



January 2024

# Bidbury Infant

NEWS



## Safer Internet Day

On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2024**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Bidbury Infant School and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, for the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents).

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your **child's class teacher, Mrs McIntosh** our Computing lead or **Mrs Thumwood** one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

### Community Coffee Morning



The next Community Coffee Morning is

**Wednesday 7th February 2024**

at Havant Rugby Club from 9am

**Come along to meet other families for an informal chat.**

## 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 **December**:

Emerald— Barney R

Opal—Loe N

Topaz—Rose M

Onyx—Jayden L

## Items Not Permitted in School

Increasing numbers of children are coming in to school with **toys, football cards and money**. None of these items are permitted and can cause upset if lost. Thank you for your support with preventing these items from coming into school.

## PE Kits

Polite Request:

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

All plain sweaters/track tops, shorts and jogging bottoms are permitted.

## Our School Value—Respect

We have recently noticed a decline in the number of children demonstrating our school value of 'RESPECT'.

Please support us in talking to your child about ways in which they can show respect by looking after belongings and using kind hands, kind feet and kind words.

We are actively looking for behaviours which can earn a value card or Headteacher's Award!

## Welcome to the Team!

This month, we welcomed Mrs. Claire Roberts and Miss. Rachel Tomkinson to our Bidbury team. Mrs. Roberts is our new teacher in Diamond Class (Year R) and Miss. Tomkinson is our new Learning Support Assistant.

## 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 Mrs Horton  
I have worked at  
Bidbury for 13 years.  
My role is Teaching  
Assistant and Emotional  
Literacy Support  
Assistant.



I live with my husband and two grown  
up children. In my spare time I like to go  
to concerts and festivals.”

“Hi I’m Mr Berry. I am  
the Site Manager for the  
infant school. This is my  
first time working in the  
education sector, my  
previous roles were for  
defense companies. I  
enjoy playing and watching sport, mainly  
watching now though! I also look after the  
school allotment, getting it ready for the  
children to get out there to grow their own  
fruit and vegetables very soon!”



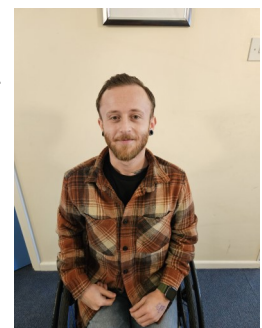
“Hi I’m Miss Rooney  
This is my first year at  
lovely Bidbury but I have  
been a teacher for 9  
years. Most of that time  
has been spent in year R  
- it’s my favourite place to be!



I love reading, eating chocolate and I’m  
getting married in August which is so  
exciting!”

“Hi I’m Mr Spraggs

I have been at Bidbury for  
nearly a year now, and  
have enjoyed my time  
helping the children,  
working alongside the  
other staff members. In  
my spare time I like to go to the gym and be as  
healthy as possible, but my favourite food is  
KFC. My favourite sport is Formula One and I  
support McLaren. I’m hoping to go to the  
Grand Prix this year!”



# Athlete Visit

We're very excited to be welcoming top athlete **Kelly Simm** to the school on **Friday, 09 February 2024**.

Kelly will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit** with all pupils, followed by a **motivational assembly**, and **Q&A** session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their **passion in life**.

The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and **raise money to improve physical activity** in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

A sponsorship form went home with your child to use to help raise money for the event. You can also sponsor your child by visiting: [www.sportsforschools.org](http://www.sportsforschools.org) and clicking on the button "**Set up a Fundraiser Page**". Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the online sponsorship page.

As a thank you, pupils will receive the following thank-you gifts for meeting these milestones:

- Raise any money: an A5 sheet of motivational stickers
  - Raise £5 or more: a blue Sports for Schools wristband
  - Raise £15 or more: a blue wristband, and a red wristband with Kelly's signature
  - Raise £30 or more: all of the above, plus a signed Kelly Simm poster
- Please ensure that the sponsorship form and money are returned to the school office **1 week** after the event has taken place.

Please also make sure that your children come to school on the event day with their PE Kits!

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.

- More reminders will come out via our Facebook page - if you're not following us please do: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057057895465>



We would welcome any family members who would be willing to help as little or as much as you can offer to our new PTA. The next meeting is on Wednesday 21st February at 2pm.

Our newly established PTA are busy thinking of ways to raise much needed funds for our school.

On **Wednesday 7th February**, they will be holding a **cake sale** and would very much appreciate any donations of cakes to sell on this day.

Further details will be sent to you soon!



# 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](mailto:adminoffice@bidbury-inf.hants.sch.uk)



Well done, to both Matilda and Esme in Year 2 for your swimming achievements!



## Library Books:

We have a lot of outstanding Library Books. If you are unsure as to which your child has brought home please ask their teacher for a list. Thank you

## Cycling :

Please dismount your cycles prior to entering the school grounds, we have had a few near misses with children and damage to school property. Thank you



**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:

Thursday 8th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

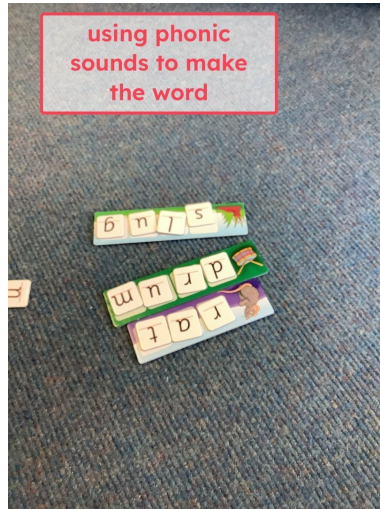
Thursday 23rd May 2024

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

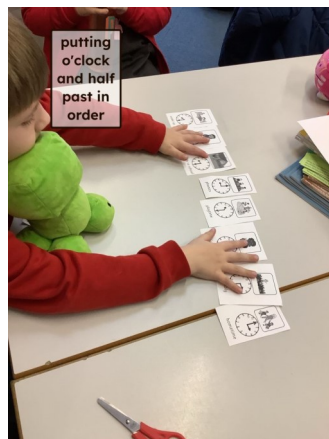
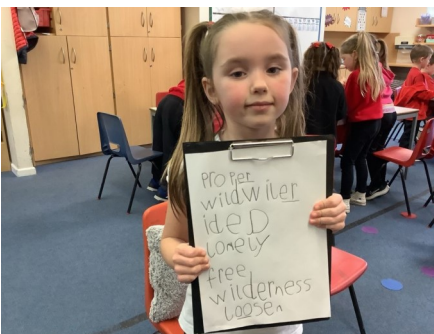


# Celebrating Learning

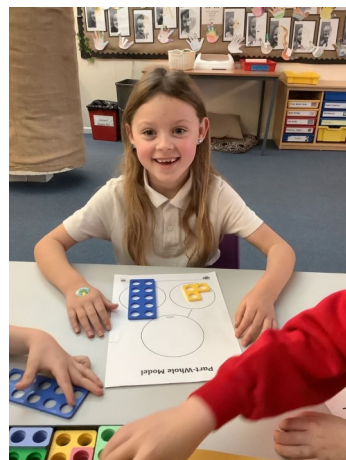
## Year R



## Year 1



## Year 2



Keep up the hard work, Bidbury!

## Dates for your Diary Spring 2024

School Nurse visiting to measure height of children in Year R	Tuesday 6th February 2024
<b>Community Coffee Morning—</b> Havant Rugby Club	Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 9:00am
<b>Cake sale in hall</b> (PTA led all proceedings to go back to the school)	Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 2.45pm
<b>Time to Share</b>	Thursday 8th February 2024 after school
<b>Athlete Visit</b>	Friday 9th February 2024
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 12th—Friday 16th February 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAY—school closed</b>	<b>Monday 19th February 2024</b>
<b>PTA Meeting</b> (All welcome!)	Wednesday 21st February 2024 @ 2:00pm
<b>World Book Day*</b>	Thursday 7th March 2024
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28th March 2024
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Friday 29th March 2024- Friday 12th April 2024</b>

### Inset Days 2024

(No school for children)

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024



**Next PTA Meeting**

Wednesday

21st Feb 2024

At 2pm

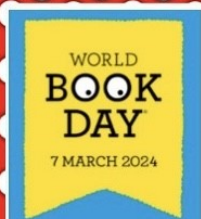
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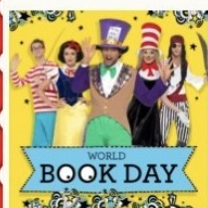
# PTA Notice Board



**Cake Sale**  
**Wednesday 7th February**  
**School Hall From 2.45pm**



**World Book Day Raffle**  
**Theatre tickets & children's books**  
**signed by the authors up for grabs!**  
**Tickets on sale from Monday 4th March**



**World Book Day Dress up Day -**  
**Thursday 7th March**  
**Come to school dressed as your**  
**favourite book character. In return**  
**parents are asked for a voluntary**  
**donation of £1**

*All funds raised will go towards supporting the school* ❤️



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## Bidbury Preschool

Funded and non-funded Spaces available for 2,3 and 4 year-olds  
Caring and friendly preschool located within Bidbury Infants School

For an application form please call: 023924171472 or find us on Facebook