



Newsletter Friday 6th February 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

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

House Point Results Winning House

Cowdray

Cowdray	Parham
572	475

Goodwood	Petworth
555	491

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and positive week at school, full of learning and opportunities for our children to shine.

Today, we were pleased to host the *West Sussex Music Little Big Sing*. Some of our enthusiastic singers from KS1 sang with confidence alongside visiting schools, enjoying a joyful morning of music and shared performance that really reflected our value of *Belonging* and *Courage*.

Across the school, children have continued to show ambition and resilience in their learning. Year 2 children have enjoyed developing sewing skills in Design Technology and we thank the parent helpers who supported this work!

I was also delighted to celebrate pupils who recently received a *Headteacher's Award*. Their reward session was thoroughly enjoyed and recognised their outstanding effort, behaviour and commitment to our school values of *Ambition, Belonging and Courage*.

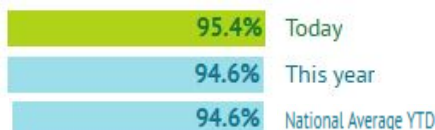
Looking ahead to next week, we look forward to welcoming families to our **class assemblies and open classrooms**, with Year 2 on Tuesday morning, Year 6 on Wednesday afternoon and open classrooms on Friday morning.


ATTENDANCE

Attendance has been strong this week and we thank you for your continued support as we head into the final week before half term.

Have a great weekend,
Ms Ley

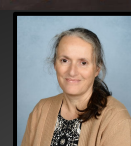
Attendance has been good this week! Only one more week until half term. Let's see if we can be better than the national average by half term!





IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Alford
SENDco



Mrs Alford has worked at Billingshurst for 4 years and is our SENDco. She has worked in education for 30 years and loves working with children. Outside of school, she likes to go to the theatre, sewing and spending time in the garden.

Fun Fact:
Mrs Alford started her career as an actress and had small parts in *The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe*, *Casualty* and *Only Fools and Horses*!

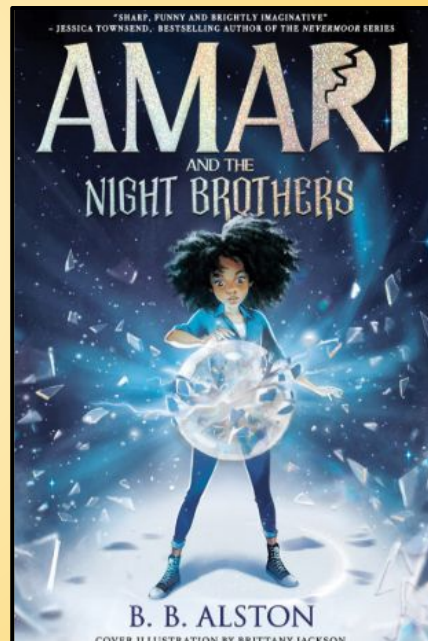
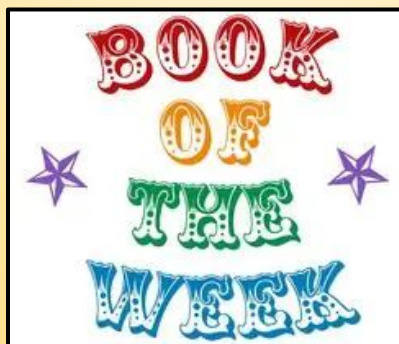
Hobbies:
Sewing, Gardening, Theatre and walking on the downs.



Book of the Week!

Ellie from Anderson Class in Year 5 has chosen **Amari and the Nightbrothers** by **B.B. Alston**.

I recommend *Amari and the Nightbrothers* because it is really descriptive and you feel as if you are part of the story. Amari is determined to find her brother Quinton when he goes missing and this book draws you into their magical world but there is a big twist in the tale! It's a mystery/adventure book about supernatural creatures like mermaids, aliens and magicians so if you like magical worlds this is a great book for you!



Year 2 - Sewing - Design Technology

Our Year 2 children have been developing their sewing skills while creating their own colourful hot air balloon mobiles. They started by carefully drawing around templates and cutting out their shapes with great precision. The children then practised a running stitch to join their pieces together and used weaving techniques to create a basket for each balloon. The finished mobiles will soon be on display around the school — so watch this space! A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for their time, support and encouragement. We couldn't have done it without you!



Little Big Sing - West Sussex Music

Today, we were delighted to host the **West Sussex Music Little Big Sing** at our school. KS1 Children from across the county joined us for a joyful morning of singing and shared musical experiences. The children worked with the incredible **Emily Barden**, learning a range of new vocal warm-ups and songs before coming together to rehearse and perform two pieces they had been preparing especially for the event. They also had the opportunity to perform to one another, celebrating each other's hard work and growing confidence. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning, and it was wonderful to sing alongside so many enthusiastic young musicians from visiting schools. We are really looking forward to working closely with Emily again in the coming months.



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music**

Learning Gear of the Week!

Our **Self Managers** learning gear helps children grow into confident, independent learners. In school, children are encouraged to take risks, knowing that mistakes are a normal and important part of learning. They learn how to manage their behaviour, attitudes and emotions so they are ready to learn, as well as how to organise their time and resources effectively. Children develop an understanding of their own strengths and how to use them, while learning that effort, resilience and a positive mindset help them succeed. We also celebrate that everyone is unique, and that being ourselves is something to be proud of.

At home you could:

Encourage independence: Give children small responsibilities and chances to do things for themselves.

Praise effort, not just results: Talk positively about trying hard, persevering and learning from mistakes.

Normalise mistakes: Share times when you've made a mistake and what you learned from it.

Support organisation: Help children plan their time, prepare resources and follow routines.

Talk about strengths: Help children recognise what they're good at and how they can use those strengths.

Promote a positive mindset: Use language like *"You can't do this yet"* to reinforce growth and resilience.

Celebrate individuality: Remind children that everyone is different and that being themselves is something to celebrate.

**SELF
MANAGERS**

Headteacher's Award



Children who recently received a Headteacher's Award enjoyed their well-earned reward time today, taking part in an exciting session on our gym bars. The children showed great enthusiasm and confidence as they made the most of this special opportunity.

These awards were presented in recognition of the children's outstanding effort and excellence, whether through their hard work and positive attitude in the classroom or by demonstrating exemplary behaviour and responsibility around our school.

All of the children truly embody our school values of **Ambition, Belonging and Courage** and have impressed both their teachers and Ms Ley with their commitment, determination and positive attitudes.

Well done to all the children who celebrated today — you should be extremely proud of your achievements and so are we!



 **Travelling Tales**

Jump on board this half term to **row, ride, and fly** with us through stories about all the different ways we get around, plus some *wheelie*-fun crafts and activities!



Monday 16 February
10.30-11.30am
Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential - please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

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EASTER TREATS

Thursday 26th March 2026

MAINS
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
BBQ Chicken & Rice
Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES
Peas or
Seasonal Salad

DESSERT
Easter Cookie
Order via ParentPay no later than
Thursday 12th March 2026



Please Note: Special diet meals will remain in place.

BPA Bees

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

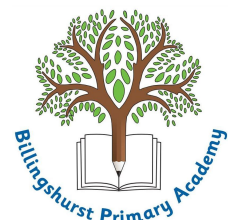
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- Stall at the Summer Fun Day
 - 3 X Newsletter mentions
 - 3 X social media mentions
- Banner on Station Road for 3 months

£500

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

BRONZE

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

£200

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A RAFFLE
PRIZE

BOOK A STALL
£50

BANNER ON
STATION ROAD
£80 (PER MONTH)

PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

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HALF PAGE £75

A5 - FULL COLOUR

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

