. We invite families to come and join us at 2pm – please bring pic nic mats or chairs. Refreshments will be available to purchase and children will be performing the annual Maypole Spring Celebrations as well as songs from our choir. We hope to see you there 😊