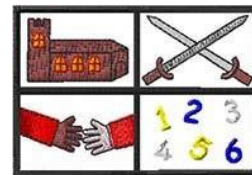


Belchamp St Paul C of E Primary School  
 Weekly Newsletter, week ending 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023  
 What a wonderful start to the year – welcome everyone!



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Our School's Weekly Newsletter [www.belchampstpaulschool.co.uk](http://www.belchampstpaulschool.co.uk)

**Dear lovely children and families**

Welcome to our new term – new teacher, newly painted rooms, hall and fence, refreshed curriculum and lots of new opportunities to learn outside the classroom! Here are the highlights of what's new and what's in store...

Our new children in Reception are warmly welcomed – Theo, Florence, Samuel, Martha and Benson are now part of our lovely school team! Miss Couttie, Mrs Slade, Mrs Licence and Miss Wordley are taking very good care of their learning, and there is a little something to take home, too...



**Parent Power has transformed...**  
 The hall, classrooms and fence!



New displays in our School Hall are sharing and reflecting our Christian faith



**Rugby Club: Friday after school!**



This is a brand-new club, run by William R, Chris P and Tyler L-B. If you would like to join in, please sign up in the office. Tag rugby is open to all our girls and boys.



**B St P Church will be showing the beautiful bouquets made during our first workshop with Gemma Levitt-Baker.**

who kindly gave up her time, resources and skills to lead the children on Thursday afternoon. Well done, everyone! And at Belchamp Otten, children's artwork will be on display as part of the Ride & Stride event. Pop along and see the children's amazing drawings of corgis.

**Enrichment through a wide range of activities is a huge priority this term**

and going forward – we offer so much for our children to enhance their learning:

**Ruby (Ukulele)** is back on Mondays, bringing her guitar and ukulele skills to us... and **Sarah Riddick (Piano coach)** is taking bookings for Piano lessons too.

**Mark Wiskin (Tennis Coach)** offers lessons on Mondays after school. The school office has emailed introduction letters to you.

**Sherlock is our Reading Dog** and he's been very busy using D & T skills to make our **new wellie racks**. He'll be back on reading duty in the Library starting today, in his usual role of listening to children read, rest and play!



**Dates for the Diary**

To book your child in to wrap around care [bookings here](#)  
 September 8 Tea, lollies and biscuits – all welcome

September 12<sup>th</sup> – KS1 (2:45) and KS2 (3:35) 'Meet the Teacher' half hour event – meet at Reception.

September 15 – Philippa Gunn/Art  
 September 22 – School camp-out – details to follow

September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Sailing event at Alton Water – separate letter to follow

October 6<sup>th</sup> – non-pupil day  
 October 16<sup>th</sup> – Belchamp Bears first visit our school!

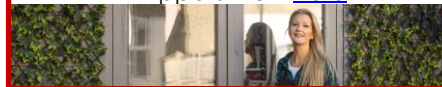
October 23-27<sup>th</sup> – Half term  
 October 30<sup>th</sup> – School returns

Other trips are being booked!

**Art and British Values with Philippa**

We are delighted to announce that a professional artist, Philippa Gunn, will be working with our KS1 and KS2 children this half term, building their awareness of British Values and expressing their understanding through various media during art sessions... This is being funded by one of our generous parents and we know everyone is very grateful to both Allegra L-S and Philippa for their help in elevating children's learning.

You can find out more about Philippa's work [here](#)



Huge thanks to the very many parents who gave up their time, resources, skills and goodwill to bring our school alive over the summer – from tree surgery to painting, jet washing to fencing, clearing and weeding: our school family is amazing. A local decorator, Adam Houden, helped us finish up painting the hall on Sunday without charge – if anyone wants to thank him or hire him feel free 07930445707. More help is still needed if you can spare some time please do let us know – especially finishing painting the fence and other jobs.

**SAFEGUARD**

We look at a different aspect of safeguarding each week: please contact me (DSL) or Sam Couttie (DDSL) if you have concerns.