



Newsletter Friday 13th February 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

w/c 16th	HALF TERM
Mon 23rd	INSET (School Closed)
Tues 24th	Return to school
Wed 25th	Yr 5&6 Stinger Netball (Weald) 2.00-4.00pm
Thurs 26th	Yr 6 Trip Imperial War Museum
Thurs 26th	Yr 3 Class Assemblies - PM

House Point Results Winning House

Cowdray

Cowdray	Parham
533	464
Goodwood	Petworth
443	402

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another fantastic half term, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our children and staff for their hard work, creativity, and positivity over the past few weeks. It has been a real pleasure to see so many exciting and enriching learning experiences taking place across the school.

This week has been particularly special, with some incredible project finales and performances. Year 5 wowed us with their circus workshop, EYFS proudly showcased their talents as budding artists, Year 6 amazed us with their shadow puppet films, and children who have piano lessons performed brilliantly to the whole school. A huge congratulations also goes to our KS2 basketball team, who recently represented the school superbly at a local tournament and were crowned CHAMPIONS — we are extremely proud of their teamwork and determination. Well done to all the children!

On Tuesday, we marked Safer Internet Day, revisiting key learning from the autumn term and reminding children about the importance of using devices safely and responsibly. We encourage parents to continue supporting this over the half-term break, particularly where children may be accessing apps beyond their recommended age ratings, such as Instagram (13+), Facebook (13+), Snapchat (13+), WhatsApp (16+), and TikTok (13+). Maintaining open conversations and keeping a watchful eye on online activity helps children enjoy the digital world safely.

It was also wonderful to welcome parents of Year 2 and Year 6 pupils for their class assemblies this week. The children showed tremendous courage and pride in sharing their learning with the school community, and it was fantastic to see so many families join us for Open Classrooms this morning, celebrating achievements together.

Finally, following the announcement from Wakoos this week regarding Wraparound Care, we understand the concern this may have caused families. Please be reassured that we are working hard to ensure before and after school provision is in place after half term and we will share more information as soon as possible. I would like to thank the staff who have come into school early to provide emergency care at short notice, and also thank parents for their supportive feedback and comments on social media.

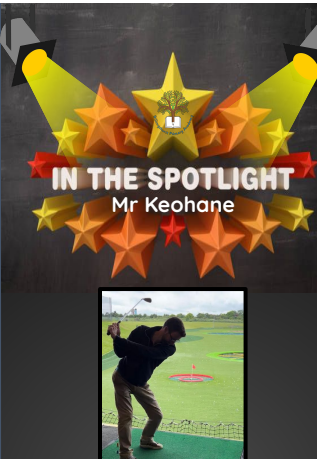
We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming all our children back for another exciting term on Tuesday 24th February.

Have a great week,
Ms Ley




Attendance has been
great this week! Well
done everyone!

96.5%	Today
94.6%	This year
94.6%	National Average YTD



IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Mr Keohane



Mr Keohane has worked at Billingshurst for 2 and a half years. He is currently Year 1 LSA and has previously worked in EYFS and Year 6. He has two children at our school. He enjoys that every day is different and loves seeing the children make progress!

Fun Fact:
Mr Keohane once raised money for charity by walking to the top of Snowdon.

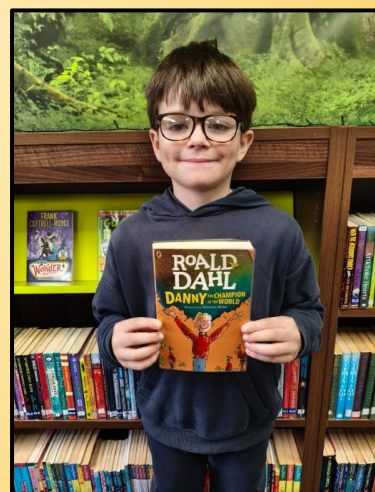
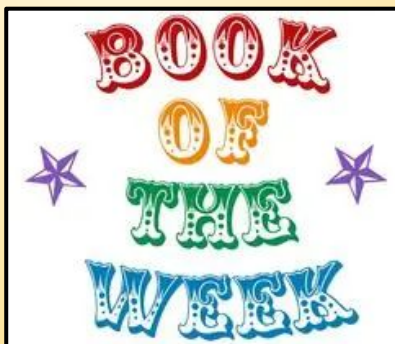
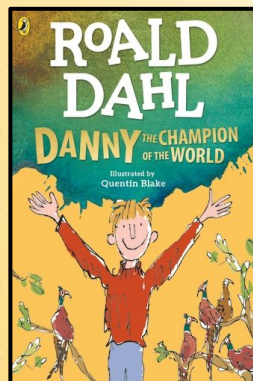
Hobbies:
Golfing, gaming, spending time with family.



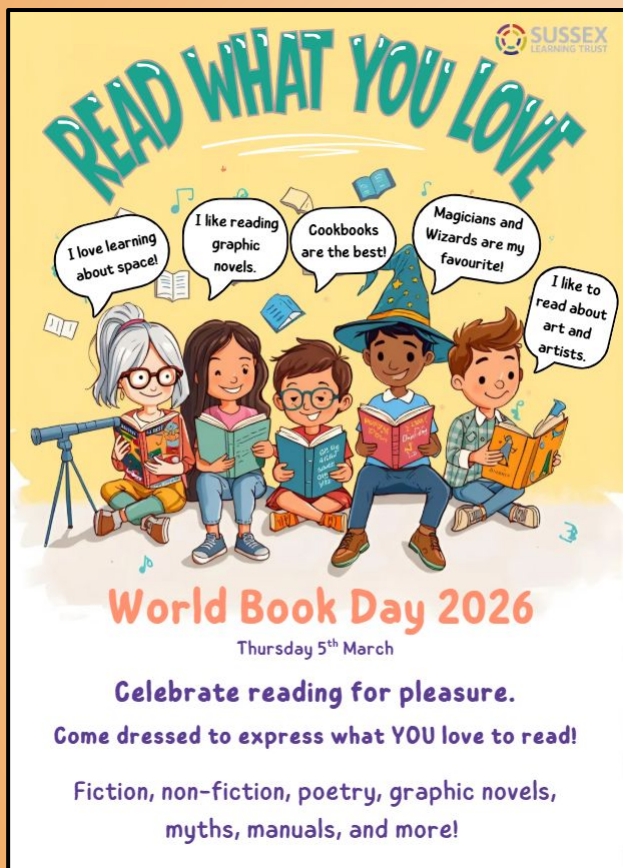
Book of the Week!

This week, Oliver in Year 3 recommends *Danny the Champion of the World* By Roald Dahl.

This is a story about a boy called Danny, his fantastic father and their adventures! They are peasant poachers and they come up with a plan to get their own back on Mr Hazel, the bad guy. I would recommend this book because it's a really exciting story and it has a brilliant cliffhanger. I think you'd like this book if you like a story where the underdog wins and you want to feel bigger and stronger!



World Book Day - 5th March



READ WHAT YOU LOVE

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I love learning about space!

I like reading graphic novels.

Cookbooks are the best!

Magicians and Wizards are my favourite!

I like to read about art and artists.

World Book Day 2026
Thursday 5th March

Celebrate reading for pleasure.
Come dressed to express what YOU love to read!

Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novels, myths, manuals, and more!

World Book Day is just around the corner on **Thursday 5th March** and this year we are joining the **National Year of Reading** with a Trust-wide theme: **"Read What You Love"**.

To celebrate, we invite all children to dress up in costumes inspired by their favourite books, characters, genres, or even topics and hobbies they enjoy reading about. It's a fun way to show off your child's unique reading interests and share their love of stories with friends and teachers.

World Book Day Tokens have also been sent home this week, giving families plenty of time to use them during half term – perfect for picking up a new book to enjoy together!

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes, hearing about children's favourite books and celebrating reading together. **Watch out for photos and video highlights** from the day on our social media!

Let's make this World Book Day a day full of stories, imagination and joy!

Year 6 - Shadow Puppets

In Art lessons, Year 6 have stepped into history and creativity by making their own shadow puppets, inspired by pioneering German animation artist Lotte Reiniger. After learning about evacuation during the Second World War, the children designed characters, cut intricate silhouettes and brought powerful stories to life using light and shadow, linking beautifully with their Science topic on light. Using iMovie, they filmed and edited their performances, adding sound and titles to enhance the final pieces! A great cross curricular project and some OUTSTANDING results! Well done, Year 6!



Learning Gear of the Week!

Our **TEAM** learning gear helps children develop the skills they need to work positively and successfully with others. In school, children are encouraged to be active listeners, share their ideas and work collaboratively to solve problems. They learn that discussing, debating and reflecting together helps everyone's thinking grow.

Children are supported to be accepting of others, recognising that everyone brings different strengths, perspectives and experiences. They practise sharing roles and responsibilities, and learn how to give and receive constructive feedback in a respectful way. Through this, children understand that working as part of a team helps them achieve more than they could on their own.

At home you could:

Encourage active listening: Remind children to listen carefully to others without interrupting.

Create opportunities to share ideas: Ask open questions and invite everyone's thoughts during conversations.

Promote teamwork: Involve children in tasks that require working together, such as cooking, tidying or planning activities.

Model respectful discussion: Show how to agree, disagree and debate kindly.

Celebrate differences: Talk about how everyone has different strengths that help a team succeed.

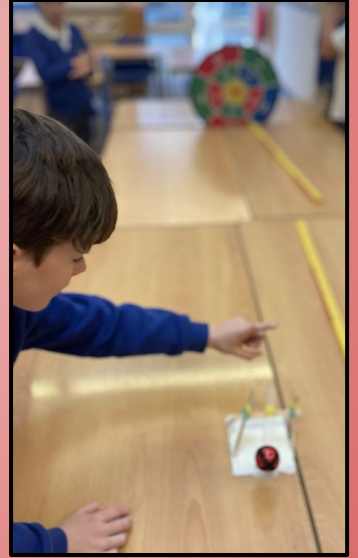
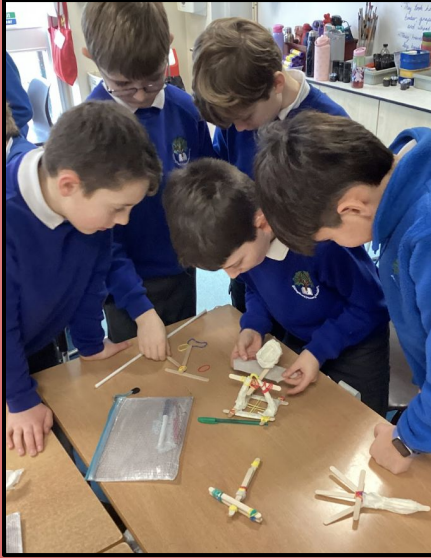
Share responsibilities: Give children roles within family routines so they experience being part of a team.

Practise constructive feedback: Encourage children to say what went well and what could be improved in a positive way.



Year 5 - Catapults

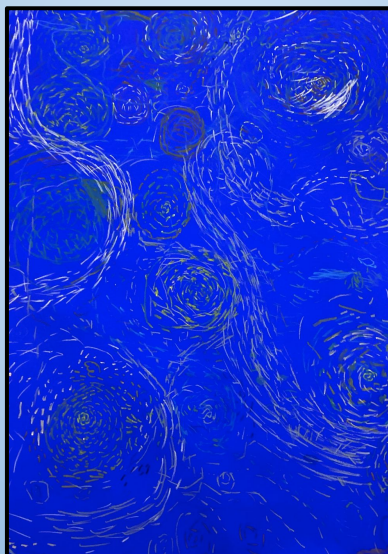
Last week, Year 5 took their learning on Forces to the next level by building catapults! Working in teams, the children designed and tested their structures, thinking carefully about strength, distance, and accuracy. After launching their projectiles, each group reflected on what went well and how they could improve their levers or adjust angles to achieve longer, more precise shots. Their creativity and teamwork helped them build excellent “defences” for our imaginary cities!



EYFS - Starry Night Art

Early Years have been inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's famous masterpiece, *Starry Night*! The children explored the artwork, discussing the patterns, shapes, and colours they could see.

They then worked collaboratively to create their own large-scale pieces, bringing Van Gogh's swirling skies and vibrant colours to life in their unique way.



Year 5 - Circus Workshop

On Monday, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic enrichment visit from a circus instructor. The children practised a range of skills, including plate spinning, juggling and flower sticks, while also thinking about the forces involved in keeping the equipment moving. It was a fun and engaging session that combined physical skills with scientific thinking — and, as you can see from the photos, we may have some future performers in Year 5!



Class Assemblies - Year 2 & 6



Y5+6 Basketballers

We had an amazing time at **The Weald** for a 5-a-side basketball tournament with our Year 5 & 6 children! Even though they had never played together as a team before, they showed incredible teamwork, supported each other on the court and took on tough opponents from **Loxwood** and **Rudgwick**. The team played with skill and precision, scored key points, and worked brilliantly together – all of which led to a **tournament win**! We couldn't be prouder of their effort, determination, and sportsmanship. 🏆



West Sussex Cost of Living Survey 2025/2026

Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice has been closely monitoring the rising cost of living over the past few years and is keen to understand more about how people in local communities are coping with increasing prices for essentials. This year, the organization has partnered with Citizens Advice in West Sussex (North, South, East) to extend the investigation across the whole of West Sussex.

Responses to this survey will provide deeper insight into the specific issues people are struggling with and will help inform how support is offered to clients and communities in the future. This is the fourth survey of its kind, so participation is encouraged even from those who have completed previous surveys, as the organisation aims to track how the cost-of-living crisis is developing.

The survey can be accessed by clicking the link below:
www.arunchichestercab.org.uk/current-surveys.




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 **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

Don't forget to save the date for our
Bingo Night on Friday 24th April.
More details to follow soon.



Having a half-term clear out? We are accepting donations of unused or very good condition second-hand items that we can use as raffle/tombola prizes at our upcoming events. These can be left in our green trug outside the school office.

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 **BINGO**



BINGO NIGHT
SAVE THE DATE
24TH APRIL - 7:30PM



18+ ONLY

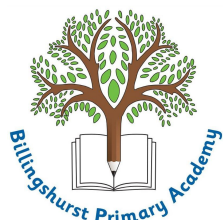
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- Stall at the Summer Fun Day
 - 3 X Newsletter mentions
 - 3 X social media mentions
- Banner on Station Road for 3 months

£500

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BRONZE

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- Sponsor a stall
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 - A social media mention
- Banner on Station Road for 1 month

£200

DONATE
A RAFFLE
PRIZE

BOOK A STALL
£50

BANNER ON
STATION ROAD
£80 (PER MONTH)

PROGRAMME ADVERTISING

OUTSIDE BACK COVER £150

INSIDE COVER £125

FULL PAGE £100

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Your business' name and logo in the
school's parent newsletter and
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