



Newsletter Friday 27th February 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd	Downscape Trip to the South Downs
Wednesday 4th	Downscape Songwriting Day
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Thursday 5th	Yr 5 class assemblies (am)
Friday 6th	EYFS games with parents 8.40-8.55am
w/c 9th	Science Week
Monday 9th	Yr 5 Circus Workshop
Monday 9th	Yr 5 & 6 Athletics 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 10th	Yr 6 SATs and & Tile Barn meeting 3.30pm
9th & 10th	Yr 4 residential trip Lodgehill

House Point Results Winning House Cowdray

Cowdray	Parham
463	358

Goodwood	Petworth
463	387

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the half term and the positive energy across the school has been clear to see. It has been a joy to watch the children settle back into their routines with such enthusiasm and readiness for the term ahead. As we begin the new half term, we are pleased to share some exciting updates alongside a number of important thank yous.

We are delighted to welcome two new Learning Support Assistants to our school family, both of whom have made a fantastic start. Helen Woodley has joined the Year 2 team, while Lily Coward is supporting pupils in Year 4. They have quickly become valued members of our community, and we hope you will join us in giving them a warm welcome when you see them around school.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Premises Manager, Glen Cowdery, who has worked tirelessly to transform the area around the Clockhouse into an attractive learning space and a quieter lunchtime area for pupils. This was a true team effort: Glen's dedication brought the vision to life, while **The Bees'** fundraising ensured the resources were available to make it happen. We are extremely grateful for this improved space, which will make a real difference to our pupils' daily experience.

We have also successfully launched our new wraparound care provision, **The Willows**. Establishing this at short notice presented a significant challenge, yet it has already proven highly successful. I would like to thank parents for their patience and support during the transition and our staff team for their flexibility, particularly those who have taken on additional hours or provided extra support within school to enable the smooth setup. Your commitment and teamwork continue to make our school community so special.



Have a great weekend,
Ms Ley



Attendance has been great this week! Well done everyone!	96.9%	Today
	94.7%	This year
	94.6%	National Average YTD

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Mr Cowdery

Mr Cowdery has worked at our school as Premises Manager since June 2024 and has made a huge difference to our school and grounds. He loves to get involved in all aspects of school life and can turn his hand to anything!

Fun Facts:
Mr Cowdery was once on TV in the audience of Top Gear! Outside of school, he loves cars and motorsport!

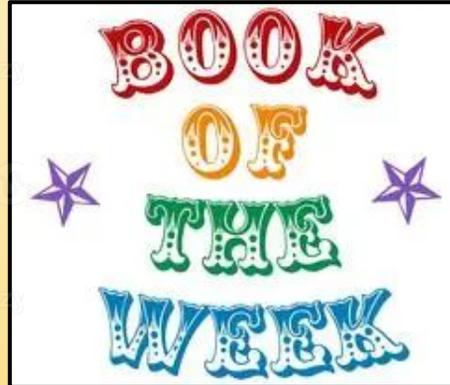
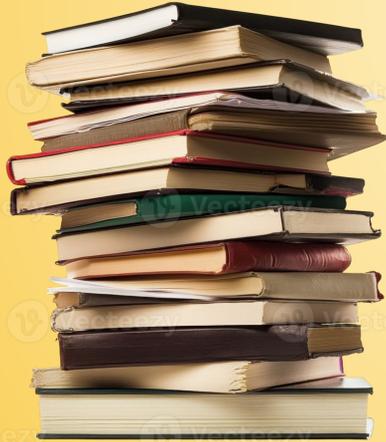
Hobbies:
Fishing, keeping fish, spending time with family, going for walks.



Book of the Week!

Emily from Year 3 recommends *The Secret School Invasion* by Pamela Butchart:

"When a load of new kids join the school with really shiny shoes, smart blazers and singing REALLY LOUDLY, it's up to Izzy and her friends to save the day... This is great chapter book to read if you like funny stories and adventures. I'd recommend it for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid or Dogman but want a little more of a challenge!"



Clockhouse - Update

TESCO
Community Grants

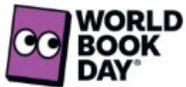
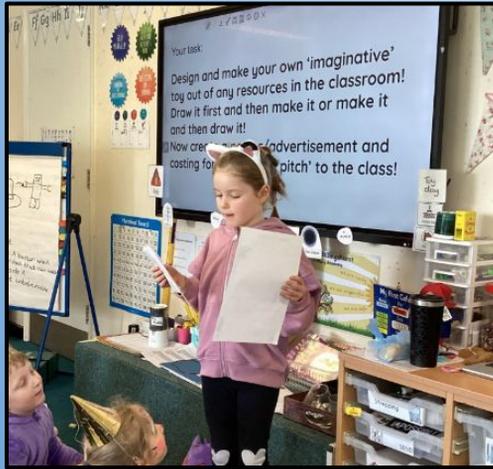


We're so excited to launch our newly redeveloped Clockhouse area! A huge thank you to the Tesco Community Grant, everyone in our community that voted for us with a blue token and our amazing BPA Bees for making this project possible. Special thanks to Mr Cowdery, who has worked tirelessly through the winter to transform the space - building a new fence, laying wood chip to stop the mud, and installing guttering and a water butt ready for the new planting coming soon. Thanks to the grant, we've also been able to purchase new outdoor equipment to support our student Grounds Team in caring for this and other areas of the school moving forward. This space will be used as a nature area, reading garden, outdoor classroom and calm chill-out space for our children to enjoy at lunchtime and playtime throughout the year. We're so grateful for the support of our community — we can't wait to see it flourish!



Year 1 - Toys day

On Tuesday, Year 1's new Toy project got off to a flying start as the children arrived dressed as their favorite toys and play outfits! The day was packed with ambition and imagination as everyone designed their own original toys, built prototypes, and pitched advertisements to the teachers. From lolly shooters to custom consoles, the enthusiasm was incredible and the teachers had a very difficult time choosing which brilliant inventions to "buy." What a fantastic, creative start to the new half term!



Henry Adams is delighted to announce their **Transport Inspired by Books Competition** in celebration of World Book Day 2026.

Your challenge is to make an **item of transport** completely out of reclaimed materials and anything else you may have at home.



Please bring your entries back to your local Henry Adams office for a sweet treat or back to your school by:

Monday 16th March

Don't forget to add your Name, Year Group and School on your entry.

We look forward to seeing all your wonderful designs when we return to school for the prize giving assembly in March.

Prizes!

Examples of prizes: 3 per school



Please ask your parents/carers to share your designs on Facebook or Instagram and tag Henry Adams so we can share them too.



Thank you for taking part!

READ WHAT YOU LOVE

SUSSEX
SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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!

Wilmington Primary Academy

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 March 2026

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

GO ALL IN.

Year 3 - Volcanoes

Year 3 had an absolutely "explosive" Wednesday diving into their new topic as they explored the layers of the Earth and how volcanoes are formed! The children showed incredible ambition as they built and erupted their very own volcanoes - the smiles on their faces said it all. They also enjoyed a fascinating live video link with a real geologist who shared her professional experiences in the field, sparking so much curiosity for the weeks ahead. What a brilliant start to the new half term



Year 6 - Imperial War Museum

Our Year 6 pupils had a brilliant trip to the **Imperial War Museum** in London yesterday! Traveling by train, the children represented the school with outstanding **Courage** and maturity throughout the busy journey into the city. At the museum, they brought their classroom learning to life by exploring real-world artifacts and a highlight was experiencing the cramped conditions of a blitz-era air raid shelter. We are so proud of their curiosity as they listened to the fascinating stories shared by the IWM volunteers - it was a great visit and experience for everyone involved!



Netball Stars

Our Y5+6 girls hit the court with incredible energy this week! Facing tough competition, they showed true courage, keeping their heads high and fighting for every ball until the final whistle. Their ambition and focus were matched only by their sense of belonging, as they supported one another through every match with a brilliant positive attitude. We are so proud of how they represented the school with such determination. Well done, girls!



Learning Gear of the Week!

Our learning gear, **Reflecting on Learning**, helps children become confident, thoughtful learners. In class, children are encouraged to link new learning with what they already know and to think about where they are in their learning by planning, checking and evaluating their work. They learn to notice when something feels tricky and to choose strategies that help them move forward. Children self-assess their work, give and receive feedback, and identify strengths and next steps. Over time, they reflect on the progress they've made, helping them take real ownership of their learning.

At home you could:

Talk about learning: Ask children what they learned today and how it links to something they already knew.

Encourage reflection: Use simple questions like *What went well? What was tricky? What would you do differently next time?*

Normalise uncertainty: Reassure children that finding something hard is part of learning and talk about strategies they can try when they feel stuck.

Promote self-assessment: Encourage children to check their own work and talk about what they're proud of.

Use feedback positively: Help children act on feedback from school rather than seeing it as a judgement.

Look back over time: Occasionally, revisit older learning to notice progress and celebrate improvement.





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

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

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
HALF PAGE £75

A5 - FULL COLOUR



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