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The children and staff of South Bersted Church of England Primary School have achieved so much this year. Receiving the grading of Good following our Ofsted inspection and our Year 6 SATs results, there is so much to be proud of. The school has continued to be recognised for its commitment to sport and being advocates for positive change. This week, I was informed that the school had received the Gold accreditation for our commitment to PE and sport in KS1 and we have also achieved our Green Flag award.

One of my fondest memories of the year, is seeing the perseverance and support shown by a number of pupils during our sports days. This positive attitude was again displayed during our recent Key Stage 1 and EYFS Huff and Puff event.



Over the past two weeks, there has been a real sense of community across the school. Firstly, I would like to thank those of you that supported and attended our Summer Fayre. This was the first summer fayre that has taken place for a number of years and it was lovely to see so many people engaging in the stalls, which were organised and run by our pupils. Thank you to the Friends of South Bersted who have had a fantastic year in raising money for the school.

On Wednesday, it was wonderful to see so many family members attending our Dance Extravaganza. The children were amazing and will clearly reflect and remember the event!

*"I really liked, It was great. I was the leader for everyone to follow.*

**Alisa - Y3**

*"I was a bit nervous, because I felt embarrassed but I gave a try and I like it.*

**Kacper - Y3**

*"I enjoyed it because we got to do our performance and watch everyone else"*

**Amelia - Y2**

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## YEAR 6:

Today, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. Over the time at the school, they have been an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and the school. This week, I was amazed at their confidence and enthusiasm towards their production of the Wizard of Oz. There are certainly member performers in the making!



*"I felt nervous before the show but when Mr Thorn played my music and my dad told me to "Go on girl", it made me confident."*

Layla - Y6

*"I was pleased when everything went well. My parents loved the part where I shouted."*

Frankie-James - Y6

*"I loved my solo, I felt very proud when everyone clapped me after the song."*

Finnley - Y6



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I would also like to share how proud we are of their academic results from this year. Please see below a breakdown of their results compared to National.

	School	National	Difference
Reading	80%	73%	+7%
Writing	77%	71%	+6%
Maths	77%	73%	+4%
Combined	63%	59%	+4%
SPAG	80%	72%	+8%
Science	83%	80%	+3%

We wish them the very best for their amazing futures and look forward to hearing of their achievements!



Goodbye  
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Good Luck

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## ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

Congratulations to Zack C (Yr 6) who is our attendance winner for this term. On Tuesday, his name was drawn from our attendance raffle and today he received his prize.

Yesterday, we recognised the 42 pupils that had 100% attendance over the Summer Term.

For the next academic year improving pupil's attendance remains a priority for the school. This year, the school's attendance is 94% which is 2% below the target that we have set.

Congratulations to Year 3, who had the highest attendance of all year groups at 95.8%.



## READING AWARDS:

Last week, it was wonderful to present pupils with new reading books as part of our reading raffle. Congratulations to **Amelia (EYS)**, **Lyla (Y1)**, **Jim (Y2)**, **Alisa (Y3)**, **Francesca (Y4)**, **Riley (Y5)**, and **Poppy (Y6)**.

Reading 1,000,000 words across the year, is a significant milestone. Congratulations to **Jamie (Y6)**, **Zac (Y6)** and **Poppy (Y6)** who have all achieved this milestone. A huge congratulations to Poppy who has become the first pupil across the school to read 4,000,000 words!

Over the Summer Holidays, please encourage your child to engage in the Summer Reading Challenge. All children that complete the challenge will be celebrated when they return to school in September.



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## AUTHOR VISIT:

On the 18th September, we welcome author David Fuller to the school. David is the author of the popular Alfie Jones series which currently comprises seven books, and has recently spawned a spin-off - Chloe of the Comets - which was published earlier this year. The series has been praised by teachers, children and critics.

Additionally, he is also the author of the Galactic Towers series which consists of two books at the moment, with a third due to be released later this year.

During his sessions, David discusses memories of his own reading and writing experiences from his school days (he has slight dyspraxia so found writing fairly difficult; but loved literacy), and his journey to eventually becoming an author. He also talks about his books and explains why (and how) he has decided to write the types of books that he has. The last 10 minutes or so of the session are set aside for the children to ask him questions.

To learn more about David Fuller, you can visit his website: <http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk/>

At the end of the day there will be an opportunity for children and families to meet David and buy copies of his book.

## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS:



Congratulations to **Year 3** who were the clear winners of the most recent battle. Congratulations to **Tommy (Y3)** who was the most Valuable Player with an amazing **10,839 points!**

The battle for the summer holidays is **boys vs girls**. The winners of the battle will be announced on our return to school in September. Good luck everyone!

## MEET AND GREETs:

In September, we invite all parents and carers to attend our Meet and Greet sessions. Each session, will provide key information on your child's curriculum, trips and logistical information for the year.

Each meeting will take place in the school hall straight after drop off and will start at 8:50am and finish by 9:30am. Refreshments will be made available. Please see the table below.

We hope that you can join us.

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Year Group	Day
EYFS	Friday 15th September (Coffee and Cake Morning)
Year 1	Thursday 7th September
Year 2	Friday 8th September
Year 3	Tuesday 12th September
Year 4	Thursday 14th September
Year 5	Monday 18th September
Year 6	Thursday 21st September

## DEDICATED SCHOOLS TEAM:

Over the Summer Holiday, the Dedicated Schools Team (DST) are running drop in sessions for parents and carers. The sessions run to offer support to schools in supporting its families by providing information, advice, and guidance to schools and to parents directly. If you have any worries or concerns, you are welcome to attend the summer drop-in session to talk these through with a member of the Dedicated School's Team. Whether these worries are around behaviour, child wellbeing, difficulties with going to school, worries around finances or support around implementing boundaries and routines we can talk through these and offer information, advice, and guidance on where to get help and support. The aim is to ensure children and families are getting the right support at the earliest opportunity.

Please see the attached flyer for additional information regards Drop-In Session dates and venues.

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## HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES:

Following our transition morning, our whole school challenge is linked to the text Aaron Slater: Illustrator. A copy of the challenge can be found attached to this newsletter and on the key concept grids which were uploaded to Class Dojo yesterday.

## THOUGHT-FULL TEAM:

Please find in some useful webinars and resources from the Thought-full Team.

### Schools in Mind - Summer webinar to support young people's wellbeing

Each webinar will be run by Anna Freud education and mental health experts, sharing practical tips and advice for supporting wellbeing and dealing with potentially stressful situations.

Two of the webinars will be for parents and carers, sharing tips and advice to help them support their children with important milestones. The first webinar will be for parents/carers with children waiting for their exam results, and the second will be for those with children about to start Year 7. The third webinar will be for young people themselves, helping them look after their own wellbeing as they start at university.

Book your place:

- [Supporting young people with anxiety before results day](#) - 8th August, 2pm
- [Transition to secondary school: supporting your Year 7 child](#) - 9th August, 2pm
- [Managing your wellbeing when transitioning to university](#) - 22nd August, 2pm

Self-care summer: resources for children, young people and education staff

Anna Freud has created resources for primary school children and secondary or college age young people to help them create their own self-care plans, access all self-care summer resources [here](#)

Dealing with change and transitions: Mentally Healthy Schools toolkit

Additionally, Anna Freud has collected resources to help pupils deal with change and prepare for the summer break. Please follow the link to download the toolkit

[Download the toolkit here](#)

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## UP AND COMING EVENTS:

Friday 1st September - Inset Day (All)

Monday 4th September - Inset Day (All)

Tuesday 5th September - First day of term (8.35am)

Thursday 7th September - Year 1 Meet and Greet (8.50 - 9.30am)

Friday 8th September - Church Service (9am)

Everyone at South Bersted Church of England Primary School wishes you all a peaceful and restful summer and thank you for your continued support.

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## 2023 - 2024 TERM DATES:

5th September 2023	Start of Autumn Term (8.35am)
23rd - 27th October 2023	Half Term
18th - 31st December 2023	Christmas Holidays
3rd January 2024	Start of Spring Term (8.35am)
12th - 16th February 2024	Half Term
2nd - 12th April 2024	Easter Holidays
16th April 2024	Start of Summer Term (8.35am)
27th - 31st May 2024	Half Term
24th July 2024	Summer Holidays

Inset Days/Bank Holidays	Inset Days/Bank Holidays
1st September 2023 - Inset Day	29th March 2024 - Bank Holiday
4th September 2023 - Inset Day	1st April 2024 - Bank Holiday
20th October 2023 - Inset Day	15th April 2024 - Inset Day
1st January 2024 - Bank Holiday	6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday
2nd January 2024 - Inset Day	27th May 2024 - Bank Holiday
29th March 2024 - Bank Holiday	