



Newsletter Friday 7th November 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

W/c 10th	Anti Bullying Week
Mon 10th	Odd Socks Day
Tues 11th	Remembrance Day silence & wreath laying
Wed 12th	Y6 Weald Book Awards
Fri 14th	Children in Need
Fri 28th	INSET Day

ALL CHRISTMAS DATES - SEE LETTER SENT HOME

Fri 19th Dec Last day of term

House Point Results Winning House Petworth

Cowdray	Parham
564	534

Goodwood	Petworth
556	587

Dear Families,

It has been a truly fantastic first week back! The school has been buzzing with excitement as children dive enthusiastically into their learning.

This is always an incredibly busy term, and we are balancing the festive excitement with a continued focus on positive learning and academic growth. You should have recently received a separate Christmas Communication detailing the full schedule of festive events. Please keep this handy so you don't miss any of the important dates!

A huge congratulations to all the children who participated in the recent Locality Cross Country event! They represented our school beautifully, showing incredible determination, sporting prowess, and courage. We are so proud of every single one of them for their effort and spirit.

The Importance of Attendance

We are pleased to see that our attendance is looking positive this week:

- **Statutory school attendance:** 95.3%
- **National attendance:** 95.2%

I cannot stress enough the importance of regular attendance at school. Consistent daily attendance is the single best way we can support your child's progress and well-being. Every day of learning counts! Keep up the good work and continue to prioritise bringing your child to school on time every day.

Miss Ley



IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Miss Evans
Year 6

At the beginning of the academic year, Miss Evans joined us as a new Year 6 teacher. She has loved getting to know the BPA community and getting involved in school life. Miss Evans is looking forward to the Tile Barn residential at the end of Year 6. Her favourite subject to teach is English as she loves hearing children's amazing ideas!



Fun Fact:
I have never broken a bone.

Hobbies:
Decorating my house, reading and cooking!



Year 5 - Computing

This term in Computing, Year 5 are diving into a photography and digital arts project linked to their Alps topic! They're designing and producing striking digital artwork inspired by Alpine landscapes. Their finished pieces will feature as the front cover of an online brochure, created to "sell" exciting Alpine adventures to Gen Z explorers! This week, they loved their 'tinkering' session, exploring the app and experimenting with creative digital tools and techniques. What do you think of their first attempts? Let us know...



Year 2 - Forest Schools

Kerr Class had an amazing time celebrating Bonfire Night yesterday! The children worked together to chop wood, practise using flints, and successfully light their very own fire To finish the session, they cooked and enjoyed some delicious toffee apples Such perseverance and teamwork on display!



KS2 Cross Country

This week, our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 runners took on the challenge at Jubilee Fields and made us incredibly proud! Not only did they perform brilliantly individually, but their amazing teamwork and determination shone throughout the event. A special shoutout to our winners – your hard work paid off. A huge thank you also to all of the parents that came (on both days) to support the children. Your support is much appreciated!





AFTER SCHOOL

MULTI-SPORT CLUB



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MULTI-SPORT CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL!

Venue: BILLINGSHURST PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dates: 11TH SEPT - 11TH DEC (13 SESSIONS)

Times: THURSDAYS - 3.30-4.30PM

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Ages: Y1 - 6

Additional info: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/ve>

STAY ACTIVE!

Multi-sport activity clubs combine various sports for non-stop fun.

Our Activity Professionals deliver a range of games so children can enjoy exciting activities from everyday sports like football and hockey, to team games and creative play. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

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My child loved his multi sports after school. He loved the variety on offer and enjoyed every week.

Stuart - Parent

20 MINUTES OF READING A DAY:



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

CHILD A

Reads 20 minutes each day.

That is:

3600 minutes a school year

1,800,000 words

Top 10%



CHILD B

Reads 5 minutes each day.

That is:

900 minutes a school year

282,000 words



CHILD C

Reads 1 minute each day.

That is:

180 minutes a school year

8,000 words

Lowest 10%



Reading ability at primary level is a strong predictor of overall academic achievement, future employment, and wider life outcomes.

Admissions Consultation

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the legislation that the governing body as the admission authority for Billingshurst Primary Academy is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2027-28.

Please find all documents and information on our website. [CLICK HERE](#)



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Nursery Provision - Community Consultation

Billingshurst Primary Academy (part of Sussex Learning Trust) is applying for the Department for Education (DfE) Capital Grant to establish a new nursery provision on the school grounds.

We are planning to convert existing rooms to create childcare places for 2 to 5-year-olds.

Are you a parent/carer of children aged 0-3 in the Billingshurst area?

If so, your input is essential. To ensure this provision is financially viable and meets the needs of our community, we need to assess the local demand and preferred operating model.

All responses are confidential and will be used solely for this project's planning.

The closing date for response is Monday 24th November 2025.

Note on Admissions: Securing a place in the nursery does not guarantee a place at the main school

[Click Here](#)



Our OPAL Journey Begins!

We're thrilled to announce that our school is starting its **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** journey!

OPAL helps children enjoy creative, active, and imaginative play outdoors. Over the next 18 months, we'll be sharing updates, photos, and stories about all the fun and success this project brings to our school community.

Watch this space for more information and upcoming dates – we can't wait to see our playtimes come to life!

STARTING SCHOOL?



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**Is your child due to
start school in
September 2026?**



Join us...

Thursday 25th September - 10:00am

Tuesday 30th September - 2:00pm

Tuesday 21st October - 10:00am

Tuesday 11th November - 10:00am

Monday 17th November - 10:00am

Wednesday 26th November - 6:00pm

September 2026

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



Visit our
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here to sign up.



SCAN ME!



www.billingshurstprimary.org.uk



BOOK NOW



Car park



A polite reminder that the staff car park is not to be used as a drop off or pick up point. If there is a valid reason for you using the car park, this will need to be confirmed with SLT before parking.

BPA BEES MEETINGS

See below for dates and times.

For Tuesday evening locations, please email
BPABees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

To help accommodate more members, our monthly meetings are changing. Some of our meetings will be on a Tuesday evening.

November 2025

Tuesday 4th November - Location TBC

time

7:30pm

December 2025

Friday 5th December - Staff Room

time

2pm

January 2026

Tuesday 6th January - Location TBC

time

7:30pm

February 2026

Friday 6th February - Staff Room

time

2pm

March 2026

Tuesday 3rd March - Location TBC

time

7:30pm

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

Book here



BPA Bees

The deadline for Christmas card orders is midday on Monday 10th November.

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](#).

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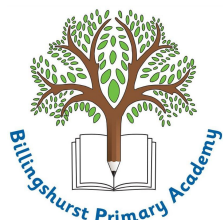
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