



Newsletter Thursday 27th November 2025

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Key dates for your diary:

December

W/c 1st & 8th	Y6 Bikeability course
Tue 2nd	Year 3 Ukulele concert to parents - AM
Mon 8th	Y5 and 6 Quicksticks hockey 3.30 - 5.00pm
Tues 9th	EYFS Nativity 9.30am
Wed 10th	Y1 Christmas show 9.15am
Thurs 11th	Y2 Christmas show 9.15am
Fri 12th	Rock Steady Band Concerts - AM+PM

House Point Results Winning House Petworth

Cowdray 613 Parham 578

Goodwood 611 Petworth 697

Dear Families,

What a wonderful week it has been across our school! Year 2 have been enjoying Forest School, exploring, problem-solving, and building confidence outdoors. Year 3 were greeted by green handprints in their classrooms, left by the mischievous Grinch, which inspired imaginative writing and lively discussions. Year 5 explored the local village as part of their geography learning, developing map skills and gaining a real understanding of their community.


Children also took part in Lockdown practices, responding calmly and sensibly — thank you to families for supporting this at home.

Yesterday, we welcomed prospective parents for our Open Evening. If you or anyone you know was unable to attend, please contact the office to arrange a tour. We are more than happy to show you/them around and share all our school has to offer.

Today, we were delighted welcome children from across Sussex Learning Trust for the finale of our Values and Voices project. They enjoyed a morning of debating where our children impressed with confidence, communication skills and enjoyed meeting children from other schools. Well done to all that took part!


Looking ahead, Year 3 Ukulele Concerts are on Tuesday and a reminder that tomorrow is an INSET day.

Thank you to everyone for another wonderful week of learning!
Miss Ley



IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Mrs Hulcoop

Mrs Hulcoop has worked at our school for 5 years and is currently our Year 4 teaching assistant. She has worked throughout KS2 and enjoys working with small groups of children to support their learning. Outside of school Mrs Hulcoop enjoys spending time with her family and friends.



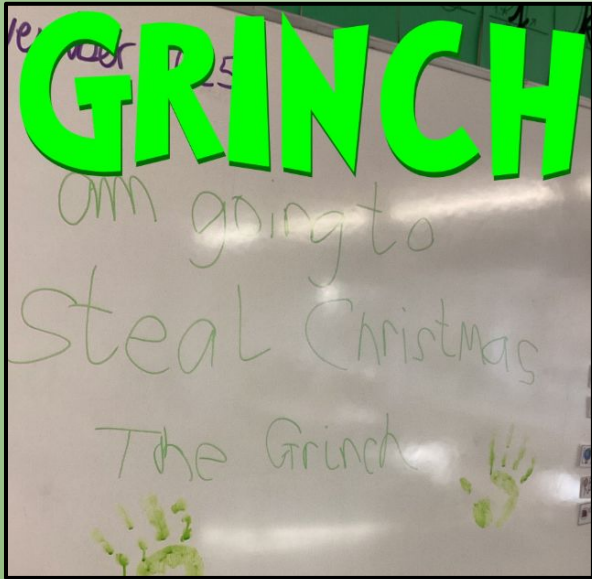
Fun Fact:
Mrs Hulcoop has ridden the world's fastest zip wire!

Hobbies:
Holidays with family, days out with friends, watching my daughters play football, reading and going to the gym.



Year 3 - The Grinch!

On Monday, our Year 3 children returned after the weekend to find suspicious green handprints and cheeky messages left on their boards... It seems the Grinch has been sneaking around, threatening to steal Christmas! But Year 3 aren't having any of it! Feeling shocked and determined, they're now preparing persuasive letters to convince the Grinch to change his ways and save the festive season. Stay tuned to see if their writing can warm even the Grinch's heart!



Year 5 - Village Walk

This week, our Year 5 students enjoyed a local walk around Billingshurst, mapping key leisure and recreational facilities in the community. They confidently spoke with members of the public to gather opinions about what the village already offers - and how it could be even better! All of the adults were incredibly proud of their excellent behaviour, curiosity, and positive learning attitudes throughout.

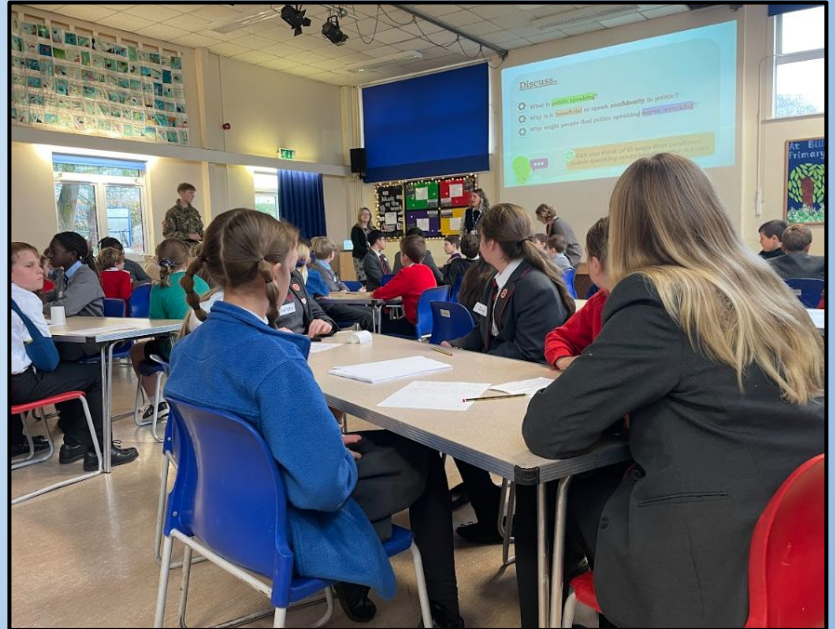


Values & Voices - Trust Debate

Today, we were delighted to host the final event of the Trust-wide *Values and Voices* project. We welcomed children from schools across the Sussex Learning Trust to our school for a day of collaboration, public speaking development, and structured debate.

Throughout the day, pupils refined their discussion and debating skills through a range of engaging warm-up topics, including: *cats are superior pets to dogs*, *clowns are terrifying*, and *Jaffa Cakes are biscuits, not cakes*. Once their skills were honed and they had gained valuable tips and strategies, they turned their attention to the key question of the day: **Is it better to perform one big act of kindness or lots of small ones?**

It was a pleasure to see children from across the Trust come together to learn, build friendships, support one another, and engage thoughtfully in debate. Well done to all of the Billingshurst children who took part and represented the school so brilliantly.



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NEW YEAR QUIZ

Friday 16th January

TEAMS OF UP TO 6 - £30 PER TEAM
BYOB - RAFFLE

6:45pm
Let's Party




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CHRISTMAS TRUG RAFFLE

21 FABULOUS
CHRISTMAS TRUGS
TO BE WON!

DRAW ON
12TH
DECEMBER

TICKETS
£1




Christmas Lunch

Serving on Thursday 18th December

MAINS
Roast Turkey
Or
Quorn Roast

SIDES
Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Mini Sausage, Gravy,
Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERTS
Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com **no later than**
Thursday 4th December.
Book in advance to avoid disappointment






www.parentpay.com

Chartwells
<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>

Horsham District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

HorshamMatters
Meeting Needs and Improving Lives

Christmas Appeal

The Horsham District Foodbank wants to ensure everyone has a Merry Christmas this year and are asking for festive donations this Christmas.

They would be grateful for the following items:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Long-life milk
- Custard
- Fruit Juice/squash
- Jam and spreads
- Tinned macaroni cheese
- Condiments (Ketchup, mayo, pickle)
- Hot chocolate
- Long-life desserts
- Savoury snacks
- Toilet roll
- Festive Treats (Selection box, Christmas chocolates, mince pies, Christmas puddings)

Help make it a
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for everyone

If you wish to make a
financial donation, please
scan the code:




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SECOND CHANCE!

Missed out last time? Don't worry, we have reopened our shop!

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BPA Bees

This weekend is your final chance to place any Christmas card orders. The shop closes at midday on Monday 1st December.

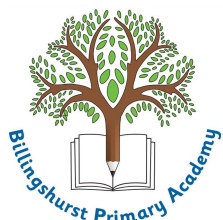
Please remember to bring in a festive item for your class trug by Thursday 11th December. This is the deadline for raffle tickets to be returned too. We also have our charity trug, located outside the school office, for donations to the local food bank.

Join us for our New Year Quiz on Friday 16th January. Teams of up to 6 people are £30. You can book your table here: [New Year Fundraising Quiz Night Tickets, Fri 16 Jan 2026 at 18:45 | Eventbrite](#).

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