

February Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful time Term 2 has been at BWIS! It has been packed with lots of exciting activities, learning opportunities, and special moments that have showcased the hard work of both our children and staff. Here are some of the highlights:

Year 2 Lunchtime Clubs

Our Year 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed their lunchtime clubs, with the Sewing Club creating some beautiful embroidered mats featuring bead letters. Mrs. Campone is so proud of their achievements. The Painting Club has also been a hit, with the children creating stunning spring flowers that are now proudly displayed by the hall. If you'd like to see their artwork, please take a moment to check out the club pages on our website!

Year Group Highlights

- **Reception**: Year R children have been making wonderful progress in their writing! They are now amazed by their own work when they read it back, and we can't wait for parents to see their achievements during upcoming parents' evenings.

- **Year 1**: Year 1 enjoyed their visit to Manor Farm, where they experienced Victorian life firsthand. The roleplay areas were particularly popular, and the children have been doing an excellent job immersing themselves in character.
- **Year 2**: Year 2 had an exciting time with their Wacky Wheels testing—what a fantastic hands-on experience! They also explored the theme of 'Belonging' in their RE week, and enjoyed a fun folk dancing session with Folk Active.

PTA and Upcoming Events

We are looking forward to some fun events organised by our wonderful PTA! A Quiz Night will be held on Friday 21st March, and our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Thursday 3rd April. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated, so please keep an eye out for the sign-up sheets.

World Book Day

Children and staff had a lovely time celebrating 'World Book Day' dressed as their favourite book characters. The children enjoyed sharing their information.

A Special Visitor

We had a special moment when Mrs. Labram visited with baby Emilia. The children were delighted to meet her, and she even paid a visit to Fox Class!

Valentine's Week and 'I Love BWIS' Display

The theme of love was beautifully captured by the children, starting with our St. Valentine assembly where we reflected on what we love about ourselves and our school. Our 'I Love BWIS' display is now up in the corridor, showcasing the thoughtful and heartwarming messages from the children.

Best wishes

Mrs Riches

Headteacher

PTA Update

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This week sees the end of February already and hints of Spring are already visible.

Whilst a quieter time of year, we already had a Valentine's Sweet Sale just before the half term break - the sweet cones and chocolate roses sold out quite quickly raising over £80 which is fantastic - many thanks for your support!

Planning is now officially underway for the Spring / Summer events.

First to note is a Quiz Night on 21st March, the advert for which will be released shortly. Last years event was well attended, it was alot of fun and raised significant funds, so please support us if you are able to.

We are also about 5 weeks away from the Easter Egg Hunt. Whilst fund raising is a primary function of the PTA, ensuring the running of events like the Easter Egg Hunt is of equal importance due to the fun and joy it brings to the children.

This is an event that is reliant on volunteers to ensure it is a success and again we kindly ask if anyone can give their time, please do, as it is not only us but the children who will appreciate it the most.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned the situation around the PTA Committee. Currently only 4 members, this will reduce to 3 during the summer if no further volunteers come forward as Parent members can only serve whilst their child is at the school. It is quite daunting running a PTA school event for the first time and we were lucky that the previous committee members very kindly assisted us with several of these events so we could draw on their experiences and shadow what they did. We are very keen for the next PTA committee to have the opportunity to do the same to ensure these events run smoothly and that there is a good transition from one PTA to the next.

If the situation with members doesn't change in the next few months, the current committee will have to consider alternative arrangements to the current structure and this could well place events like the Easter Egg Hunt at risk.

It is appreciated committing to such an organisation may seem daunting, but our experience so far has shown that many hands do make light work. If you would like to speak to any members of the PTA, we would be happy to share our experiences without any commitment of joining.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email bwispta@gmail.com[1] - we'd be delighted to hear from you!

Wishing you all the best.

Your PTA Team

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Governor Update

We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break and looking forward to some longer sunnier days ahead. Just before half term we held one of our full governing board meetings with a focus for the meeting on school financial matters, upcoming policy updates and succession planning for governors. The headteacher also provided a verbal update on the latest news, information and happenings from the school including statistics on attendance, safeguarding and upcoming planned maintenance work. With indicative enrolment numbers now emerging for September 2025 starters, thought is also now being given to school arrangements for the next academic year. The main topic of discussion however was the new four-year school strategic plan that is now nearly complete. The four main priority areas of the updated plan are Learning, Community, Character and Sustainability. Governors discussed key objectives for each focus area and how to ensure they are successfully implemented. The governors thanked Mrs Riches for all the thought and hard work that had gone in to the updated plan. Governors acknowledged the importance of the plan in ensuring the school continues to develop and maintain its excellent high standards. For those interested in viewing the strategic plan in more detail, a version will be available on the school website soon.

BWIS Governors

Red Nose Day

On Friday 21st March we will be having a wear red non uniform Day for Red Nose Day. Donations can be made in cash on the day or via the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/michelle-palmer-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day - non school uniform day
- Friday 21st March - PTA Quiz
- Monday 24th March - Rock Steady concert at 2.30pm
- Thursday 3rd April - Easter Egg Hunt
- Friday 4th April - Easter Bonnet Competition



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