



Newsletter Friday 17th October 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Tues 21st	BPA Bees AGM
Thurs 23rd	Y5 - Little lifesavers
	Y1 - Autumn Celebration with parents 2.30pm
Fri 24th	Y6 - Little lifesavers
Fri 24th	Open classrooms - Come in & read - 2.45pm

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Oct – Half Term Holiday

Fri 28th INSET Day

Fri 19th Dec – Last day of term

House Point Results Winning House Goodwood

Cowdray	Parham
373	587

Goodwood	Petworth
716	494

Dear Families,

This week, our Equality Group delivered their very first assembly, focusing on racism and its impact. The group based their presentation on *"A Kids Book About Racism"* by Jelani Memory, a powerful read that uses bold typography to bring its important message to life.

For many in the group, it was their first time speaking publicly, and they did a fantastic job communicating such a meaningful topic with confidence and maturity. Congratulations to all involved!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. The event was filled with smiles, pride, and celebration, as students shared their learning and achievements. Thank you for your ongoing support - it means a great deal to our staff and pupils.

Our school library has been restocked and by the end of next week all children should have a library book of their choice. We are passionate about reading at BPA and thrilled to have some new books we can share.

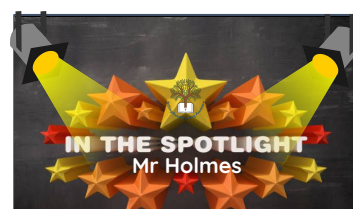
Have a restful weekend

Miss Ley

Remember...

The gates open at 8:40am.
They are closed at 8:55am.

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LATE



IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Mr Holmes



Mr. Holmes has just started his teaching career here at BPA. He is loving every day as a year 2 teacher in Browne class with the wonderful team.

Fun Facts: Mr Holmes loves all things Mexican food! Whether it's nachos, tacos, or burritos!

Hobbies: Mr Holmes enjoys climbing and in the summer loves heading to The Jurassic coast to scale the 75m cliffs.



Attendance reminder



At BPA, we know that every school day matters. Children who attend regularly make better progress, build stronger friendships, and feel more confident in their learning.

Why is attendance so important?

- Even a few days missed can disrupt your child's learning.
- Pupils with high attendance are more likely to meet age-related expectations in reading, writing and maths.
- Good attendance builds good habits for secondary school, further education and later life.
- National guidance now places greater responsibility on schools and families to work together to ensure regular attendance.

What does good attendance look like?

- **96% and above** = Excellent attendance
- **90–95%** = Cause for concern
- **Below 90%** = Persistent absence



Just 90% attendance means missing nearly **4 weeks** of school over the year.

How we support attendance:

- Regular attendance tracking and early intervention
- Communication with families when attendance patterns change
- Pastoral support for children facing barriers to attendance
- Collaboration with local authority services where needed

Working Together

If you're finding it difficult to get your child to school - due to illness, anxiety, transport, or family circumstances - please talk to us. We're here to help.

Together, we can ensure that every child has the best chance to **learn, grow and succeed**.





Brass lessons available at this school

Lessons available on: cornet, trumpet, tenor horn, French horn, trombone, baritone horn, euphonium, tuba



Group and individual lessons available.
Instrument hire available.

Our Bursary Fund provides free group lessons, free instrument hire and free access to the Music Centre.

100% Bursary Fund available for:

- Those receiving benefits-related free school meals
- Child in Care
- Refugee status

50% Bursary also available.

Contact me to book a free taster session!
chloe.harvey@westsussexmusic.co.uk



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Christina Marks School of Performing Arts will be offering the children of Billingshurst Primary Academy **Cheerleading** classes every Monday after school.

Class times will run from 3:30-4:30pm

Why Join:

- **Personal Growth:** Cheerleading provides opportunities to build confidence, leadership, and resilience.
- **Fun & Camaraderie:** You'll have the chance to be part of a close-knit, supportive team where everyone is encouraged to contribute and grow together.
- **Skill Mastery:** Whether you are a seasoned athlete or new to cheerleading, there are plenty of opportunities for skill development, from jumps and stunts to cheers and chants.
- **School Spirit:** Cheerleading offers a fun way to show school pride and boost morale at games and events, while making a difference in the community.

We welcome students of all backgrounds and experience levels. Whether you're interested in cheering for school events, enhancing your athleticism, or simply enjoying the camaraderie of a spirited team, the Christina Marks School of Performing Arts is the place for you.

We look forward to welcoming your child to this exciting new adventure!

Open to all ages.

To register and secure please follow the link below.

<https://christina-marks-sopa.classforkids.io>

We encourage you to sign up soon as spots are limited!

christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com
07525850232

Thank you!

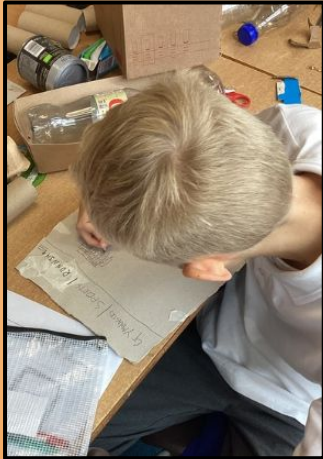
We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the amazing team from Billingshurst Lions for coming into school and transforming our flower beds! The work they did was absolutely incredible! We're so grateful for their hard work, generosity, and ongoing support for our school community. Our children will now take on the areas moving forward...



Billingshurst & District Lions Club

Year 5 - 8 Billion Ideas

A few weeks ago, Year 5 welcomed Viv and Luke from the local charity Billingshurst Lions! Together with the Year 5 team, they launched 8 Billion Ideas and the pupils have been working hard on their projects, showing incredible creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. With a national event in November to aim for, there's still lots to do — we can't wait to see their ideas come to life!

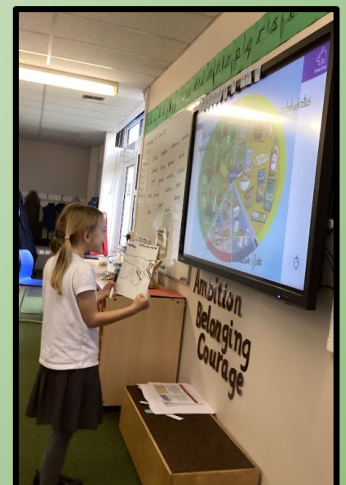
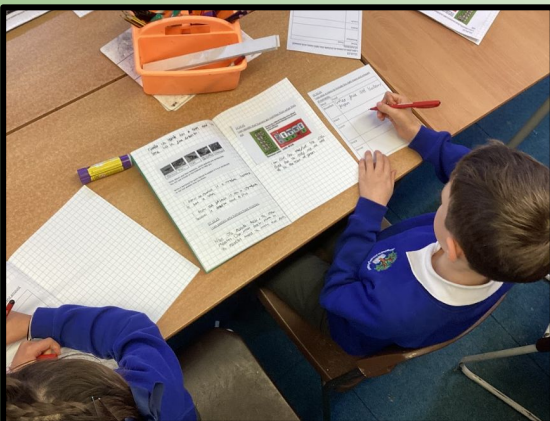


Year 3 - Science

This term, Year 3 have been learning about nutrition. They explored food labels to understand what they reveal and how colour codes can help make healthier choices.

The class then discussed what a balanced diet looks like, including different food groups such as fruits, vegetables, proteins, and whole grains. Using this knowledge, the pupils designed their own nutritional menus, demonstrating creativity and understanding in planning meals that are both healthy and tasty.

Watch out, chefs of the future—these menus might just inspire a few super-healthy, superhero-worthy lunches!



Chartwells Catering have vacancies

Food Super Heroes Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly, professional team!

Billingshurst Primary Academy – Catering assistant 10hrs per week
Wisborough Green Primary school – Catering assistant 10hrs per week
Plaistow & Kirdford Primary school – Team leader 16.25hrs per week

Appropriate training will be given, and smart uniform will be provided. DBS checks will be carried out on successful applicants.
 For more information, please contact
 email
Sharon.aldred@compass-group.co.uk
 or 07867 202887

STARTING SCHOOL?




TAKE THE TIME TO CROSS SAFELY

We have been contacted by a number of local residents who have shared concerns about the number of families crossing the road without using designated crossings. Please, use the lollipop man or traffic light crossings to ensure that everyone gets to and from school safely. Thank you!





Please could all parents and carers be mindful and considerate to our neighbours when parking cars. On a number of occasions recently access has been blocked and emergency vehicles have not been able to get through! Thank you



Ambition Belonging Courage

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Proud to be part of **SUSSEX LEARNING TRUST**

Join us...

Thursday 25th September - 10:00am
 Tuesday 30th September - 10:00am
 Tuesday 1st October - 10:00am
 Monday 17th November - 10:00am
 Wednesday 26th November - 6:00pm

FULLY BOOKED

September 2026

- Meet our Early Years staff
- Explore our environments
- Find out more information

NEW DATE

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Music Mark - School Award

We are proud to share that our school has been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition by Music Mark – the UK Association for Music Education. This national recognition celebrates our dedication to providing high-quality, inclusive music education for all pupils. By accepting the award, we have pledged to:

- Advocate for the importance of music in the curriculum and creative life of our school
- Ensure that every young person has access to an equitable and diverse music education
- Broaden our musical horizons by working with partners in our community and beyond

This award highlights the hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm of our pupils and staff, and our shared belief that music is for everyone.



Christmas QUIZ NIGHT

Teams of up to 6 people.
Bring your own food and drink.
Test your knowledge and win exciting prizes!

5TH DECEMBER | 6:45PM

Billingshurst Primary Academy

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BPA Bees

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held after school on **Tuesday 21st October**. Please come along and join us in **Anderson (Mrs. Waters') classroom**.



Join us for a **Christmas Quiz** on **Friday 5th December**. Teams of up to 6 people for £30. For more details and to book a table, please go to: [Christmas Fundraising Quiz Night Tickets, Fri 5 Dec 2025 at 18:45 | Eventbrite](#).

The **Horsham District Community Lottery** is a weekly online lottery that helps raise valuable additional funds to support charities, community groups and local voluntary groups whose work benefits residents in the Horsham district. To sign up to play, please go to [Horsham District Community Lottery: Easy online fundraising for good causes - Horsham District Community Lottery](#) and search for Billingshurst Primary Academy Bees as your cause to support. For each £1 ticket bought, at least 50p will come back to the school.

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