



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear KS2 Parents

### World Bee Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, World Bee Day, we have Meriet Duncan, a children's author and beekeeper, coming to the school to talk to our children about the 'Secret Life of the Honeybees'.

The pupils will experience the following:-

- Explore a virtual hive with weighted frames
- Handle different types of beeswax
- Learn about pollen, nectar and propolis (bee glue!)
- See preserved bees up close – they're so tiny!
- Discover how a hive is organised and how bees communicate
- Understand the full life cycle from egg to forager
- Try on real beekeeping suits
- Q&A – pupils always have brilliant questions!
- Optional honey tasting (please complete this [google permission form](#) by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

There will also be the opportunity to buy signed copies of Meriet's books:

- Betsie Valentine and the Honeybees (£9.00)
- Betsie Valentine and the Honourable Honeybee (£7.00)

If you do wish to buy a book then please bring the correct money in an envelope with your child's name and class on it and leave it with the office on the day of her visit.

For further information about Meriet, her school visits and her books, please visit [mdthequeenbee.co.uk](http://mdthequeenbee.co.uk)

We look forward to the exciting visit and learning lots about bees, their lifecycle and pollination.

Any questions please email the office.

Mrs Smith

There is no obligation to contribute and no one will be excluded because parents are either unwilling or unable to pay. However, if parents are reluctant to support this activity it may have to be cancelled. Please note that all payments are non-refundable due to the school committing to the cost at the time of booking.