



December 2023

Bidbury Infant

NEWS

Christmas is Coming!

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas to you and your families. This term has been full of excitement, Christmas songs, performances, visits into the community, a pantomime and lots of glitter! (A special thanks to our cleaners!!)

Children, you have done us proud this week with how you have adapted to the Christmas madness, you have continued to demonstrate our school values and show confidence when performing to an audience. Well done!

Thank you to the staff team for all you do, but especially at this time of year where you always go the extra mile.

Thank you and farewell to our university student, Miss McCreaney, who completes her placement this week. Good luck!

We Will Miss You!

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to our incredible teacher Mrs. O'Halloran as she embarks on a new challenge with the Hampshire Virtual Schools. Mrs. O'Halloran is currently our Designated Teacher for Looked After Children and will be using her knowledge and skills working with settings across Hampshire to support children in foster care or who are adopted.



We wish her all the very best and know she will be just amazing in her new role. Our loss is most definitely Hampshire's gain!



Community Coffee Morning

The next Community Coffee Morning is
Wednesday 7th February 2024 at Havant Rugby Club.

Guest Speaker to be confirmed

Our Golden Gems



Our values of **Resilience, Respect, Independence** and **Self-Regulation** are the focus for all our work.

Children receive a 'Gem of the Day' certificate for demonstrating one of the values.

One child per class will receive a 'Golden Gem' Certificate for demonstrating all four values that week.

Congratulations to the following children for earning their Golden Gem in **November**:

Emerald— Harry G and Teddy C

Opal—Jacob W and Joseph W

Topaz—Amelia B and Jesse-Lee W

Onyx—Olly B and Angel M

Medication

It's that time of year, as the temperature drops, where children are susceptible to becoming unwell. If your child requires medication three times per day or less, please consider providing this before school, after school and before bed.

We have limited capacity to administer medication during the school day unless it is required in exceptional circumstances.

PE Kits

Polite Request:

Please ensure children **do not wear football kits or hooded tops** for PE.

All other sweaters/track tops and jogging bottoms are permitted.

Welcome to the Team!

In January 2024, we welcome Mrs. Claire Roberts and Mrs Rachel Tomkinson to our Bidbury team. Mrs Roberts will become our new teacher in Diamond Class (Year R) and Mrs Tomkinson will join us as a Learning Support Assistant!

Special Visitor

On Thursday this week, the children may be lucky enough to receive a special visit from a resident from the North Pole! We may just need to find somewhere for him to park his reindeer!



Staff Spotlight

Each month, we will be introducing our team so you always know who to come to for advice and support.

This month the spotlight is on...

“Hello, I’m Miss Allen, I teach Onyx class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

I have been teaching for 20 years. Although I didn’t go to university until my boys had both left school. I have 2 grown up sons and 4 grandchildren. The youngest is 1 and the eldest is about to be 13. I like going to the cinema and the theatre. I also love going to watch comedians, I especially like going to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where you watch 10 shows a day!”



“Hi I’m Miss Relton, I am a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at Bidbury. I have worked here for 9 years and I am responsible for teaching whole classes in Year One and Year Two.

I live with my 18 year old son and my 13 year old cat!

I love photography and exploring my home town of London.”



“Hi I’m Miss Hallitt. In school, I am part of the Treasure Island Team. I am the school’s Autism Ambassador and my

passion is to help all children access learning. At the weekends I enjoy going on woodland walks with my children—whether they enjoy it too, is another matter!”



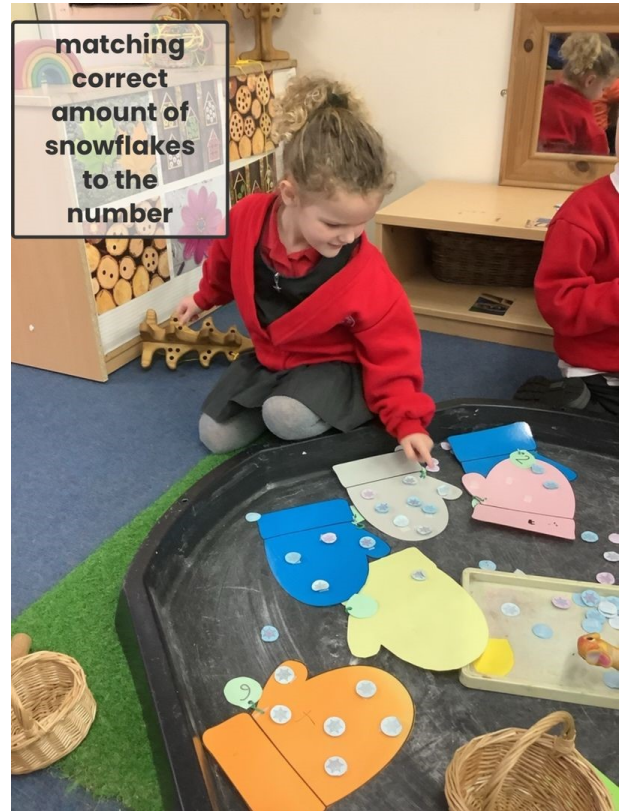
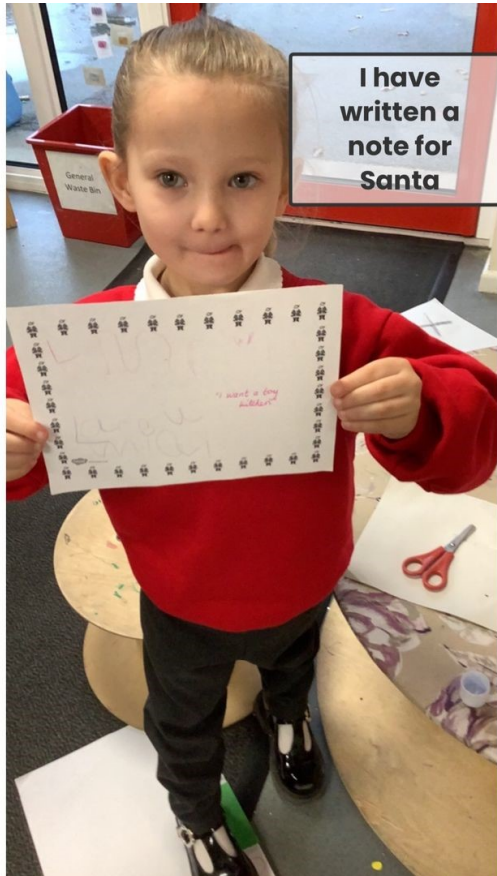
“Hello, I’m Miss Wilson. I teach in Opal Class in Year 1 and I am the Science and Art leader.

My hobbies include rock climbing and yoga. I also like to travel and learn about different cultures and cuisines.”



Celebrating Learning at Bidbury

Year R



Ordering the numbers to 5, thinking about one more and one less! Ask me one more or less than numbers to 5!



Celebrating Learning at Bidbury

Year 1



We have been very busy as artists!

We have created an Andy Warhol art display linked to our topic Toys! In Art this term, Year One have studied the artist Andy Warhol. They have learnt and practised a printing technique, mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. Their final piece tied in with their Toy Time Travellers topic. The children chose their toy to print, placed their background rectangles and picked the colours they wanted. These children were able to print independently.



Thank you to Reverend Max for visiting us to talk to us about Advent.

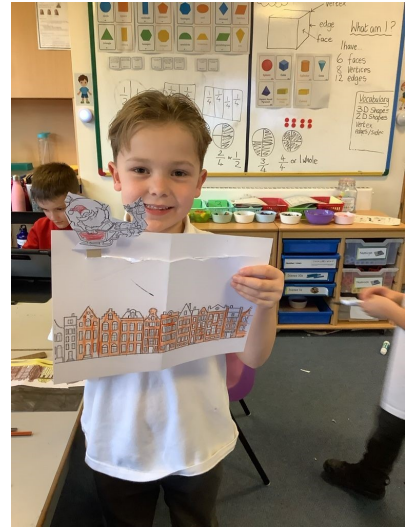
We love learning from Max and the children look forward to his visits.

Celebrating Learning at Bidbury

Year 2



Children used their D.T skills to make a moving Christmas picture using a slider.



Well done to all the Year Two Children for delivering a fantastic Christmas Performance at St. Thomas Church this week. Your voices were clear and confident and the singing was beautiful. We were all bursting with pride!



Community Celebrations

Have you succeeded in achieving something outside of school recently? Perhaps a swimming certificate or a football trophy? We would love to hear about your achievements so we can add them to our next newsletter!

Send in a photo and a brief explanation of your achievement to:

adminoffice@bidbury-inf.hants.sch.uk



Isaac and Aden completed their last park run for this year - Isaac completed 21 runs and earned his marathon wristband! Both boys gained personal best times, great effort.!

Well done boys! What an achievement!

Christmas Raffle 2023

Our newly established, wonderful PTA have been working hard to organise a Christmas Raffle for us this year.

Raffle tickets will be making their way to you for you to purchase for you to be in with a chance to win some amazing prizes:

- **£50 Cash**
- **Victorious Tickets**
- **Gin Experience**
- **Waterlooville Golf Experience**
- **Vouchers for Farm Foods, Domino's Pizza, Pet Photos and many more...**

Please return your tickets, completed with your name and contact details along with £5 for a book or £1 per ticket (cash only) to the School Office by 9am on Thursday 14th December 2023.

You have to be in it, to win it!

The draw will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 14th December and winners will be notified by text and email.

Good Luck!

Building our Children's Independence

Please help us to develop your children's independence skills by encouraging them to enter their classrooms by themselves each morning. When we come back to school in January, we are looking out for confident, independent individuals who wave their parents goodbye in the playground. Cloakrooms are very busy spaces and we would appreciate your support with this so that mornings run smoothly. Thank you.

Time to Share Sessions

Time to share sessions are opportunities for all our families to come into classrooms at the end of the school day to see the what the children have been learning. You are invited to join us on the following dates this year:

Thursday 8th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Please come along on these dates so your child can show off how hard they've been working!

Deadline for School Applications—HantsWeb

Year R and Year 3 admissions round - Deadline for applications 15th January 2024.

- You can name up to three schools on your application, in order of preference
- Your child is added to a list for each of the schools you have named. Each schools list is then ranked in accordance with the published admission criteria for that school to determine whether they are able to offer a place
- If only one of your preferred schools can offer a place, you will be allocated a place at that school
- If your child qualifies for a place at more than one school, the one ranked highest on your application will be allocated
- If none of your preferred schools can offer a place, you will be allocated a place at the catchment school (if places remain) or the nearest school (measured as a straight line) with a place available. You will also be advised of the arrangements for placing your child on the waiting list and your right of appeal

Dates for your Diary Autumn 2023

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| Monday 11th December | Year 2 Christmas Performance at the Church 2pm* |
| Tuesday 12th December | Year 1 Christmas Performance in School 2pm* |
| Wednesday 13th December | Year R Christmas Performance in School 2pm* |
| Thursday 14th December | Christmas Lunch* Santa's Grotto* (Wear Christmas Clothing) |
| Friday 15th December | Last Day of Term |
| Tuesday 2nd January 2024 | INSET Day—School closed for children |
| Wednesday 3rd January 2024 | Return to School |
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* Details to follow

Inset Days 2023-2024

(No school for children)

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024