



**Bow Community  
Primary School**

# Bow Bulletin

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Introducing Mrs Gillard!

For those of you that do not know, Mrs Gillard works at our school, usually on a Wednesday and a Thursday. She is based in Mrs Wilmott's office but is often in and out of classrooms, working with children and supporting the teachers.

Her main role is SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator) which means that she coordinates the provision for children with special educational needs or disabilities at our school. She is also the SMHL (Senior Mental Health Lead), a Deputy Safeguarding Lead and is part of the School Leadership Team. Mrs. Gillard is always happy to help. If you would like to discuss anything with Mrs. Gillard, please email our admin team!

**WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL  
BOW SCHOOL BAG TO  
SCHOOL COLLECTION  
PLEASE LEAVE ALL  
ITEMS IN ANY BAG IN  
THE TRAILER AT THE  
BOTTOM CAR PARK  
THANK YOU. ALL MONEY  
RAISED GOES TO THE  
SCHOOL SWIMMING  
POOL**

**WHAT WE COLLECT**

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE\*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



\* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material





## Absences

We understand that from time to time pupils may be absent from school, when they are unwell. Please can parents/carers inform the school office by 9.30am of any absence. We ask that all parents and carers inform the office **daily** and give the reason for the absence and expected day of return. A message can be left on the answerphone or you can send an email via

admin@bowcps.devon.sch.uk

If you have a medical appointment, evidence is required. This can be in the form of a letter or a screen shot of the appointment details.

Please remember to order your child's lunches in plenty of time. If you have booked a lunch and brought in a packed lunch, a school lunch will take priority. Lunches for KS1 pupils are free but some of this cost does come out of the school budget. If your child will not eat what's on the menu please send in a packed lunch to help with food waste and cost. Thank you.



## KS2 Tests

Please find below a link to information about Key Stage 2 tests, for Year 6 parents and carers.

[2024 Information for parents tests at the end of key stage 2.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/123456/2024_Information_for_parents_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf)

Recently, cases of head lice have been identified across the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

We ask that all families check children's hair as soon as possible.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum

- Check your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist and check the whole family.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact our

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) by: completing an online request for support form or calling **0345 155 1071**.

**Foxcubs** A highlight for all of us was world book day. Badgers class read our stories to us, we took part in the costume parade in assembly and some teachers shared their favourite stories with us too. We also read 'Room on the Broom' and completed lots of room on the broom activities in class.

In Reception, we have continued learning about traditional tales. So far, we have focussed on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. In maths, we have been thinking about the numbers 9 and 10.

In Year 1, we have started learning about the seasons of spring and summer in our science lessons. In maths, we have started exploring counting from 20 to 50.



**Otters** have been busy completing some assessments over the last two weeks and it has been really pleasing to see how they have approached these. All the children have really tried hard to remain focussed and show off what they have learnt - well done everyone! Alongside this Otters have been busy learning more about the history of travel and transport, thinking about how flight has developed and how cars have changed over time. All the children enjoyed watching the failed attempts of many inventors who tried to take to the skies and could see how they all tried to include wings in their designs. A big thank you for your continued support with your child's reading at home - there is a real buzz around the children who love earning the various certificates. Many of the children are trying hard to earn their 100 reads certificate and get an elusive fist pump with Mr Johnston!



**Hares** thoroughly embraced the recent whole school World Book Day event, and threw themselves in to the reading activities we organised. Their costumes were fabulous too! Hares are enjoying finding out about balanced diets in science and investigating the nutrients that can be found in different foods. We even planned a day's worth of healthy meals for an athlete! We are well into our fractions unit in maths and have enjoyed researching endangered rainforest animals in English.



**Badgers** have been enjoying their science topic of 'Living things and their habitats'. We have learnt about grouping and classifying living things and how to create a classification key. We started practising our skills by finding ways to classify biscuits and then moved on to using more scientific criteria to classify animals. We are also really enjoying our Topic learning about 'Crime and Punishment'. The children have enjoyed finding out about the strange laws and punishments of the past- we're very glad these don't exist anymore!



**Stags** worked very hard through assessment week to complete all of their tests – the Year 6 pupils especially getting some important experience of the SATs tests that they will encounter in May. Look out for a SATs meeting for parents of Year 6 pupils to prepare you for what to expect in May – the children know it is not something to be worried about, but it is a unique and important week in the school calendar that we recognise that you will want to know more about. Stags' Class have some great projects up and running this term, our electricity understanding is allowing us to now comfortably make circuits, understand conductors and insulators and use circuit symbols accurately. We are currently in the midst of writing our stories around unusual discoveries found in everyday places – we have had fun coming up with some great ideas that are coming into good fruition. In history, we have just looked at music through the 20<sup>th</sup> century – the pupils identified the 90s as their favourite decade – which one would be yours?



## DCC Family Hubs

Devon County Council is planning to develop a network of Family Hubs over the next couple of years, which will replace and improve the existing Children's Centre offer. The aim is to make it easier for families to access help, and for support services to be work together better. This will mean that while support for families will still be available, it may look different in future.

To support this, we are encouraging and inviting families, professionals and community groups to help shape what the new Family Hubs support network will look like in Devon.

To give your views, please complete the [anonymous questionnaire](#) via [Family Hubs engagement questionnaire. \(office.com\)](#)

The data will be used to help DCC plan the locations and services delivered from the Family Hub network, in order to provide the best possible service to families. If you would like more information, please email [childrenscommissioningsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:childrenscommissioningsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk).

## Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2024)

*Sent on behalf of the Communication and Interaction Team*

### Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Summer term of the 2023-24 academic year for parents/carers of Devon DCC primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

Full programme details and application process below:

### Autism & Us programmes:

- 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themess.
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No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 23 Apr - 10 - 12	Thurs 13 Jun - 4.30 - 6.30
2	Sensory	Tues 30 Apr - 10 - 12	Thurs 20 Jun - 4.30 - 6.30
3	Communication	Tues 7 May - 10 - 12	Thurs 27 Jun - 4.30 - 6.30
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 14 May - 10 - 12	Thurs 4 Jul - 4.30 - 6.30

**Apply direct by email to:** [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk) to secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

We will confirm your booking request and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered online 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.



A few pictures of activities pupils have started, completed or taken part in.



As part of British Science Week, we welcomed Ruth and Rob from 'Devon Science' to deliver an interactive whole school assembly on fantastic forces. This was followed by hands-on workshops for each class throughout the school. The pupils enjoyed making balloon powered cars and stomp rockets!

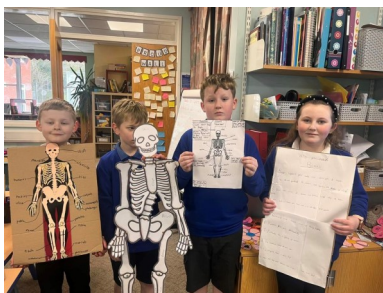
Many thanks to FoBS for funding this fantastic experience for our pupils!



Congratulations to Year 3/4 who represented Bow CP school today in a netball tournament at Haywards.

They lost one match, drew one match and won another!

Superb effort and attitude from all. Thank you Miss. Loader for coaching the team!

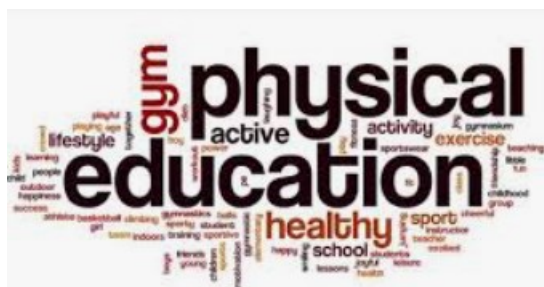


A fantastic Homework Share in Badgers' Class last week. Well done everyone for all your hard work! Superb!



Stags' Class have started their new DT project creating steady hand games using their knowledge of circuits from Science. They tested Mr. Johnston's prototype and performed design research ready to begin making their own.

Please look out for a link that is emailed each week. This takes you to the events page on the school website.



**Reception:** Monday/ Friday

**Year 1:** Tuesday/ Friday

**Year 2:** Wednesday/ Friday

**Hares:** Monday / Wednesday

**Badgers:** Monday/ Thursday

**Stags:** Monday/ Thursday



Please note, hoodies must only be worn on **PE days**. Please ensure that your child's name is labelled in their school jumpers and uniform.

**Brenden Worth Cricket Academy**  
12 L.227, Parkin, School, & Recreation Centre, Sand Worthy, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1JL  
T: 02063 515 433

# BWCA FOOTBALL CAMP

**BOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**03/04 04/04 11/04**

**9AM - 3PM**

**AGE 5 - 14 YRS**

**£15 A DAY**

EMAIL  
CRAIG.PENBERTHY@BRENDENWORTHCRICKET.COM  
TO SIGN UP!

**Safety at Drop-off and Pick Up**  
Please can we ask that children avoid running around at the front of the school during morning drop-off and school pick up times. There is so much traffic during these times of the day and we want to ensure that our pupils are as safe as possible at all times.

## Messages from our Governors

### Thank you and farewell to Chair of Swimming Pool, Rob Bishop

As you know, Rob Bishop has been passionately leading Bow Swimming Pool committee for the past year as Chair. Due to work commitments, Rob has sadly stood down from the role.

His work, dedication and care towards the role over the last year has been incredible and very much appreciated. We would like to sincerely thank him for all his hard work.

We would also like to thank Brefini Perkins for her support as Treasurer for the swimming pool committee this last year. We have been incredibly fortunate to have your support.

### Thank you to FOBs

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the wonderful FOBs, who have continued to fundraise to help fund essentials at school. Following a hugely successful school disco and a wonderful Mother's Day sale, FOBs have been able to support the school with resources. In addition, recently Hastoe contributed a very generous £250 towards sports equipment. This was used to purchase some new sports' cones, footballs and a heavy-duty pump. The children are delighted with their new purchases.

### New members of our Governing Board

We would like to welcome our two newest Governors to our board.

Lucie Hiscock and Lindsay Lucas. Please keep an eye on our website for photos and updates.

## Bow Community Primary School dressed up for World Book Day

DURING World Book Day celebrations at Bow Community Primary School, the children enjoyed sharing stories with their friends across the school during a book swap session.

They also impressed staff with their incredible costumes in the World Book Day costume parade!

Images from World Book Day at Bow Community Primary School.



We made the Crediton Courier this week!