



Newsletter Friday 14th March 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates:

Monday 17th	Gymnastic Festival (Weald) - 1.30-3.00pm
Wednesday 19th	7 a-side Football (Weald) - 3.30-5.00pm
Friday 21st	BPA Bees Welly Walk Fundraiser <i>Comic Relief</i>
25th & 26th	Yr 5 residential trip Lodgehill
Tuesday 25th	Yr 4 class assemblies (am)
26th & 27th	EYFS & Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 27th	Yr 1 assemblies This Girl Can sports event (Weald) 2.00-4.00pm
Friday 28th	Reports out (Yr1-5) EYFS games with parents 8.40-8.55am

House Point Results Winning House

Goodwood

Cowdray 696 Parham 735

Goodwood 796 Petworth 706

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week of learning across our school and in our local community with a number of our Year 6 children winning at The Weald Book awards. Well done to all the children who took part!

To develop our value 'belonging' and our sense of belonging in the wider community, some of our children visited the residents of Derwent Lodge to share some books with them. It was heartwarming to see the children engaging so positively and enthusiastically. The residents really enjoyed the stories and meeting the children. Over the next few weeks, we will also be country dancing and singing for the residents.

We are just above national this week with our attendance figures. Good job everybody, we love having the children in school!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Ley

Attendance 

95.8%


+1.0% NATIONAL

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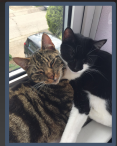


We are looking for donations of tutus and larger fancy dress costumes please!





IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Mrs Mujik

Mrs Mujik has worked at Billingshurst for over 10 years and is one of our longest serving teachers. She loves watching the children grow in confidence throughout their time at school and enjoys sharing a joke with them from time to time. Did you know that Mrs Mujik has 2 cats? Ebony and Tiger!

Fun Fact:

When Mrs Mujik was 3, she danced on stage in the West End!

Hobbies:

Baking, reading, going for walks along the beach.



Attendance reminder



We know attendance is really important and has a direct link to achievement.

What do we want?

We want all our children to be over 97% attendance (less than 5 days absence in the year) and at worst over 95% (less than 10 days absence).

It's amazing to think that if a child is **90% attendance every year for their school life** they essentially missed a whole school year.

Fixed penalty notice information (FPN)

Absence fines charged to parents are £80, or £160 if not paid within 21 days.

Only two fines can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period. Any second notice will automatically be charged at £160.

New "notices to improve" will also be the "final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve attendance before a penalty notice is issued".

For further please information see the DfE Working together to improve school attendance document: Working together to improve school attendance (applies from 19 August 2024) (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Please contact Neil Matthews or Marion Ley should you have any concerns around attendance. Working together is the best way to support our children at Billingshurst.

Eco Team - Keyring sale

Thank you to the Year 6 Eco Team who sold all our crisp packet keyrings in minutes, raising £23.50! Sorry to all those who missed out because we sold out so fast! We are making more and they will be on sale again very soon!



EYFS - Can you help?

We are looking for some help and we hoped that someone in our school community might be able to help us! As the next stage of the Early Years Learning Garden project, we are looking for pallets, large and small cable drums and large logs that might be used for seats. If anyone has any of these or knows of any builders yards or tree surgeons that could help us we would be hugely grateful! If you can help us with this, please contact the Early Years team on this email: eyfs@billingshurstprimary.org.uk



Amazon Wish List Books

A huge thank you to all of the families who have gifted a book from our Book Wish List, which we launched on World Book Day! Your contribution means so much to the children here at Billingshurst Primary Academy. If you'd like to participate, simply visit our Amazon Wish List (<https://amzn.eu/eHq3KxB>), where you can choose a book to donate and will have the option to add a personal message during check out.



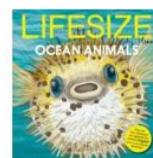
The **Book Nook** is coming soon!

With prices starting at £7.99, there will be books for all interests and reading abilities and we are sure there will be a book for you and your child to enjoy.

Please support this event as all sales go towards FREE books for OUR school!



THE BOOK NOOK Book Fair



Billingshurst Primary Academy

Monday 24th - Thursday 27th March
In the hall - Cash or card

All sales go towards NEW books for OUR school!



THE BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook Book Fair,

First Avenue, Hove, BN3 2FJ. www.booknookuk.com



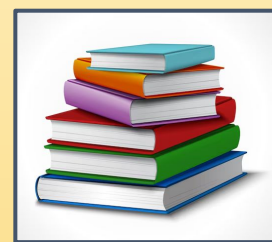
Year 5 & 6 Athletics

A team of 30 year 5&6 children competed in an indoor athletics event at The Weald. The children pushed themselves against some very competitive teams - everyone gave 100% and of course represented the school brilliantly.



The Weald Book Awards

Over the past few months, some children in Year 6 have been reading a selection of books and completing competitions as part of the 'Weald Book Awards'. On Tuesday evening, they went to The Weald to celebrate the finals of the competition. They also got to meet some of the authors of the books and ask questions. We're so pleased to announce that we had winners from the 'Illustration', 'Rap and Poetry', 'Photography' and 'Create a Character' categories - well done all!



Equality Group

Our wonderful Equality group met last week to finalise the design for our new equality badge. They also started planning their school assembly focusing on hidden disabilities and how we all learn in different ways. To finish the meeting and to celebrate international women's day, they thought about strong female role models in history. The group found out about Harriet Tubman (a freedom fighter), Maria Reiche (an archaeologist), Misty Copeland (the first African American lead ballerina) and Irene Sendlerowa (a war hero in WW2).



BPA Bees

We will be holding our 8th annual **Welly Walk** on **Friday 21st March**! This year, we are holding the event on Red Nose Day and all money raised will be split between the school and Comic Relief. It will be a non-uniform day and anything red is encouraged. Also, don't forget your wellies! Letters with more details and a sponsorship form have gone home in book bags this week. You can also donate here:

<https://justgiving.com/bpsca>

Do you have the time or skills to support the BPA Bees? We are always looking for new volunteers to support us with our fundraising events. If you are interested in helping, please complete this form: [BPA Bees volunteer details registration form](#)

We've had great success at our recent fundraising events!

The totals raised are:

Old logo uniform sale - £332.78

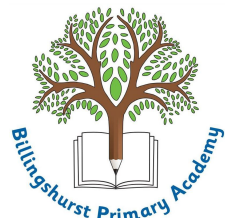
Book sale - £214.26

Quiz night - £478

Thank you for all your support!



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Journey

A support group for Parents and Carers of Autistic and SEN Children

Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.



Ashington

ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Friday 14 Feb | 10am - 11am

Friday 14 Mar | 10am - 11am

Ashington Church, Church Lane, RH20 3JX

Pulborough

Pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 13 Feb | 10:00 am - 11:00am

Thursday 13 Mar | 10:00 am - 11:00am

Pulborough Library, Brooks Way, off Lower Street, RH20 2BP

Storrington & Sullington

Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 18 Feb | 10am - 11am

Tuesday 18 Mar | 10am - 11am

Storrington Library, (North Street) Car Park, 6 North Street Storrington, RH20 4NZ

Southwater

Southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 20 Feb | 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday 20 Mar | 10:30am - 11:30am

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road Southwater, RH13 9LA

Billingshurst

billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 25 Feb | 10.00am - 11.00am

Tuesday 25 Mar | 10.00am - 11.00am

The Depot, 83a High Street, Billingshurst



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