



Newsletter Friday 24th January 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates:

Wednesday 29th - Chinese New Year

Friday 31st - EYFS games with parents 8.40 - 8.55am

- Year 5 Planetarium trip

Tuesday 4th Feb - Young Voices O2 trip

House Point Results

Winning House Petworth

Cowdray	Parham
680	638


Goodwood	Petworth
622	681

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week of learning the children have enjoyed. There have been lots of diverse opportunities for the children to be involved in. KS1 and Early years enjoyed a visit from Hannah Peckham who shared some of her marvelous books. KS2 talented sports athletes have participated in events at the Weald and the leadership team have enjoyed visiting classes to look at the children's fantastic writing.

Once again the children have demonstrated the values of ambition, belonging and courage throughout the week and given us many reasons to feel proud of them.

Have a lovely weekend,
Ms Ley



Mrs Waters has worked at our school for nearly 10 years. She teaches in Year 3 and also leads Computing, the Y6 Peer Mentor scheme and runs the Country Dancing club. She says, "The best part of teaching is that every day is different and every child is unique!"

Fun Facts:
Mrs Waters got married in November last year, so many of our children and families will know her as Miss Pickett! Before becoming a teacher, she was a trained maestro barista!

Hobbies:
Taking photos at various race weekends around the country, baking treats and making and drinking coffee!



Headteacher's award

The children had so much fun celebrating their Headteacher's award! They had popcorn, pringles, biscuits and squash and enjoyed listening to some music. Well done children, we hope you had a good time!



EYFS Baking

In Early Years, we enjoyed creating bear faces out of chocolate and shredded wheat. The children enjoyed mixing the wet and dry ingredients together and they thought carefully about how to decorate them so they looked like bears. We hope they were as tasty as they looked.



Year 5 and 6 Talented Athletes

On Wednesday, 12 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the 'Talented Athletes' sports event at the Weald. They completed an afternoon of different sports and skills, including basketball, football and orienteering. All the children demonstrated excellent team work and consistently tried their best (despite the freezing cold conditions!)



Hannah Peckham Author Visit

Today, we were delighted to welcome author Hannah Peckham into school to share her books with the children.

Hannah spent time with children in EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 and the children had lots of great questions to ask her. Hannah gave the children some great tips to help them write their own stories and also shared an insight into how she created the characters in her books. Please find out more about her books on her website

<https://hannahpeckham.co.uk/>



BPA Bees

Uniform Sale - We will be holding our next second hand uniform sale after school on Friday 31st January, under the KS1 canopy. Cash and card payments accepted.

Quiz Night - Join us for a Quiz Night on Friday 7th March. For more information and to book tickets, please go to: [Fundraising Quiz Night Tickets. Fri 7 Mar 2025 at 18:45 | Eventbrite](#)

Summer Fun Day - We are looking for local businesses to sponsor our Summer Fun Day on Saturday 7th June. More information about the packages/options available can be seen in the attached poster.

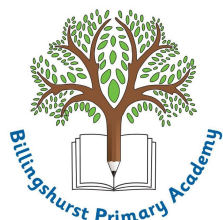


Chair of Governors

At last week's Parent Comms Working Party meeting, we heard that parents and carers might like to see more detailed information from the Governing Body in the weekly newsletter, perhaps covering a broader range of topics such as a spotlight on individual governors or more in depth information about specific aspects of our work.

We recognise that the Working Party does not speak for our entire community of parents and carers. However, we will adapt our comms in line with the feedback provided, and when we conduct our stakeholder surveys in the summer term all parents and carers will have an opportunity to let us know what you think of the way the Governing Body communicates with you.

We would also like to signpost you to the [Governors' area](#) of the school website which includes an overview of what governors do and a bio for each governor.



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