

March 2024

# Bidbury Infant



To the Bidbury Community

The time has come to say my final goodbyes to you, the wonderful children, families, friends and colleagues of this wonderful school.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Bidbury – it has been a privilege getting to know each and every one of you. I have been so proud to watch the children grow into fine, young individuals starting out their learning journey and moving on as independent, respectful and resilient characters who love to learn and care for their friends.

I have been inspired every day by the colleagues I have worked alongside. They are truly dedicated and reflective, always motivated by the satisfaction of the children's success and achievements. They care deeply about every one of your little ones, nurturing them and encouraging them to be the best version of themselves and I am thankful to have been part of their team.

Thank you to all of you— the families with whom I have had the pleasure of working in partnership. Your support and trust has been very much appreciated.

Children, you are remarkable! Stay resilient, keep working hard to reach your goals and be proud of your strengths and achievements.



I wish you all the very best for your future whatever it may hold and Bailey says, 'Thank you for all the love and tummy rubs you have given me since I joined the Bidbury family two years ago!'



Mrs. Cook and Bailey





## Highest Attendance

The class with the highest attendance so far this year is:

**Opal Class—96.6%**

**Well done, Opal Class!**

## World Book Day

We had an incredible day celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March! Thank you to all our families for the huge effort with the costumes, we thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the book characters around the school! We even had Mrs Colley's twin Cheshire Cat!



## Science Week

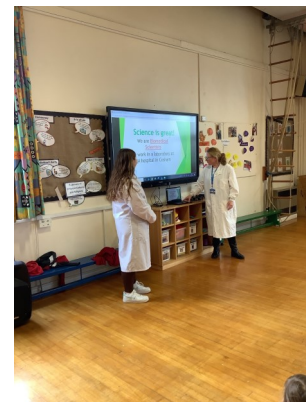
Thank you to Helen Wilson (Opal class teacher) for organising such an exciting science week for the children. It was a week of experiments and fun and the children are still talking about it now! An extra special thank you to all our guests who came in to show the children how fun science can be! The children explored how the digestive system worked, created fossils of their own and learnt about how to be a biomedical scientist.



*Nik Kryz*  
*HSDC Havant*



*Ryan Lawson*  
*HSDC Havant*



*Jo Adams*  
*QA Hospital*

## Our Golden Gems



Our values of **Resilience, Respect, Independence, Self-Regulation, Focus and Boundaries** are at the centre of 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 each week.

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

**Diamond—Rivah B**

**Ruby—Harlow W**

**Emerald— Reggie F, Blu G, Rosa O**

**Opal— Bobby W, Alexander F, Arlo G**

**Topaz— Jesse-Lee W, Carter F, Jessica O**

**Onyx— Oakley H, Tilly F, Wilson M**

**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 28th March 2024

Thursday 23rd May 2024

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

## Bidbury Preschool



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

**Est 1998**

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

# Confirmed INSET DAYS 2024—2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025 and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

## 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. Buck and I’m a teaching assistant in Year R. I have worked at Bidbury for just over a year now.

I am a mum of three and enjoy going on walks with my family and going to the cinema.

I am passionate about helping children be the best version of themselves and supporting children with Special Educational Needs. I’m an SEN mum myself.”



“Hi I’m Mrs. Frost. I am a mum to two daughters and also have two granddaughters who I love spending time with.

I like to make time to go to the gym and I love going to the cinema. I have worked at Bidbury for 23 years and enjoy my role in Year R helping children develop their language skills. You will always find me in the construction area!”



“Hi I’m Ms. Stanley and I’m a teaching assistant in Year 1. I have been at Bidbury for 13 years and have worked in all the year groups. I started here as a dinner lady and my first classroom role was to be 1 to 1 support for a child with additional needs.

I have a large family and love being outdoors. I also love my cats!”



“Hi I’m Mrs. Roberts. I joined Bidbury in January this year and teach in Year R. I have been teaching for 5 years now, mostly in Year R and Year 1, but my passion is for early years. Outside of school, I go to the gym when I can but with 2 boys who love rugby and football I’m normally driving them to their fixtures! When I’m not cheering them on, you can find me with a book and a cup of tea!”





# 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)



Congratulations Holden from Year 1!

Holden is our resident actor who has just completed his latest film which was released in London's Prince Charles cinema last week!

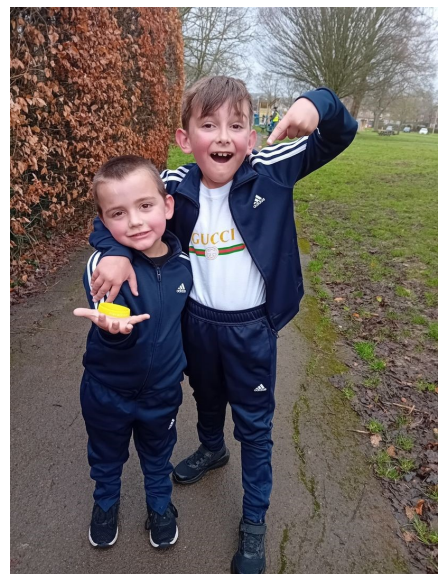
Holden got to attend the red carpet event.

We are all so proud of your achievements, Holden!

Aden, from Year R, has recently completed his 21st park run earning him his 'equivalent to a marathon distance' wristband whilst also knocking 35 seconds off his Personal Best, running with his brother

We are all very proud of your effort and enthusiasm every Sunday morning, Aden!

Well done!



## Inset Days 2024

(No school for children)

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

# Celebrating Learning

## Year R



We had Jack the Dinosaur visit Year R after our Science talk during Science Week. He came with his friend, a Paleontologist from Havant & South Downs College. He explained all about fossils, dinosaurs and predators to us.



We have been exploring ice and how it melts over time and whether we can do anything to speed up its melting.

## Year 1



We have been learning about Counter Balance in PE, showing great partnership and cooperation!

In English we retold the story of Little Red through role play. The children were so good at role play. They are all able to use story language in their acting!





## Year 2

During Science Week, the children looked at dissolving. They started by looking at what happens when we put salt in a glass of water.

They then had a plate of M &Ms. They gently added water and watched to see what happened as the sugar coating started to dissolve.



In Maths, the children have moved on from multiplication to looking at division. They worked together or independently to show their understanding of sharing; dividing a number into 2, 5 or 10 groups.

They used these numbers as they started to make the link between multiplication and division and they know their... 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Some of the children took the challenge to draw the division number sentence and show it with the bar method!



Keep up the hard work, Bidbury!

## Dates for your Diary Spring/Summer 2024

Time to Share Session	Thursday 28th March 2024
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28th March 2024
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Friday 29th March 2024</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Monday 1st April—Friday 12th April 2024</b>
Emerald Class Beach Visit	Monday 29th April 2024
Opal Class Beach Visit	Tuesday 30th April 2024
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 6th May 2024</b>
SCARF Workshop (Personal Social and Health Education)	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Class Photos	Friday 10th May 2024
Time to Share session	Thursday 23rd May 2024
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>27th-31st May 2024</b>
Sports Day	Friday 5th July 2024
Last day of term	Friday 19th July 2024
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Monday 22nd July 2024</b> <b>Tuesday 23rd July 2024</b>





# Bidbury Infant School PTA Newsletter

March 2024

## The PTA Committee

Since forming our new PTA in December 2023 we have now successfully ran several activities which have raised much needed funds for the school. This is down to all of Bidbury Infant School's wonderful families for supporting everything we do! As we move into the Summer term we would love to do more and our hope is to eventually become a registered charity. We welcome new members, ideas and volunteers! Even if you are unable to attend meeting's we would be grateful for any time you can spare to help out. Please do get in contact with us we would love to hear from you!



**World Book Day Raffle**

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

**£305 RAISED!**

Thank you to everyone who purchase tickets and gave a

donation to make this possible. Didn't all the children and staff look fantastic too?!

Congratulations to all the winners who have all now been contacted and have collected their prizes.

## Easter Sponsors



Thank you to Havant Rotary club who kindly gifted us one of their giant Easter eggs for our Easter raffle this year!



Thank you to Hollywood Bowl - Gunwharf Quays who gifted us bowling vouchers for our decorate a boiled egg competition!



Thank you to our amazing friends Havant Men Shed who generously gifted us 180 chocolate Eggs!



**Bake Sale**



**£108 RAISED!**



Our first ever bake sale in February was a great success and an event we hope to run again next term! We are so lucky to have parents who are such talented bakers at Bidbury Infants. Thank you so much to all who purchased cakes.



## GET IN TOUCH

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