



Newsletter Friday 11th September

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Monday 14th September
Tuesday 15th
Tuesday 22nd
Wednesday 23rd
Thursday 24th
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Y5 Rainbow Theatre - Workshop
House Elections
Reading Volunteer Meeting
Author Event - Keiran Larwood
Y6 Tile Barn Meeting - 3:30pm - KS2 Hall
Y4 MTC Parent Information Meeting
EYFS Open Morning (September 2027)



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been across school! Our children have continued to shine, showing the enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitudes to learning that we have already seen this term. It has been wonderful to see them fully immersed in their learning and making the most of every opportunity in the classroom.

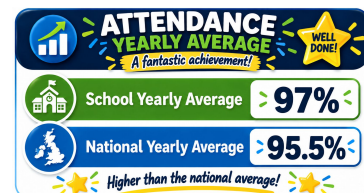
Our new projects are now well underway, and teachers have been creating some fantastic immersive learning experiences to bring these topics to life. From exciting introductions to new subjects to hands-on activities and thoughtful discussions, there has been a real buzz of curiosity and discovery throughout school. It is wonderful to see children asking questions, making connections and embracing new challenges.

A particular highlight this week has been our Equality Team taking part in their Mental Health Ambassador training. They have developed their understanding of mental health and wellbeing and explored how they can play an important role in supporting and promoting positive mental health within our school community. We are incredibly proud of them for taking on this responsibility.

A reminder that 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!

Thank you to our children and staff for another brilliant week. Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment continue to make our school such a special place to learn.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Ley



Be here at 8:40am...

...and make the most of your time!



You can settle into your classroom and calmly organise your belongings.



You can complete the Start of the Day Activity (SODA).

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You can check your learning from the previous day.



You can complete any learning you need to finish.



You can read a chapter of your book.

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.



You can self manage by organising your resources.



You can catch up with your friends.



You can speak to your teacher.

Year 1 - Exploring Bees

Year 1 spent the first two days finding out all about bees! We explored the life cycle of a bee, found out where bees like to live, what they do and how important they are for pollination. Mr Matthews took us to the beehive and told us all about what the bees do and how they make honey. He explored the equipment they use in the beehive and the suits they wear. Some of us got to try the suits on!



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	Calendar icon	Wednesday and Friday	Soccer ball icon
YEAR 2	Calendar icon	Monday and Tuesday	Water bottle icon
YEAR 3	Calendar icon	Tuesday and Friday	Gloves icon
YEAR 4	Calendar icon	Wednesday and Thursday ★ Leonard and Hardy – Swimming on a Thursday starting Thursday 10th September	Goggles icon
YEAR 5	Calendar icon	Tuesday and Thursday	Basketball icon
YEAR 6	Calendar icon	Monday and Friday	Tennis racket icon



PE UNIFORM

Comfortable • Practical • Ready to Learn

PE UNIFORM GIRLS

- Plain navy/black shorts (these can be cycling shorts)
- Plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings – navy or black
- PE top – white t shirt or house t shirt
- Navy or black hoodie (for colder months) – hoodies should be plain
- Trainers

PE UNIFORM BOYS

- Plain navy or black football shorts
- Plain tracksuit bottoms – navy or black
- PE top – white t shirt or house t shirt
- Navy or black hoodie (for colder months) – hoodies should be plain
- Trainers

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!

Equality Group

Mental Health Ambassador Training

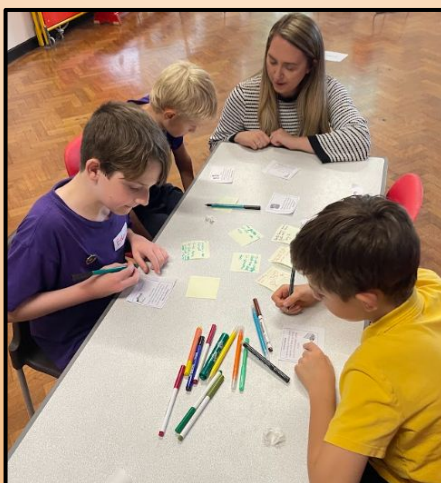


This week, our Equality Group completed their Mental Health Ambassador training, developing the knowledge and skills they need to help promote positive mental health and wellbeing across our school.

The first session explored the links between **physical and mental health, emotions, who we can turn to for support, and the importance of community**. Pupils discussed how to recognise when they or others might be struggling, explored different emotions and identified trusted adults who can help.

In their second session, the ambassadors developed their **listening skills**, explored friendship issues such as feeling left out, and learned about the **bystander effect** and how they can support others. They also discussed the important role of safeguarding and understood that it is not their responsibility to solve a friend's problems or keep worries secret, but to speak to a trusted adult.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and maturity shown by our ambassadors and look forward to seeing them use their learning to help make our school an even more supportive and inclusive community.



**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**.



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AND 1-1
LESSONS
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FOR AS
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PER LESSON!

ONLY
LIMITED
SPACES
AVAILABLE!

**DISCOVER THE
BEAT IN YOU!**



**STEYPNING
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**
SIXTH FORM

enjoy respect achieve

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OPEN EVENTS

AT THE TOWERS AND ROCK ROAD CAMPUSES

SEPTEMBER 2026

We warmly invite Year 6 families to visit our Key Stage 3 sites and experience our school.



OPEN EVENINGS

Meet our faculty teams and hear from the Headteacher.

Rock Road

Wednesday 23rd September

5–8pm

Headteacher talks at 5.30 and 6.30pm.

The Towers

Wednesday 30th September

5–8pm

Headteacher talks at 5.30 and 6.30pm.



OPEN MORNINGS

See the school in action and meet staff and students.

Rock Road – Storrington

Wednesday 23rd September

9.40am – 10.45am

The Towers – Upper Beeding

Monday 21st September

9:15am – 10:30am



Visit our website for more information
www.sgs.uk.net

Meet Our KITCHEN TEAM

Our amazing kitchen team work hard every day to prepare healthy, tasty and nutritious meals for all of our children.



A Big Thank You!

We are so grateful for everything our kitchen team do to keep our children fuelled and ready to learn!

Healthy Meals
Happier Learners

Fresh Nutritious
Tasty

Good Food
Bright Futures



A Huge Thank You to our BPA Bees!

Small group
Big difference!

A huge thank you to our wonderful **BPA Bees** for applying for a grant to help fund some much-needed new phonics books for our children.

We are delighted to now have these fantastic books in school, and our children will be using them **every day** to support their phonics and reading development.

This generous support has made a real difference. **Without the BPA Bees' support, we simply would not have been able to purchase these books.**

Thank you for continuing to support our school and, most importantly, for helping us provide our children with the resources they need to become confident and enthusiastic readers.

We really appreciate everything you do for BPA! ❤️



❤️ SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN ❤️ ENRICHING THEIR LEARNING ❤️ BRIGHTER FUTURES ❤️

A group of approximately 25 students and two adults are posed for a group photo in a school hallway. The students are arranged in four rows, some standing and some sitting on the floor. They are wearing various school uniforms, including purple, white, and blue shirts. Behind them is a large blue banner with the text 'At Billingshurst Primary Academy we are ready we are respectful we are safe' and a tree graphic. The hallway has light-colored walls and a wooden floor.





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:



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Parent Payment Portal

For all school payments



School Trips and Residential



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!

Download from:



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Supporting our local community in

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Find the latest adverts, events and information from local businesses, clubs and organisations.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

CLUBS

EVENTS

ACTIVITIES

CLICK HERE

A stronger community together

BPA Bees

Weekly Update

Small Fundraisers Make a Big Difference!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
ENRICH OUR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES

Follow the BPA Bees!

Keep up to date with our latest news, events, fundraisers and how we're making a difference for our school!

Find us on Facebook
@Bbpbees

Follow us on Instagram
@bpa_bees

Like Follow Share

Help us reach more families and grow our BPA Bees community!

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:

Together we can make a difference!

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