



Newsletter Friday 10th July 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

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

Thursday 3rd September - First day back 2026/27

House Point Results Winning House Rollover

Cowdray Parham

Goodwood Petworth

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at Billingshurst Primary Academy! Our Year 6 children absolutely wowed audiences with their outstanding production of *Wind in the Willows*. From the acting and singing to the lighting, sound and stage management, every aspect of the show showcased the incredible talent, teamwork and dedication of our children. We are immensely proud of them and grateful to our Year 6 staff for making the production such a memorable celebration of the children's primary school journey.

The celebrations have continued across the school, from our talented Rock Steady musicians performing with confidence on stage to Year 4's fantastic adventure exploring the South Downs. It has been another brilliant week of learning, creativity and achievement.

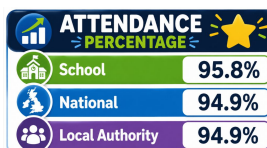
I am also delighted that our attendance has risen to **95.8%**, placing us above the national average. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day - it really does make a difference to their learning, friendships and wellbeing.

As we prepare for September, please look out for the **Parent Voice – Transition for September** form in your email inbox. Your insights are invaluable and will help us ensure every child has the very best start in their new class.

With just one week of term remaining, we still have plenty to look forward to, including our Volunteer Tea, the Year 6 Leavers' Festival and the BPA Bees ice cream sale. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our wonderful school community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Ley



AMAZING NEWS!

OUR ATTENDANCE IS GREAT THIS WEEK!

OUR ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

95.8%

OUR SCHOOL

94.9%

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Let's keep it up!



WELL DONE, EVERYONE!

Your commitment to being in school, on time, every day is making a real difference to our learning, our friendships and our success. You're helping us shine!



LET'S FINISH THE TERM STRONG!

We have one more week to go! Let's keep showing up, working hard and making every day count.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE IT A FANTASTIC FINISH!



GOOD ATTENDANCE = BRIGHT FUTURES



BETTER LEARNING



STRONGER FRIENDSHIPS



MORE CONFIDENCE



GREATER SUCCESS

BE HERE. BE READY. BELONG. ACHIEVE.



LOOK OUT for this today in your emails!



Today we are emailing you our **Parent Voice – Transition for September** form. This is a valuable opportunity to share important information about your child to help their new teacher get to know them and support a smooth transition into their new class.



Please complete and return the form **by the end of next week.**

Thank you for your support!

You can return the form in a number of ways:



Electronically by email to your child's current year group email



Print and return to your child's current teacher

Parent Voice Transition for September

Child's name:

Current Class:

Current Year Group:

Parent/Carer name:

Date:

Please complete the form below with any information you would like your child's new teacher to know about your child ready for September.

1) My child's strengths and interests	
2) What my child is good at	
3) What my child needs in class	
4) What my child needs socially	
5) Worries my child has	
6) What my child wants you to know	
7) Worries I have	
8) Anything else I want you to know about my child	

Thank you for completing this form. You can return this form in a number of ways:

- Electronically by email to your child's current year group email
- Print and return to your child's current teacher
- If you would like a paper copy, please request one from the school office



Your insights help us ensure the very best start for your child in September.



Year 6 Show

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Year 6 wowed audiences this week with their spectacular performance of ***Wind in the Willows***. From the stage crew, lighting, sound and props to the acting and singing, every aspect of the production was led by the children, showcasing their incredible talent, teamwork and dedication.

We are immensely proud of everything they achieved. It was a truly memorable performance and the perfect way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey.

A huge thank you to the entire Year 6 team for all their hard work in bringing this fantastic production to life.



Rock Steady Concerts

ROCK
STEADY™

Today, children from Reception through to Year 6 took to the stage for our final Rock Steady concert of the year. It was a fantastic celebration of everything they have achieved, with every performer showing incredible confidence, enthusiasm and impressive musical talent.

It was wonderful to see our young musicians entertaining such a supportive audience and showcasing the skills they have developed throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of every child who performed.

A huge thank you goes to **West** from Rock Steady for his dedication, encouragement and hard work in inspiring our children and helping them grow in confidence as musicians. We look forward to another fantastic year of music-making ahead!



Year 4 Trip

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day exploring the South Downs. Thanks to an early start, they completed their walk before the hottest part of the day, spotting wildflowers and butterflies along the South Downs Way before taking in the spectacular views from the top and using Ordnance Survey maps to identify local landmarks.

At Amberley Museum, the children enjoyed a well-earned ice pop before exploring the museum and visiting the banks of the River Arun. There, they created geographical field sketches and became nature detectives, using sweep nets, binoculars and magnifying pots to identify and tally a range of plants and insects.

The day finished with a train journey back to Billingshurst, with everyone returning tired, happy and full of wonderful memories.



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

Summer Clear Out?

Think OPAL!

If you're having a summer clear out, we'd love to give your unwanted items a new lease of life in our **OPAL** play sessions.

We're looking for donations such as:



Pots and pans



Suitcases



Pallets



Buggies



Material



Tarpaulins



Other loose parts



Please note:
we don't need plastic toys.



Simply hold onto any suitable items over the holidays, and we'll collect donations during the first week back.

Thank you



for helping us create amazing play opportunities!

EYFS to Year 1 *Meeting*

Our EYFS to Year 1 Transition Meeting will now take place **early in the autumn term.**



This means you'll have the chance to meet the Year 1 team, including our **new members of staff**, and hear all about the exciting year ahead.



It also allows us to share up-to-date information and answer any questions once the children have settled into their new classes.



A confirmed date will be shared with you at the start of the new school year.



We appreciate your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience.

We look forward to seeing you in September!



KEEP OUR CHILDREN **SAFE!**



**PLEASE PARK SAFELY
AROUND OUR SCHOOL**



**DO NOT PARK ON
PAVEMENTS OR ZIG ZAG LINES**
It blocks the pavement and puts children at risk.



PLEASE DON'T U-TURN
U-turns are dangerous and put our children at risk.



**CHECK BEFORE YOU OPEN
YOUR CAR DOORS**
Look for children, cyclists and other road users.



DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY
Please drive slowly around the school area. Our children's safety comes first.



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING
TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

**EVERY
CHILD.
EVERY
TIME.**

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The Essential
Guide for
Parents, Carers &
Grandparents

Supporting
Local
Businesses of
ALL sizes

**What's On Locally
Places to Visit**

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!



DON'T FORGET!
NEXT FRIDAY,
17TH JULY



ICE-CREAM SALE

We will be selling ice-creams
after school.

Come along for an end of term treat!

All ice-creams are £1.



Cash and card
payments accepted.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT

QUIZ! NIGHT

**BILLINGSHURST PRIMARY
ACADEMY**

**TEAMS OF UP TO 6
£5 PER PERSON**

Friday 25th September | 6:45pm

**BOOK YOUR
TEAM HERE**



You're invited to our
next Quiz Night!

Gather your family and
friends and come along
for a fun evening
supporting our school.

Teams of up to
6 people are £5
per person.

Scan the QR code to
book your tickets or
see more information.

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