



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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This week's **STAR LEARNERS!**

This week, children have been learning about the London Marathon. Across the school, children have discussed the values of resilience and determination, as well as focusing on the British value of *Individual Liberty* through choosing and setting their own personal challenges.



Congratulations to the following children who all received a special mention this week:

EYFS – Kit, Iona, Bella, April

KS1 – Blake Mills, Willow W

KS2 - Nicholas T, Elliott P, Noah B, Akram, All Year 6's for their amazing effort in NFER assessment tasks!

Message from Mrs James

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant start to the term! Pupils across the school have been busy settling back into routines after the Easter holiday.

Now that the sun has finally appeared, please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle and a sun hat. Applying an all-day sun cream before school is recommended. If your child needs to reapply sun cream during the school day, please note that they must be able to do this independently, without adult support (and this must be named).

We have now received all of the fundraising information from our Athlete Event and cannot wait to share it with you soon, along with sending prizes home.

A polite reminder that next Friday will be a non-uniform day. Your child is invited to bring a donation of sweets or chocolate for the PTA Bingo Night – it's sure to be a fun event!

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs James

Bilton Grange PTA News! Upcoming Events!!

Upcoming events:

**Friday 1st May
Non-Uniform Day**



**Friday 21st May
Family Bingo Night**



Please contact the school office if you would like to get involved in our PTA

Coming up Next

Half Term:

- Monday 27th April
PSCO Martin Powell – Road Safety Assembly
- Thursday 30th April
Reception Bus Depot Trip
- Friday 1st May
Dentist in School (Reception and Y1)
- Friday 1st May
PTA Non-Uniform Day
- Wednesday 6th May
Walk to School Day
- Wednesday 13th May
KS1 Phonics Screening Parents Meeting
- Friday 15th May
Y3/4 Sporting Influence Itra Sports Competition
- Tuesday 19th May
Class photos
- Tuesday 19th May
Y6 French Breakfast Event
- Wednesday 20th May
Reception New Starter Transition Evening



What's Happening In School

What's Been Happening

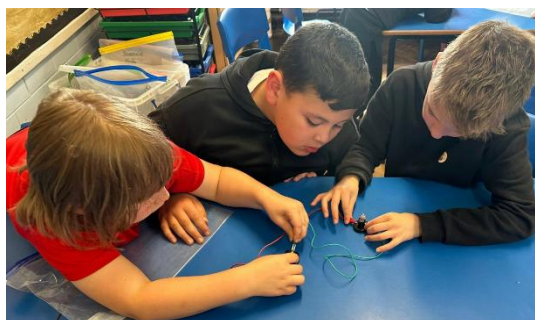
Reception have been busy replanting their potatoes into new, roomier pots, and we can't wait to see how big they grow. The pupils have also enjoyed planting tomato and strawberry plants, developing their gardening skills and learning how to care for them.



Poppy Class had a super afternoon during their computing lesson. Pupils explored the keyboard and its main functions and had a go at typing on a laptop — there were lots of concentrating faces!



Year 3/4 enjoyed making simple electrical circuits this afternoon. They investigated which materials act as electrical insulators and which materials are conductors.



In other news...

You may already know, but we would also love to share that people in our school community are raising money for charity.

Our Chair of Governors, and a parent at the school, Gill Clarke, has travelled to London today ahead of completing the London Marathon tomorrow, raising money for pancreatic cancer. We wish her the very best of luck. Please click the link below to find out more about her story and to donate, should you wish to do so:

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/gill-clarke-3a338>

In addition, Summer-Rose in Year 5 is raising money for Race for Life in support of breast cancer charities, in memory of her Granny. We are proud of her commitment to taking part and raising money for such an important cause. If you would like to support Summer-Rose's fundraising, please click the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/misspiggies-running-for-babs>

This Term's Clubs

Monday – Schools Out

Tuesday – Gymnastics Club AM – KS2

Tuesday – Football Club PM – KS2

Tuesday – Art Club KS1 and KS2

Wednesday – Drama Club – KS2

Wednesday – Construction Club – Reception

Wednesday – Striking and Fielding - KS2

Thursday – Toast and Arithmetic AM - Yr6

Thursday – Lunchtime Book Clubs – UKS2

Thursday – Scatterball Club – Rec/KS1

Friday – Football KS2 AM

Friday – Lunchtime Choir

Sports Competitions

April 29th and May 6th – Tchoukball - LKS2

May 13th and May 20th - Rounders – LKS2

June 10th and June 17th – Rounders – UKS2

June 24th, July 1st and July 8th – Scatterball – KS1

Mr Bolton's Wellbeing and Safety Corner



Cycling as a family is great fun and fantastic exercise. But when you cycle with children, it's vital to stay as safe as possible. Brake recommends that children under 10 should only cycle on safe cycle paths, away from motorised traffic. We also recommend that all children wear cycle helmets to protect their head if they fall off.

Top tips for cycling safely with children

- Seek routes, where you can, that are entirely off road, using segregated cycleways away from traffic. For anyone, of any age, cycling on roads is risky. Rural roads with lots of bends and high speeds are particularly risky, and so are urban streets with high volumes of traffic, trucks and buses.
- Brake doesn't recommend that children under the age of 10 cycle on roads, ever.
- Campaign for segregated cycleways in your community, particularly between your home and your children's school and other community facilities such as shops. Follow the links below to find out more.
- Get cycle trained.
- The whole family should wear cycle helmets; set a good example for your children by wearing a helmet too.
- If you and your children use roads to cycle, make sure you all have lights and wear bright clothing such as high-visibility vests. This particularly helps drivers with poorer vision to see you on dull days as well as at night.
- Make sure your child's helmet is new and undamaged. Don't use a second-hand helmet. Fit your child's helmet with care, making sure the strap is snug under their chin.

Why?

Ask questions to develop answers - 'Why' is such a powerful word to use with children; it develops their sentences and thought process as they provide you with an explanation.

School Office Updates

Please make sure that all contact details we have for you on Arbor are up to date and correct.

Could you please pre order all school lunches to make sure that the children get their first choice each day.

Thank you!
Mrs Hornby



Children who attended The Hive had a very egg-citing time! Watch this space to find out when the club will be open over May Half-Term. The Hive Holiday Clubs are now open to children from outside Bilton Grange Primary School—please share with anyone who might need holiday childcare.

Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event
Monday 27 th April	PCSO Martin Powell – Road Safety Assembly
Thursday 30 th April	Reception Bus Depot Trip
Friday 1 st May	Dentist in School (Reception/Y1)
Friday 1 st May	PTA non-uniform day
Wednesday 6 th May	Walk to school day
Friday 15 th May	Y5/6 Valley Gardens Trip
Tuesday 19th May	Class Photos
Tuesday 19 th May	Y6 French Breakfast Event
Wednesday 20 th May	Reception New Starter Transition Evening
Thursday 21 st May	PTA Family Bingo Night
Friday 22 nd May School Closes for Half Term (normal finish time)	