



Newsletter Friday 18th September

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Tuesday 22nd	Reading Volunteer Meeting - 9:30am
Tuesday 22nd	EYFS Welcome Meeting - 2:30pm
Wednesday 23rd	Author Event - Keiran Larwood
Wednesday 23rd	Y4 MTC Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 24th	Y6 Tile Barn Meeting - 3:30pm
Thursday 24th	EYFS Open Morning (September 2027)



Dear Parents/Carers,

There have been lots of exciting experiences across the school this week, from Year 5 bringing Greek myths to life with Rainbow Theatre, to Year 2 exploring what school was like in the past through historical artefacts and family interviews.

We have also had some exciting new opportunities beginning this week. Our Year 3 children have started their **Djembe drumming lessons**, developing their musical skills and having plenty of fun along the way. Year 4 have also enjoyed their **second week of weekly swimming lessons**, and it has been fantastic to hear about the children's enthusiasm and progress. A particular thank you goes to our children for their continued hard work and positive attitude.

Our **144 Club** has grown this week, with children demonstrating their commitment to mastering their times tables. It is also fantastic to see our attendance currently at **97.1% for the year**, above the national figure of 95.7%. Every day really does count!

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge **thank you and good luck to Katie Watson in Year 6**, who is moving on to pastures new. We wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support this week regarding **parking responsibly around school**. Please help us to ensure we maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Finally, we have a number of key meetings next week so we hope to see you at one of those if they are relevant to your child. All the times and dates are above.

Have a great weekend,

Ms Ley



Attendance Success!



Well done everyone!

Great attendance helps our children to thrive!

Our attendance this year

97.1%

Fantastic!

National average

95.7%



We are above the national average!

High attendance helps our children to:



Achieve their best



Build confidence



Develop strong friendships



Take part in every opportunity



Be happier and healthier

A reminder about Fridays

Friday's attendance was slightly lower than the rest of the week.

Please try to ensure your child is in school every Friday so that they don't miss out on:



Celebration Assemblies

Sharing achievements and celebrating success



Finishing off learning from the week

Completing projects and consolidating knowledge



A review of the week in class

Reflecting on learning and setting goals for next week



Class reading time

Enjoying and sharing stories together



And much more...

Year 5 - Greek Workshop

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 welcomed their first visitors of the year: Rainbow Theatre!

The children were introduced to a variety of fascinating Greek myths and had the opportunity to get fully involved in bringing the stories to life. They had a fantastic time and made excellent sailors, Olympians and Athenian tributes!

Well done, Year 5, for getting stuck in and representing the school so brilliantly!





*Keeping our
school community
connected*

Important update for parents and carers

From **21st September**, we will only be sending emails via the Arbor app.

Please ensure you have downloaded and set up the app prior to this date.

If you need any support,
please contact us.

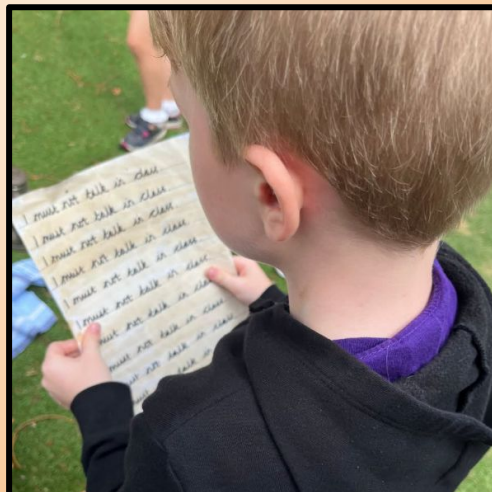
Thank you.



Year 2 - History

This week in Year 2 History, the children made comparisons between school today and school in the past. They began their learning journey by exploring historical artefacts from school life in the past, asking questions about how and why schools had changed over time.

The children also interviewed members of their families to find out about their own experiences of school in the past. They were fascinated by the ink pens they discovered, although they weren't quite so keen on the idea of writing lines!





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DRUM KIT LESSONS

Get ready to make some noise!

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.

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PLAY
LEARN
GROW

GROUP AND 1-1 LESSONS AVAILABLE

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 music@westsussexmusic.co.uk

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 INSPIRE CONFIDENCE

 DEVELOP CREATIVITY

 BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

READING

Volunteer Meeting

SUPPORT
ENCOURAGE
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help inspire a love of reading!



Tuesday 22nd 9:30am

Reading Volunteer Meeting

We look forward to seeing you there!



COMING SOON TO THIS SCHOOL!
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

FANTASTIC CHILDREN'S AUTHOR KIERAN LARWOOD

AUTHOR OF THE PODKIN FIVE REALMS SERIES








This **FREE** school author event is organised by The Steyning Bookshop. Scan the QR code to pre-order one of Kieran's books for your child to collect at school (add child & school name) See school emails for more info



Upcoming PARENT MEETINGS

We look forward to seeing you!

TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 9:30am

READING VOLUNTEER Meeting

KS1 Hall

READ
INSPIRE
SUPPORT
Make a difference!

TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2:30pm

EYFS Welcome Meeting

EYFS Classrooms

A great start together

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 3:30pm

YEAR 4 MTC Parent Information Meeting

Rundell Class

THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 3:30pm

YEAR 6 Tile Barn Meeting

KS2 Hall

TILE BARN

All parents welcome!

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a brighter
future

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discover practical ways to
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and self-belief.



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of teenage behaviour,
communication and
development.



Listen
Understand
Support
Thrive

Early Years & Starting School

Find out more about play,
development and how to
help your child get ready
for school.



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PARENTS & CARERS

Stronger
Together

PLEASE PARK LEGALLY & RESPONSIBLY

AROUND OUR SCHOOL AND
LOCAL COMMUNITY

This week we have had numerous reports
of cars being:



parked on
yellow lines



blocking
drives



parked on
grass areas



causing
obstruction

Please respect our local neighbours
and help keep our community safe,
accessible and friendly for everyone.

Thank you
for your support.

SAFE CHILDREN
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Willow's Fundraiser

Supporting

Little
Princess Trust

Real hair. Real confidence.



A small
chop makes
a big difference



**Sponsored
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26 October 2026

Willow is raising money for the Little Princess Trust,
which provides real-hair wigs free of charge to children
and young people who have lost their hair through
cancer treatment or other conditions such as alopecia.
The charity also funds childhood cancer research.



Real-hair wigs
for children and
young people



Helps rebuild
confidence



Supports
childhood cancer
research

Please support Willow's fundraiser

Donate via JustGiving

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Thank
you!

1x1

2x2

3x3

4x4

5x5

6x6

7x7

8x8

9x9

10x10

11x11

12x12

144 CLUB

WE KNOW ALL OUR TIMES TABLES!

At Billingshurst Primary Academy

We are ready

we are respectful

TIMES TABLES CHAMPION!

MATHS SUPERSTAR!

PRACTISE

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE

READING

Volunteer Meeting

SUPPORT

ENCOURAGE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help inspire a love of reading!

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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.

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Early Years Open Days

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027

Open Days

Thursday 24th September - 10am

Tuesday 20th October - 10am

Thursday 12th November - 10am

Wednesday 25th November - 6pm

Come and see what makes our Early Years so special!

Meet our Early Years staff

Explore our environments

Find out more information

Visit our website to find out more information

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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 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

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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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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!

- ♥ Support our school community
- ♥ Help provide exciting opportunities for our children
- ♥ Be the first to hear about events, fundraisers and news
- ♥ Together we can make a difference!

Find us online!



Facebook @Bpbbees



Instagram @bpa_bees

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

QUIZ NIGHT!

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

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.

CLICK HERE to book tickets!

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 8th October **after school**

Come along and hear about our plans, find out how you can get involved and help support our school community.

All parents and carers welcome!

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