



Newsletter Friday 9th October

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Tues 13th	Individual school photos
Weds 14th	Individual school photos
Wed 14th	Parents' Evening - Book Nook
Thurs 15th	Parents' Evening - Book Nook
Mon 19th	Y6 NHS Height & Weight check
Tues 20th	EYFS open morning (2027 intake) - 10:00am KS1 hall
Thurs 22nd	Sibling school photos
Fri 23rd	2.15pm Open classrooms (reading)

House Points This Week



Petworth



Goodwood



Cowdray



Parham

No Winner This Week!
It's a rollover - all house points will carry over to next week!

Together we achieve more!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week at Billingshurst Primary Academy, with so much to celebrate! From EYFS exploring Hickory Dickory Dock to Year 6 investigating adaptation and evolution, we have seen a fantastic range of learning across school.

Our children have also embraced opportunities beyond the classroom, including our School Council launching a competition to design a new school sports kit. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest collection for Horsham Matters. Your generosity will make a real difference to local families. Thank you, too, to all the bakers who entered our Victoria Sponge Cake Competition and supported our cake sale. We look forward to announcing the winners next week!

This week, our attendance has fallen this week due to increased illness. Please support us by reminding children to wash their hands regularly and cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow to help prevent the spread of germs. As the colder weather arrives, please ensure all children bring a suitable coat to school every day so they can enjoy outdoor play at break and lunchtime.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to **Parents' Evening on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October**. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress, discuss next steps and strengthen the partnerships between home and school that help every child thrive.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!
Ms Ley

Parents Evening

Book Now

via Arbor



PARENTS & CARERS 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



ATTENDANCE YEARLY AVERAGE

School Yearly Average **93%**

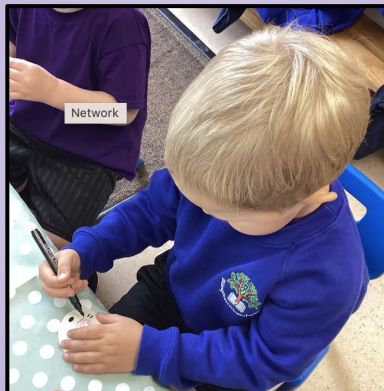
National Yearly Average **95.6%**

We have had lots of illness this week. Please help us by encouraging your children to wash their hands and cough into a tissue or their elbow.



EYFS - Hickory Dickory Dock

This week, our children in EYFS have been enjoying learning the rhyme *Hickory Dickory Dock*! 🐭🕒 They have been developing their cutting and sticking skills by making their own little mice, retelling the rhyme to their friends and drawing scenes from the rhyme in Drawing Club. Why not ask your child to perform the rhyme at home? We're sure they'll love showing off their learning! 🎵



Harvest Celebrations

This week, we celebrated Harvest. Our school community came together to donate a huge amount of food for our local charity, **Horsham Matters**. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us support those in need within our local community. We also enjoyed a special Harvest Assembly, where we learnt more about the meaning of Harvest and celebrated by singing the Harvest songs we have been practising over the last few weeks. Ask your child for a rendition of *Harvest Tango* or *Cauliflowers Fluffy* and you certainly won't be disappointed!

🎵 Thank you for helping us celebrate Harvest and for showing such wonderful generosity and community spirit.



HorshamMatters
Meeting Needs and Improving Lives

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

FINAL CALL!



We need a response for **ALL children** so that we know who is / who is not attending.

Please reply before **MONDAY**



All information has been shared by email.



Please support our admin team by replying.



Our School Parliament

Children's voices making a difference at our school



School Councillors



1 child from each class
(3 from each year group)

Representing the views of all children and helping to make our school an even better place.

Eco Councillors



3 children from each year group
(1 from each class)

Caring for our environment, leading eco-projects and helping to make our school grounds and local community a greener place.

House Captains



Representing their House, encouraging teamwork and helping to build school spirit through house events and activities.

Equality Group



Trained Mental Health Ambassadors supporting children across school.

Promoting inclusion, kindness and respect, helping everyone to feel safe, valued and part of our school community.

Our School Councillors also join our Values Councils

Each School Councillor is part of one of our three Values Councils, where they focus on ideas and actions linked to our school values.



Ambition Council



Thinking of ways to help everyone be the best they can be. We focus on aspirations, opportunities and helping all children to reach their goals.



Belonging Council



Making sure everyone feels welcome, included and part of our school family. We focus on friendships, celebrating differences and building a strong school community.



Courage Council



Thinking of ways to be brave, stand up for what is right and make a positive difference. We aim to build resilience, honesty and helping others to have the courage to do the right thing.



School Council Meeting

week, our School Council met for the first time this academic year! Our newly elected representatives came together as part of our wider School Parliament, ready to share ideas and make a positive difference to our school community.

The children spent time getting to know their fellow councillors and learning more about their new roles and responsibilities. They then got straight to work, launching an exciting new competition for children to **design a brand-new school sports kit!**





PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE - CRAWLEY

FREE!

A 6 week course for parents/carers to gain knowledge and understanding around supporting your child/ren & young people's mental health, offering a safe space to reflect and gain peer support along the way.

Topics covered include; 5 ways to well-being, self esteem, anxiety, emotional regulation, communication, parenting styles, attachment, teenage brain re-wiring and parental self-compassion.

This course is open to any parent/carer of a child aged 5-18 living or attending school in West Sussex and able to commit to the 6 sessions.

DATES

Thursday 5th November
Thursday 12th November
Thursday 19th November
Thursday 26th November
Thursday 3rd December
Thursday 10th December

LOCATION

Crawley Community
Action,
The Orchard,
1-2 Gleneagles Court
Brighton Road,
Crawley
RH10 6AD

TIME

10am - 12.30pm
weekly

Refreshments
provided



To secure your place or for more information, please email:
[parentingsupport @westsussexmind.org](mailto:parentingsupport@westsussexmind.org)

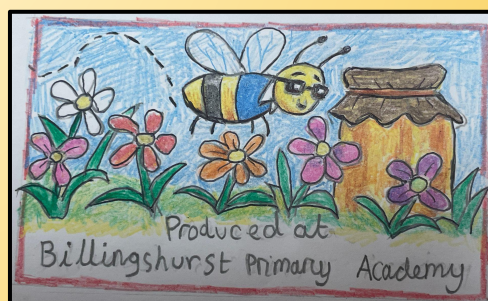
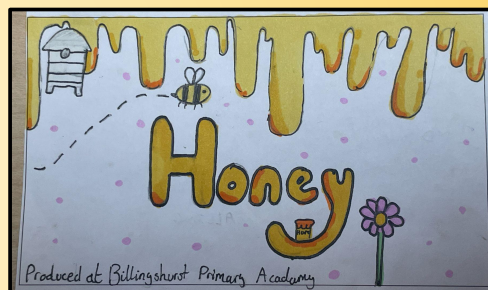
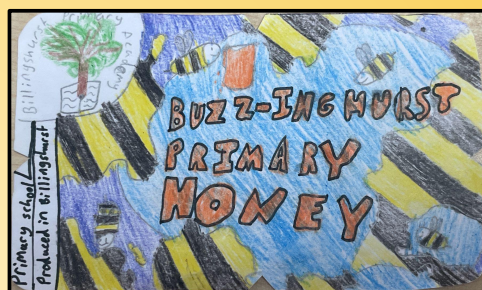
Victoria Sponge Competition

A huge thank you to all the incredible bakers who entered our Victoria Sponge Cake Competition this week! We were blown away by the fabulous entries, and all the cakes went down a storm at our cake sale. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated and supported our school. We hope you had lots of fun getting involved! Winners will be announced in assembly next week, so keep your fingers crossed!



Honey Jar Label Competition

A huge well done to all the children who entered our Honey Jar Label Competition! We were so impressed by the creativity and effort shown in all the entries, and choosing our winners was a really tough decision. Congratulations to our **three winners**, whose fantastic designs have been selected to become the labels for our very own honey jars! We're now looking forward to bringing their designs to life and, in the near future, selling our very own **BPA Bees honey**, produced right here at school! Thank you to everyone who took part. We can't wait to share the finished jars with you! 🍯



Year 6 - Science

On Wednesday, as part of their science learning about adaptation and evolution, Year 6 conducted an engaging experiment to model how the shape of a bird's beak can affect the food it is able to eat. Inspired by Charles Darwin's observations in the Galápagos Islands in 1834, the activity gave pupils the opportunity to explore how different beak shapes can provide advantages when feeding on different types of food. It was a hands-on and exciting way for the pupils to deepen their understanding of adaptation and natural selection!



NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Billingshurst Parish



Ross Phillips
07795 051516



Louisa Hull
07795 051529

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call or email
billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

@HDWardens

@HorshamWardens



NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS

THE WORK WE DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Based within the community, your Neighbourhood Wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The Wardens undertake a number of activities, ranging from enforcement to community development.

Neighbourhood Wardens can help the community in the following ways:

- Meet the needs of the community and improve the quality of life for the residents, through engagement, promotion and support.
- Develop projects that benefit the local residents, to tackle community safety issues and promote inclusivity.
- Promote community cohesion, resilience and solidarity to encourage and empower communities to resolve issues.
- Support vulnerable members of the community with activities, advice, welfare checks and signposting.
- Engage with residents daily to get to know their local community and become a trusted friend to offer advice and guidance.
- Offer education and advice when required, before taking enforcement action.
- Contribute to the delivery of the Community Safety Partnership plan by working with other agencies.
- Provide a highly visible and reassuring uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an effective eyes and ears service aimed at reducing the fear of crime and improving quality of life.
- Work alongside the Police and submit reports regarding drug use, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

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In an emergency always dial 999



Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2027

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 5 October 2026.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting
primary school or
transferring to junior
or secondary school in
September 2027?

Do you think, for

- whatever reason, you
- may struggle with the
- Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 7 September 2026.

Deadline for applying for a secondary
school place for your child is:
Saturday 31 October 2026.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 5 October 2026.

Deadline for applying for a school place
for your child is:

Friday 15 January 2027.

For more information on the admissions process:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's
schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk

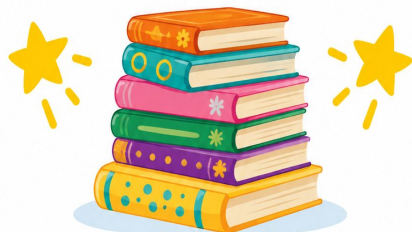
www.westsussexsendias.org



THE BOOK NOOK Book Fair

Wednesday 14th
and Thursday 15th October

ALL sales go towards
**NEW books for
OUR SCHOOL!**



THE BOOK NOOK

Independent Children's Bookshop

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



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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
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★ WE KNOW ALL OUR TIMES TABLES! ★

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— PRACTISE ★ BELIEVE ★ ACHIEVE —

Black History Month

October is Black History Month in the UK, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people, past and present. These stories are part of everyone's history, and they belong to all of us.

When we learn about people from different backgrounds, every child can see themselves and others as valued members of our community. That is what belonging means at our school.

This year, each year group will focus on and learn about the inspiring people below.



Year 1
Bob Marley
Music brings people together.



Year 2
Cynthia Erivo
Finding and using our voice.



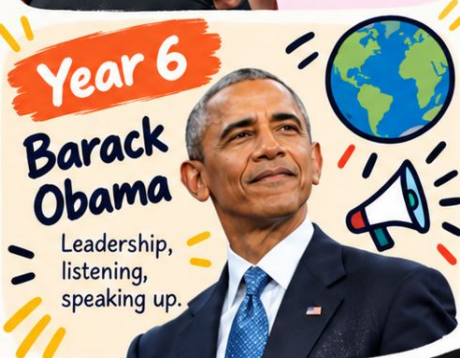
Year 3
Serena Williams
Practice, teamwork, not giving up.



Year 4
Beyoncé
Hard work, creativity, talent for good.



Year 5
RuPaul
Being yourself, respecting difference.



Year 6
Barack Obama
Leadership, listening, speaking up.



Community Links

Supporting our local community in

BILLINGSHURST

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



Local People
Brighter Futures

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!

- ♥ 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!  @bpabees  @bpa_bees

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

UNIFORM SALE

Friday 23rd October

From 2pm (during Open Classrooms) until after school.

Good quality pre-loved uniform at great prices!

Cash and card donations accepted.

Good for the planet and great for our school!

By buying pre-loved uniform, you're helping to reduce waste, save money and support the BPA Bees in raising funds for our school.

FOLLOW US!


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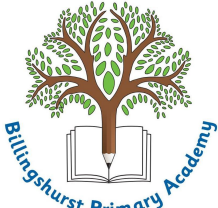


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