



Newsletter Friday 4th September

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Monday 7th September	SLT Drop in - 8:40am - KS2 Hall
Monday 7th September	Y2 & Y5 meet the teacher - After school
Tuesday 8th September	Y1 & Y6 meet the teacher - After school
Wednesday 9th September	Y3 & Y4 meet the teacher - After school
Wednesday 23rd September	Y4 MTC Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 24th September	EYFS Open Morning (September 2027)



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and a brand-new term!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back through the school gates this week. Our children have been fantastic and have settled into their new classes brilliantly. From the very first day, we have seen them embracing school life, reconnecting with friends, meeting their new teachers and living out our school values. I am immensely proud of how positively everyone has returned and the enthusiasm they have shown for the year ahead.

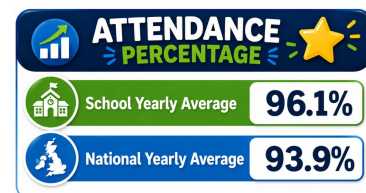
A very warm welcome to all of our new Early Years families. We hope you and your children will be extremely happy as part of our wonderful school community. We are also delighted to welcome our new members of staff. We are fortunate to have such a talented and committed group joining our team and I know they will make a fantastic contribution to school life.

We also have a new lollipop person joining us! **Cameron will be starting on 17th September**, helping our children and families cross the road safely. Please be sure to give him a wave and a smile when you see him!

We would like to invite parents and carers to our **SLT Drop-In on Monday at 8:40am in the KS2 Hall**. This is an informal opportunity to meet members of our Senior Leadership Team and chat about any questions, ideas or thoughts you may have as we begin the new school year. Simply come along if you would like to meet with us as we really value the opportunity to listen to our families and work together to make our school the very best it can be for our children.

We are so excited for the term ahead and delighted to see all of our families back. There is lots to look forward to and we cannot wait to see what the year brings!

Have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Ley





Our School Values

At Billingshurst Primary Academy, we want our community to thrive in all aspects of their school life. We embrace, teach, support and live our ABC values, encouraging **Ambition**, building **Belonging** and developing **Courage** in all we do.



Ambition

We will strive for excellence, constantly pushing for personal and collective growth.



Belonging

We will respect the diverse world in which we live, value differences and build an inclusive community where everyone can thrive.



Courage

We will persevere through challenges and have the confidence to take risks in order to achieve our goals.



Ready, Respectful, Safe Our School Rules

As we begin our new school year, we have been reminding all of our children about our three simple but important school rules:
Ready, Respectful and Safe.

These three words are at the heart of everything we do at Billingshurst Primary Academy and help us to create a happy, positive and successful learning environment for everyone.

we are ready
we are respectful
we are safe



Ready

We want our children to be ready to learn, ready to listen and ready to make the most of every opportunity. Being prepared, having a positive attitude and giving things a go all help us to be ready for learning.



Respectful

We expect everyone in our school community to treat others with kindness and respect. This means listening to others, using kind words and actions, looking after our school and celebrating the differences that make us all unique.



Safe

Everyone has the right to feel safe, happy and cared for at school. We remind children to make sensible choices, follow instructions and think about how their actions might affect themselves and others.

Thank you to our families for supporting us in reinforcing these messages at home and helping our children to understand the importance of our three school rules.





Attendance Matters

BE HERE | BE READY | BELONG

A brighter future begins with good attendance

Did you know?



1 in 5

children in the UK are regularly absent from school.



90%

of children with less than 90% attendance go on to achieve fewer good GCSEs.



Missed school can affect a child's confidence, friendships and wellbeing.

Our school day

Our gates open at

8:40am

Our gates close at

8:55am

Our target is for children to arrive at 8:40am so they are ready to start learning.

Arrive at 8:40am and make the most of every day!



If your child arrives at 8:40am, they can take advantage of an **extra 15 minutes** a day.



That's an extra

47.5 hours

a year of learning time!

The equivalent of **almost 6 school days!**

Good attendance helps children to:



Make better progress



Develop confidence



Build and maintain friendships



Gain important skills for the future



Be happier and healthier



AMBITION BELONGING COURAGE

PLAY GUITAR

SING

ROCK STEADY

RELAUNCH!

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

ROCK STEADY™

IN SCHOOL BAND LESSONS FOR ALL ABILITIES

PLAY KEYBOARDS



FOR CHILDREN ALREADY SIGNED UP

Lessons start next Friday

11TH SEPTEMBER

We can't wait to see you!

Would your child like to be part of a **Rock Steady band?**

Children can join a band and learn to **sing**, play **guitar** or **keyboards**, building confidence while making music with their friends.



WANT TO JOIN A ROCK STEADY BAND?

If your child would like to join a Rock Steady band to sing, play guitar or keyboards, **contact Rock Steady now!**

CLICK HERE

TO FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP



BUILD CONFIDENCE



MAKE NEW FRIENDS



LEARN A NEW SKILL



BE PART OF A BAND

PE DAYS

Be Active • Be Ready • Be Your Best

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE uniform on their PE days.

YEAR 1	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 2	Monday and Tuesday
YEAR 3	Tuesday and Friday
YEAR 4	Wednesday and Thursday ★ Leonard and Hardy – Swimming on a Thursday starting Thursday 10th September
YEAR 5	Tuesday and Thursday
YEAR 6	Monday and Friday



PE UNIFORM

Comfortable • Practical • Ready to Learn

PE UNIFORM GIRLS



PE UNIFORM BOYS



PE UNIFORM CAN BE WORN ALL DAY

Children can come to school in their PE uniform on their PE days. No need to bring a change of clothes.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE:

✓ Named ✓ Clean ✓ Ready for PE days

Thank you for your support!

Meet the Teacher

Come and find out more about your child's year!

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER Y2 & Y5 Meet the Teacher	TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER Y1 & Y6 Meet the Teacher	WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER Y3 & Y4 Meet the Teacher
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After School
 Year group classrooms
 A chance to meet your child's teacher and ask any questions.

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No Smart Watches in School

Please do not send your child to school with a smart watch of any kind.

This includes all watches that can make calls, send messages, access the internet or have any smart features.

Thank you for your support!

DOGS ON SITE

A polite reminder to all parents and carers that dogs are **not permitted** on the school site at the beginning or end of the school day. This includes small dogs being carried.

Thank you for your support with this.

PROUD TO PARTNER WITH SUSSEX RESIDENTIAL

We're delighted to continue our partnership with Sussex Residential, an independent estate agency based right here in Billingshurst.

At the heart of this initiative is a simple idea: everyday life moments, such as moving home or letting a property, can also become an opportunity to give something back.

Each time a property transaction is successfully completed through Sussex Residential, a donation will be made directly to the school, helping to enrich the experiences, opportunities, and resources available to our children.

We're very grateful to Ben at Sussex Residential for his continued support of our school community. TOGETHER, WE'RE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES.

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SLT Meet & Greet

Come and say hello Ask us a question Catch up about your child

Monday 7th September
 8:40am
 KS2 Hall

**COMING
SOON!**

DRUM KIT LESSONS

BEAT
PLAY
LEARN
GROW

We are excited to launch Drumming lessons in school on Monday mornings!

As of September Nicola Oakley will be delivering group and 1-1 lessons weekly on Monday mornings for as little as **£9.90 per lesson!**

Nicola has been teaching with West Sussex Music for the last two years and graduated with a degree in music performance. She teaches both to grade syllabuses and without, depending on what suits each child the most and encourages finding the fun in music over everything.

This is an exciting opportunity for your child to get to explore their musical side with the guidance and support of an instrument specialist.

If you are interested in arranging a trial lesson please get in contact with West Sussex Music by email music@westsussexmusic.co.uk or by telephone **01403 286330**.



GROUP
AND 1-1
LESSONS
AVAILABLE

FOR AS
LITTLE AS
£9.90
PER LESSON!

ONLY
LIMITED
SPACES
AVAILABLE!

DISCOVER THE
BEAT IN YOU!



Our New SCHOOL LUNCHES are a big hit! ♥



Good
Food
Brighter
Futures! ♥

The children have really enjoyed their new
freshly cooked meals from **Aspens!**

FRESHLY
COOKED ♥
HEALTHY
DELICIOUS



"The chips
are so good!"
😊



"The pasta
is so yummy!"
♥



"It is
delicious!"
😊



"The pastry
was tasty!"
♥



Great food
fuels bright
futures! 😊



A VARIETY
OF TASTY MEALS
EVERY DAY
♥

EASY ONLINE ORDERING

SwiftKitchen



Simple. Secure. Convenient.

Parents will continue to order
meals online through SwiftKitchen.

Find out more at
www.swiftkitchen.co.uk

SCAN
HERE



DON'T FORGET!

The deadline for ordering meals
is 9:30am on the day!

GOOD FOOD. HAPPY CHILDREN. BRIGHTER FUTURES.



READ to the BEAT



Calling All Reading Rockstars! Summer Reading Challenge 2026

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat, finishes on **Saturday 12 September**. So, don't forget to collect your child's medal and certificate from your local library.

Plus every family completing the Challenge has the opportunity to enter a **free prize draw** to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet or one of five runner-up £10 book vouchers.

If it feels like you're running out of time – remember children can also collect reward stickers by completing some of the [Make the Challenge Your Own](#) goals which are listed in their sticker booklet.

Scan the QR code now to complete the Finisher's Form!



GO ALL IN.

SCHOOL
CLUBS



Premier
Education

INSPIRE
LEARN
ACHIEVE

FREE TASTER SESSION(S) WITH PREMIER EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Carers,

We're excited to announce a **FREE** taster session for our upcoming club(s), delivered by **Premier Education!**

If your child enjoys being active, trying new things and having fun with their friends, this is a great opportunity for them to come along, get involved and see what the club is all about.

Whether your child is already confident in the activity, or is simply looking to try something new – **everybody is welcome!**

Places are **limited**, so we encourage you to book early to avoid missing out.

FUN
FRIENDS
FITNESS

SCAN
ME



**BOOK YOUR FREE
TASTER SESSION(S) HERE:**

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/1198-960558/>



Following the taster session, parents will have the opportunity to book their child onto the full term programme.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!



BE ACTIVE



TRY
NEW THINGS



MAKE
FRIENDS



HAVE FUN



From September, we are introducing three new online systems to make it easier for you to manage your child's information, communicate with school and make payments.



Arbor

Arbor Parent Portal & App

Our main communication platform



View your child's attendance.



Submit absence requests.



Update emergency contact, medical and dietary information.



Receive school communications and notifications.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You will receive an email inviting you to activate your Arbor account. Follow the instructions to create your login before September.



Arbor has a free Parent App!

Download from:



SUSSEX LEARNING TRUST

Parent Payment Portal

For all school payments



School Trips and Residentials



Payments for paid clubs and activities



Other payments as requested by school

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You will receive an email containing your registration details.

If you already use the portal for Breakfast or After-School Club, no further action is required.



SwiftKitchen

Part of



SwiftKitchen

Ordering your child's school meals



Book your child's meals.



Pay for meals where applicable.



Manage meal choices online.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You will receive information explaining how to register and start ordering meals before the new term begins.



SwiftKitchen has a free App!

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A stronger community together



BPA Bees

Weekly Update

Small Fundraisers Make a Big Difference!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
ENRICH OUR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a great summer break!

For families new to the school, a little bit about us... the **BPA Bees** raise funds for the school so the children can benefit from extra resources and experiences that the school budget does not allow. We organise fundraisers throughout the year for families and the local community to enjoy.

We are always looking for new members to make new ideas come to life. Please contact us if you are interested or want to find out more.



Come along to our first meeting of the new school year on

Friday 11th September at 2pm

in the staff room.

For more information, please contact us at:
BPABees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT!

Join us for an evening of fun at our next Quiz Night on **Friday 25th September!**

Teams of up to 6 people are £30 (plus booking fee).

Bring your own drinks and snacks.

You can see more information and book your tickets here:



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