



Newsletter Friday 19th September 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

- Tues 23rd September - Sibling photos
- Tues 23rd - Yr 5 and 6 Swim Gala 1.30 - 3pm
- Wed 24th - Yr 5 and 6 Talented Athlete Launch 1.30 - 4pm
- Fri 26th - BPA Bees Parent Quiz - KS2 Hall

- Wed 15th & Thurs 16th October – Parents' Evening
- Mon 27th – Fri 31st Oct – Half Term Holiday
- Fri 28th INSET Day
- Fri 19th Dec – Last day of term

House Point Results Winning House

Parham

Cowdray 487 Parham 631

Goodwood 503 Petworth 607

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the **Meet the Teacher** events this week. Working in partnership with you is invaluable to your child's learning and overall experience at school.

Next week, we will be sending out a letter outlining the trips and experiences planned for your children over the coming academic year. We hope this will provide a clearer understanding of what the requested contributions will go towards and how these opportunities will enrich your child's education.

Some new and existing families have asked for clarification about the Headteacher's Awards. These are given to children who have gone **above and beyond** in their learning, behaviour, or service to the school. It's not just about academic achievement alone, but includes how a child lives out our school values (ambition, belonging and courage.)

It recognises those moments when a child has:

- Shown outstanding effort in their learning
- Demonstrated one or more of our school values in an exceptional way
- Taken steps beyond what is expected, such as helping others, persevering when things are difficult, or showing leadership or kindness without being asked



Finally, we invited the NSPCC in to school this week to talk to children about keeping safe and what to do if they do not feel safe. The NSPCC website has a wealth of information and resources if you want to learn more.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a fantastic weekend!

Ms Ley

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Georgi Cobden
Assistant Headteacher

This is Mrs Cobden's 4th year working at Billingshurst Primary Academy as one of our Assistant Headteachers. Mrs Cobden is very passionate about phonics and reading, and enjoys sharing stories with children across the school.

Fun Fact:
Mrs Cobden went to drama school and loves musical theatre!

Hobbies:
Reading, more reading, swimming and going to the theatre

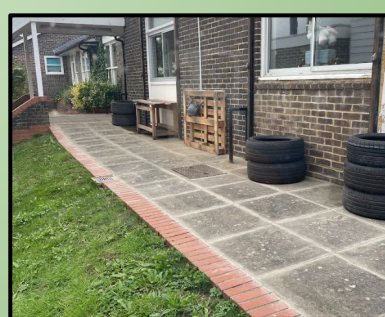


Donate a herb!

This week, Mr Cowdery has transformed one of our outdoor spaces and now we need your help. We would like to create a herb garden/sensory space/potting garden for our children to maintain and look after. Something like the image to the right.

If you would like to donate seeds/a herb/ a small plant, please bring them to the office. Suggestions are: parsley, rocket, sweet cicely, sorrel, mint, chervil, basil, nasturtiums, marigolds, alyssum.

Thank you!



5K Runners

On Sunday 14th September, our fantastic running team took part in the Alf Shrubbs Memorial 5K. We had the largest school team and finished an amazing second place! They showed true Ambition, a strong sense of Belonging, and incredible Courage. We are so proud of them all!



Year 2 - Forest School

Forest School Fun! Y2 had their very first Forest School sessions this week – and what a fantastic start! The children learned how to stay safe outdoors, care for the plants and wildlife in our environmental area, and became real ‘bug detectives’ They also got hands-on: using a saw to make bug homes, building dens, and exploring the mud kitchen. A huge thank you to Jen for making it such an amazing day!



Maths Champions!

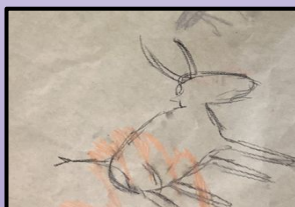
We are delighted to share that our brilliant team came **1st place** in the recent Maths Challenge held at Christ’s Hospital School! Out of **22 local schools**, our pupils shone brightly with their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and mathematical flair. The children took part in a variety of exciting challenges and solved puzzles — all **against the clock** — and their hard work truly paid off.

A huge **congratulations** to our talented mathematicians – we are so proud of your fantastic achievement!



Year 3 - Stone Age Day

On Monday, Year 3 stepped back in time to the Stone Age! The children explored animals from this period and designed their own "Stone Age beasts" to inspire their writing. They also created cave art based on examples discovered in France. It was a fantastic week full of history, creativity and imagination!



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*Empowering families of children
and young people with special
educational needs and disabilities*

Reaching Families, a parent/carer-led charity that supports parents and families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, warmly invites you to their next Horsham Parent/Carer Support Group. Please see the invitation below for further information. If you would like to find out more about Reaching Families, you can do so by watching this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RpAp3N8r69s>

Horsham Parent/Carer Support Group
Wednesday 17th September @ The Horsham Family Hub, Three Acres, RH12 1RS
10:00am until 11.30am

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or you think may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join Reaching Families at our Shoreham Umbrellas parent/carer support group! Umbrella's provides an informative, supportive, relaxed and non-judgmental environment within which parents can swap life experiences, share hints and tips, seek advice and share information and resources.

Please do join us anytime between 10am and 11.30am for a warm welcome and a chance to connect with other local parent carers in a safe and supportive space - there is no need to book, just pop in for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note, your child does not need a diagnosis to access our services.

If you would like more information, please email us at outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Reading Volunteers

Each year, we have a fantastic group of volunteers who come into school to read with our children. If you would like to be a volunteer this year, please contact Mrs Cobden, gcobden@billingshurstprimary.org.uk with your availability. If you volunteered last year, please do email her to share your interest again. Many thanks.



Car park

A polite reminder that the staff car park is not to be used as a drop off or pick up point. If there is a valid reason for you using the car park, this will need to be confirmed with SLT before parking.

BPA Bees

There are now just a few tables left for our **Quiz Night** next Friday, **26th September**. Book for a team of up to 6 people, for £30, here: [Fundraising Quiz Night Tickets, Fri 26 Sep 2025 at 18:45 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fundraising-quiz-night-tickets-fri-26-sep-2025-at-18:45). For those who have already booked, please keep an eye out for an email with further details. Bookers, please share this information with your team. Raffle prizes for this event can still be donated. Please leave these in our trug outside the school office.



Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held after school on **Tuesday 21st October**. Please come along to find out what we have been up to over the past year.

BPA



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Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/bpabees>

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Or you can contact us via email:

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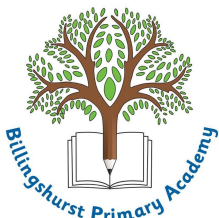


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