



Newsletter Friday 3rd July 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Mon 6th	Yr 6 Production 6.00pm
Tues 7th	Yr 6 Production 2.00pm
Wed 8th	Yr 6 Production 6.30pm
Thurs 2nd	Y4 Parents' Eve (changed due to trip)
Wed 8th	Parents' Eve (excl EYFS & Yr 6)
Thurs 9th	Parents' Eve (excl EYFS & Yr 6)
	Y4 Trip - South Downs Immersion
Fri 10th	Rock Steady concerts AM Bands 10.00am PM Bands 10.45am
Tues 14th	Volunteer tea - 1.30pm
Wed 15th	Yr 6 Leavers' Festival - 4.30pm - 7.00pm (Y6 Children only)
Fri 17th	Petworth Art Festival exhibition
Fri 17th	END OF TERM

House Point Results Winning House

Cowdray Parham

Goodwood Petworth

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final two weeks of the academic year, there is still so much to celebrate at Billingshurst Primary Academy.

This week, we were incredibly proud to see so many of our children representing the school at the **Billingshurst Show** through the **carnival, choir and country dancing**. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

A huge congratulations and thank you also goes to Jack, Tommy and Willow in Year 6 for organising a **cake sale** that raised an incredible amount for the school. Their kindness, teamwork and enterprise have been an inspiration.

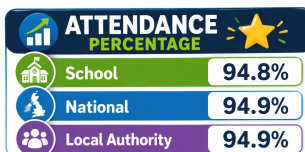
As we approach the end of term, we're asking everyone to help us with one final push on **attendance**. Every day in school counts, and together we can finish the year strongly.

In today's newsletter, find out information on **Young Voices 2027**, the Summer **Reading Challenge**, next week's **Book Fair** and how you could support the school by becoming a **governor**.

Finally, with children spending more and more time online, please take a few moments to **check what your child is accessing online**, who they are communicating with and the games or apps they are using. Regular conversations about staying **safe online** can make a real difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Ms Ley





HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE AND BE RESPONSIBLE ONLINE



Simple steps you can take at home

THE RISKS



Online conflict

Unkind messages, arguments and exclusion.



Stranger danger

Contact from people they don't know.



Inappropriate content

Seeing or sharing upsetting images or language.



Too much screen time

Can affect sleep, mood and wellbeing.



Sharing personal info

Names, photos or locations can put children at risk.

HOW YOU CAN HELP PREVENT RISKS



Talk openly

Ask about their online life and listen without judging.



Set boundaries

Agree screen time limits and age-appropriate content.



Think before they post

Remind them to be kind, true and think first.



Keep it private

Never share personal info or images.



Use privacy settings

Help them set up safety features on apps and games.

TIPS TO MONITOR AND SUPPORT



Know what they use

Explore the apps, games and platforms together.



Check in regularly

Ask how they feel about their online experiences.



Use parental controls

Manage content, screen time and spending.



Keep devices in shared spaces where possible.



Turn on notifications

Get alerts for friend requests, messages or reports.

QUICK TIPS FOR EVERYDAY



TALK

Have regular conversations about being safe and kind online.



TIME

Agree daily screen time that works for your family.



SAFETY

Use privacy settings and safe search options.



TOGETHER

Play games and explore online together.



LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Be positive online and show good digital habits.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Encourage kindness, respect and responsibility online.

If something worries your child, encourage them to talk to you or a trusted adult.



**SAFE
KIND
RESPONSIBLE
ONLINE**

Working together to keep our children safe online. ❤️

LET'S FINISH STRONG TOGETHER! EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Every day counts.
Every day shapes their future. ♥



Attendance has **dropped slightly** this week. Let's turn that around together in the last **TWO WEEKS** of term!
Every day in school gives our children the best chance to learn, grow and succeed.



LET'S MAKE A
FINAL PUSH!

- ✓ BE IN SCHOOL
- ✓ BE ON TIME
- ✓ BE AWESOME

Together, let's finish the term strong and get our attendance back where it belongs – **above national average!** ♥

★ GOOD ATTENDANCE = BRIGHT FUTURES ★



BETTER LEARNING



STRONGER FRIENDSHIPS



MORE CONFIDENCE



GREATER SUCCESS

♥ BE HERE. BE READY. BELONG. ACHIEVE. ♥



YOUNG VOICES
THE WORLD'S LARGEST CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERTS!

Young Voices 2027

THE O2 ARENA, LONDON

COMING SOON!

GET READY FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE
YOUNG VOICES EXPERIENCE!

UP TO 10,000
CHILDREN.
ONE STAGE.
ONE AMAZING
EXPERIENCE!



SING AMAZING
SONGS



JOIN THOUSANDS
OF CHILDREN



LIVE BAND, SPECIAL
GUESTS & MORE!



AN EXPERIENCE
TO REMEMBER!

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MORE DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED ON
MONDAY 6TH JULY
FOR NEXT YEAR'S KS2 CHILDREN

★ Get ready to be part of
something incredible! ★

A Huge Thank You!



A huge well done and thank you to our fantastic Year 6 children – **Jack, Tommy and Willow** – who took the initiative to organise a cake sale to raise money for our school.

Thanks to their enthusiasm, teamwork and hard work, they raised an **incredible amount** to support our school community. We are so proud of their kindness, enterprise and willingness to give something back before they leave Billingshurst Primary Academy.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the cake sale by baking, donating and buying cakes. Your generosity helped make the event such a wonderful success.

Well done, Jack, Tommy and Willow – you have been brilliant role models for our school!



Year 5 Trip

On Thursday and Friday, Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting Anne of Cleves House in Lewes, where they brought their Tudor learning to life through a range of exciting activities and workshops. Travelling by train added to the adventure, and the children were exemplary throughout the entire trip.



The pupils demonstrated our school Golden Rules of being “Ready, Respectful and Safe” from start to finish. They listened carefully to instructions, showed excellent manners and behaved responsibly both on the train and at the museum. We were incredibly proud to receive several positive comments from members of the public and museum staff, who praised the children's outstanding behaviour and commented on how brilliantly they represented our school.

Throughout the day, the children impressed the museum staff with their enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence. They asked thoughtful questions, eagerly took part in every activity and fully embraced every opportunity to learn more about Tudor life. Their willingness to have a go, work together and engage with the workshops made the visit both enjoyable and memorable.

A huge well done to all of Year 5 for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school and a massive thank you to the museum staff for providing us with such a wonderful day of learning and fun!



Join thousands of children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 4 July.
Watch our [Read to the Beat video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the [online registration form](#) at [libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src](#).
- Tell library staff the [secret code word](#).
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- [Collect rewards](#) for reading library books and completing 'Make the Challenge Your Own' goals!
- Read [any library books](#) you like - it's up to you!
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!



It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part.

Let's get reading!



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Could you be a school governor?

We are seeking new governors to join **Billingshurst Primary Academy's Governing Body**.



Make a real difference to our school and children's futures.



Meetings held every half term.



No prior educational experience required.



To find out more, please email

clerk@billingshurstprimary.org.uk



We need you!



Ambition



Belonging



Courage

THE BOOK NOOK

Book Fair

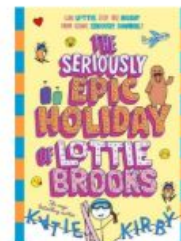
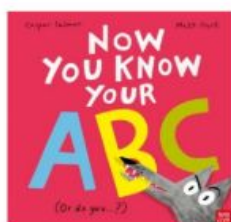
**Wednesday 8th and
Thursday 9th July**

**All sales go towards new
books for OUR school!**

THE BOOK NOOK

Independent Children's Bookshop

First Avenue, Hove. BN3 2FJ. www.booknookuk.com



GRT Week

A huge thank you to Soloman Harris and family for bringing one of their incredible fairground trucks into school as part of GRT History Month! Our children loved exploring the vehicle and a special shout out to Kaleb, who proudly shared how he helps his dad with their funfair rides. What an amazing way to celebrate culture, community and belonging.



Billingshurst Show!

What a fantastic weekend at the Billingshurst Show! We were so proud to see Billingshurst Primary Academy represented throughout this wonderful community event. From our amazing children taking part in the carnival, to our talented choir performers and fantastic country dancers, every one of them was a credit to our school. Thank you to everyone who came along to support. We love being part of such a vibrant community and celebrating the incredible talents of our children.





FREE Parent Mental Health Webinars

Supporting Children & Young People's Mental Health

Charlie Waller
Talking mental health
for a healthier future

Looking for practical ways to support your child's wellbeing?

The Charlie Waller Trust is offering a series of **FREE** online webinars for parents, carers and anyone supporting children and young people.

These expert-led sessions provide practical, evidence-based advice to help families better understand children's emotional wellbeing and mental health.



Supporting Children's Emotional Wellbeing: A Whole Organisation Approach

Thursday 9 July | 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Learn how early experiences, emotional regulation and positive relationships can help children feel safe, supported and ready to thrive. The session also shares practical strategies for responding to emotional overwhelm.



Making Knowledge Matter: Sleep and Mental Health in Young People

Wednesday 22 July | 12:30pm - 1:15pm

Discover the important link between sleep and children's mental health, with practical advice based on the latest research to help support healthy sleep habits and emotional wellbeing.



£ **FREE**
to attend

LIVE
online

EXPERT
speakers

PRACTICAL
strategies
you can use at home

Book your
FREE place today! →

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Supporting our families to help every child thrive. ♥

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Competitions!



Family Magazine

Please click the magazine to the left to open a digital version of the West Sussex Family Grapevine magazine.

The decision has been taken not to produce a printed version for environmental reasons, and so that copies do not need to be physically put into book bags.

Have a read to find information on upcoming local events, Places to Go with your children, competitions and local clubs & societies.

family grapevine



Find adverts
from local
community
groups/clubs on
our website!
[CLICK HERE!](#)



Have a listen to
our newsletter
podcasts!
These are
uploaded every
week and are
recorded by our
fabulous children!



BPA BEES

End of Term Events!



NEXT FRIDAY,
10TH JULY



SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

We will be holding a second-hand
uniform sale after school
under the KS1 canopy.



Donations accepted
by cash or card.

AFTER SCHOOL ON
FRIDAY 17TH JULY



ICE-CREAM SALE

Come along for an
end of term treat!

≡ **All ice-creams £1.** ≡



Cash and card
accepted.

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