



# Newsletter Friday 30th January 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

## Key dates for your diary:

**Wed 4th** SEND coffee & catch up - **9:00 am**  
**Wed 4th** Yr 5 & 6 basketball event (Weald) **3:30-5:00pm**  
**w/c 9th** *Children's Mental Health Week*  
**Mon 9th** Yr 5 Circus workshop  
**Tues 10th** SLT coffee and catch up **8:40-09:00am**  
**Tues 10th** Internet Safety day  
**Tues 10th** Yr 2 class assemblies (am) - Times to follow  
**Wed 11th** Yr 6 class assemblies (pm) - Times to follow  
**Fri 13th** Open Classrooms - **8:40-9:00am**  
**w/c 16th** HALF TERM

## House Point Results

**Winning House**  
**Petworth**

<b>Cowdray</b>	<b>Parham</b>
627	505
<b>Goodwood</b>	<b>Petworth</b>
558	701

Dear Families,

## 6th June

Our Junior assembly hit a high note today as we enjoyed wonderful piano performances from children who truly embodied our values of Ambition and Courage. Performing solo in front of peers can be daunting, but these children showed incredible confidence and talent, and it was a joy to hear such a variety of music filling the hall. We look forward to more pupils sharing their talents in future assemblies.

We are also very excited for our upcoming residential and to ensure everything runs smoothly we now need to finalise paperwork and finances. Lodge Hill payments for Year 4 and Year 5 are due today and medical information must be completed online by Friday 13th February. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, a reminder about smartwatches in school: these devices can function like mobile phones, allowing messaging, recording and photography, which can create distractions and raise safeguarding and privacy concerns.

If a child brings a mobile phone for their journey home, it must be handed to their teacher at the start of the day. Similarly, any smartwatch worn into school will be collected and kept safe until home time. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school a safe and focused environment for every child.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Miss Ley



If you have a drone we could borrow, please contact Mr Hampson. Thank you!



Annette has been a governor for 4 years, she enjoys spending time in school; her areas of governor responsibility include English and Early Years. Previously, she was headteacher of a primary school in Surrey. Currently, she has three grandchildren at BPA.

### Fun Fact:

Annette has climbed over the roof of the O2.

### Hobbies:

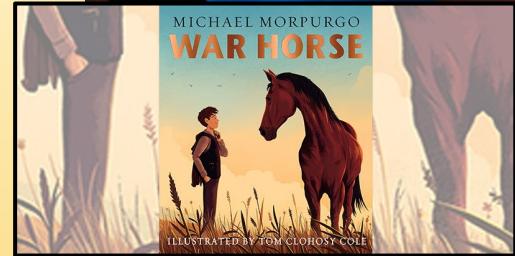
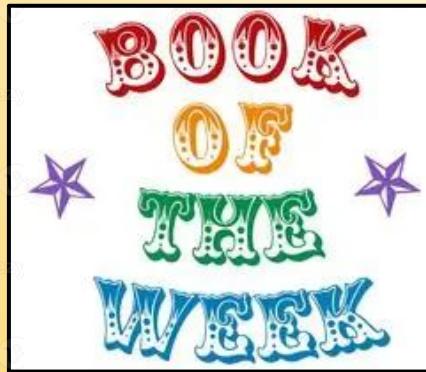
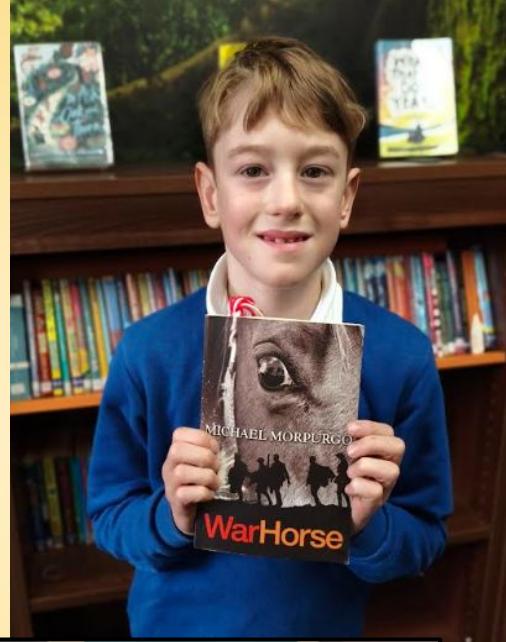
Spending time with my family, friends and three pet cats. Live music, dance and theatre. Travelling in Southeast Asia.



# Book of the Week!

Our first recommendation is from one of our Year 5 Reading Champions - Ezra!

"I recommend **War Horse** by Michael Morpurgo because it is a great adventure story about the friendship between a horse and its owner. Michael Morpurgo is a great author and when I read his books I feel like I am there. I would recommend this book to anyone in KS2 who loves animals, especially horses, or is interested in World War 1."

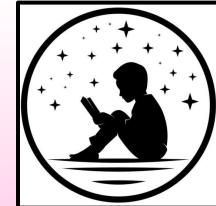


## National Year of Reading

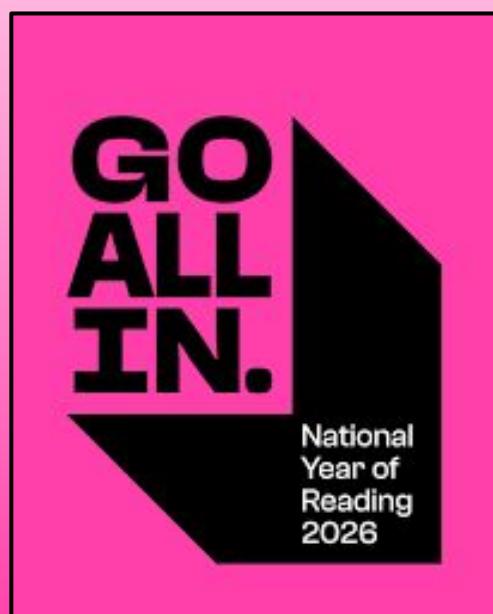
### 2026 is the National Year of Reading!

This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to immerse ourselves in the joy, curiosity, and connections that books and reading bring. Throughout the year, we will be celebrating reading for pleasure and inspiring everyone – both adults and children – to discover where reading can take them.

We'll be launching a range of exciting reading activities, challenges, and opportunities to explore new books and genres, helping to build a lifelong love of reading across our whole school community. We will also be sharing book recommendations with you through a bimonthly 'Book Drop' newsletter and a weekly 'Book of the Week' recommendation from our school Reading Champions.



Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.



# Year 2 - Zoolab!

This week Year 2 had a fantastic visit from Zoolab, who provided the children with a fascinating and interactive animal experience.

During the session, the children had the exciting opportunity to see a scorpion, snakes, a giant cockroach, and even a giant snail up close. They learned many interesting facts about each animal, asked thoughtful questions, and showed great enthusiasm and bravery throughout.

The visit was both educational and engaging, linking perfectly to their current learning about life cycles. It also sparked lots of curiosity and discussion back in the classroom. Well done, Year 2!



## Learning Gear of the Week!

Our **Thinking and Questioning** Learning Gear helps children become curious, creative and confident thinkers. In school, children are encouraged to understand that their brain grows stronger through learning and challenge. They ask lots of different types of questions, from exploring new ideas to probing deeper into topics. Through talk and discussion, children develop their thinking, share viewpoints and learn from one another. They are supported to form thoughtful opinions, justify their ideas and respond positively to others, even revising their views when needed. This helps children become active, critical learners who enjoy discovering more about the world.

### At home you could:

**Celebrate curiosity:** Encourage children to ask lots of questions about the world around them.

**Talk about growing brains:** Remind children that their brain gets stronger every time they learn something new.

**Use different types of questions:** Ask exploratory questions like *What might happen if...?* or probing ones like *Why do you think that is?*

**Develop ideas together:** Let children share thoughts and help them build on them through discussion.

**Encourage talk and debate:** Chat about books, news or everyday events and explore different viewpoints.

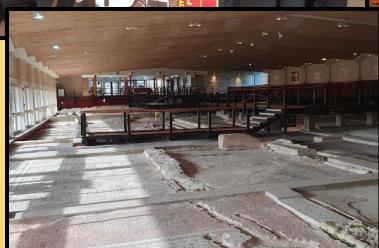
**Support critical thinking:** Ask children to explain their opinions and give reasons for what they think.

**Model listening and adapting:** Show that it's okay to change your mind when you hear a good idea from someone else.



# Year 3 - Fishbourne Trip

On Thursday, Year 3 visited Fishbourne Roman Palace and enjoyed an exciting day of learning. The children were incredibly lucky to have the whole grounds to themselves, making the experience even more memorable. They had a fantastic opportunity to explore what life would have been like living in a palace during the Roman period. The day included fun and engaging workshop activities, time spent discovering the remains of intricate mosaics, and a visit to a replica Roman garden. The school is extremely proud of the entire year group, who were amazing throughout the day and showed excellent enthusiasm and engagement in every activity. Well done, Year 3!



## February Half Term Tech Camp

We're excited to be hosting a Technology & STEM Camp this February half term for children aged 5–11 at our school, delivered by Next Thing Education.

The camp is designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving through hands-on technology activities, all in a safe and supportive environment led by experienced instructors.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to enjoy a fun, educational, and engaging half term experience.

Cost: £39.99 per day or £175 for a full 5-day week  
Spaces are limited – booking closes **6th February**

To book or for more information, please visit:

<https://www.nextthing.education/february-half-term-camps/>

We look forward to welcoming children to camp this February!

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
MICRO BOTS	LEGO ANIMATION	3D CREATIONS	CRAZY CIRCUITS	ROBOTICS
TOONTASTIC	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	AUGMENTED REALITY	BLOXELS	MINECRAFT





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## BPA Bees

Join us at our next meeting on **Friday 6th February at 2pm** in the staff room.  
Come along to see what we do and how you could help.

We are looking for sponsors for our **Summer Fun Day on Saturday 6th June**.  
Please see the attached poster for the range of packages available and contact us via email: [bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk).



We are still collecting **raffle prizes** for our various events throughout the year.  
If you have any unwanted gifts or good condition second-hand items that you would like to donate, please leave these in our green bucket outside the school office.

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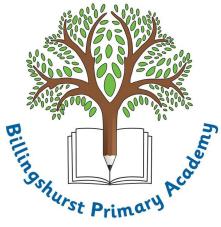
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## **GOLD**

- Full page advert in programme
- Stall at the Summer Fun Day
- 3 X Newsletter mentions
- 3 X social media mentions
- Banner on Station Road for 3 months

£500

BOOK A STALL  
£50

BANNER ON  
STATION ROAD  
£80 (PER MONTH)

### PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

OUTSIDE BACK COVER £150  
INSIDE COVER £125  
FULL PAGE £100  
HALF PAGE £75

A5 - FULL COLOUR

## **SILVER**

- Full page advert in programme
- Sponsor a table
- 2X Newsletter mentions
- 2 X social media mentions
- Banner on Station Road for 2 months

£350

DONATE  
A RAFFLE  
PRIZE

## **BRONZE**

- Half page advert in programme
- Sponsor a stall
- A Newsletter mention
- A social media mention
- Banner on Station Road for 1 month

£200



Your business' name and logo in the school's parent newsletter and on social media - £30