



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

16th January 2026

Children's Concert

On Tuesday 13th January the choir attended a Children's concert at Chichester Festival Theatre. The concert was performed by Southern Pro Orchestra and conducted by Jonathan Wilcocks. The children enjoyed learning about the orchestral families of instruments, listening to Disney classics and one member of the choir even got to conduct the orchestra!

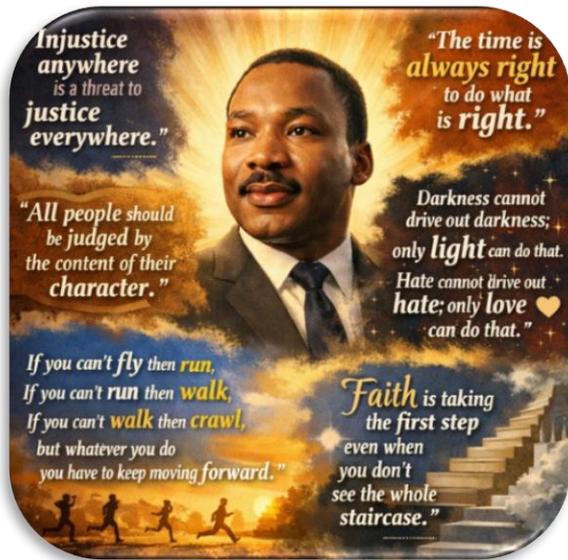


Drama4All Workshops

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of welcoming Drama4All into school to run 'Magic Toy Shop' sessions with EYFS- Y3. These sessions sparked imagination through drama games, improvisation, and role play. We had so much fun! The children that took part all received a leaflet with information about Drama4All after school clubs.



Philosophy for Children



Linked to our Christian Value of Hope this week's P4C was focused on Martin Luther King Junior. As a school, we explored the impact of his speeches. We reflected on what we could learn from them and if they are still relevant today.

If, as a family, you have any further discussions related to P4C, please share these with Mrs Bush either on the school gates or via Class Dojo.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Girl's Football Team. Having qualified for the area finals in November, the team played teams from Chichester this week. They came second in their group meaning they progressed into the semi-final where they won 1-0.

In the final the girls played incredibly well, demonstrating resilience and teamwork. Despite them not bringing home the cup, it is a fantastic achievement to reach the Bognor and Chichester finals, we are incredibly proud of them.



Next week we look forward to more sporting events including football and netball matches. Good luck in particular to our Year 5 footballers who are in the Pokemon Cup Final in Lancing on Tuesday.

Attendance

This week's attendance is: **95.6%**

This week's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
Year 2	99.7%
Year 3	98%
Year 1	97%

Numbots

Congratulations to our most valuable players:

Archie (Year 1) earning 2,153 coins,

Darcy C (Year 2) earning 2,707 coins.

Numbots is a fantastic online game that helps to develop pupil's recall of key number facts that frees up working memory.



INSET Day 2025 – 2026

Monday 13th April

When considering a holiday, please check the school's term dates and INSET Days. The school attaches INSET Days to the end and beginning of a school holiday. West Sussex Term dates can be accessed by following the link. [2025/2026 Term Dates](#)

Gold Book

Congratulations to the following pupils who were recognised this week, for their positive attitudes towards learning and for displaying the school's Christian Values. They were:

Zac, Toby & Milo (EYFS). Archie & Athena (Y1). Aiden, Sydney & Ini (Y2). Milo E & Amelia C (Y3). Fabian & Emee (Y4). Isabelle & Elliot (Y5). Raife B, Tommy P & Lucie-Rose (Y6).

Fidget Toys

We kindly ask that parents do not send children to school with fidgets or sensory toys. The school provides all necessary multi-sensory equipment, which meets specific safety standards to ensure that every item is safe for children to use.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and consistent learning environment.



Whole School Challenge

Our Home Learning Challenge is linked to our current school value of HOPE.
There are two challenges that you can choose from:

Challenge 1: Spiral of Hope

Spiral of Hope
Start with a circle of paper or light card and draw a spiral. On the spiral write a **hope** or dream that you have that will make the world a safer, cleaner or more healthy place to live. Cut along the lines until you get to the centre, leaving a circle in the middle. Make a hole in the middle so you can hang your spiral from a thread.
(You may want to practice drawing a good spiral on some scrap paper before you start.)



Challenge 2: Hopes and Dreams Catcher



Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads and other decorations.

Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a hoop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame to make the net and then decorate it creatively to catch all the hopes and dreams you can!

Send your pictures in by
Wednesday 21st January 2026

Up-Coming Events

Please find below a summary of upcoming events for the next three weeks:

Date	Details
January 2026	
Monday 19th	Year 4 Outdoor Learning Year 6 Bikeability (all week)
Tuesday 20th	Year 5 Football Finals. Year 6 Football event (after school) Years 5 and 6 Netball event (after school)
Friday 23rd	Year 5 Swimming
Monday 26th	Lewis Crathern Visit Year 3 Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 27th	Year 5 football event (after school)
Thursday 29th	Year 2 Goodwood Farm Trip Year 6 Outdoor Learning
Friday 30th	Year 5 Swimming Years 3 and 4 Football Final (change of date)
February 2026	
Monday 2nd	Year 2 Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 3rd	Years 5 and 6 Basketball event
Thursday 5th	Year 5 Soccersize event
Friday 6th	EYFS Fairytale Ball Year 5 Swimming

Online Safety

A reminder that WhatsApp states you must be 13 to use the service. Within WhatsApp, there are a number of privacy settings that stop people being added to groups.

To stop people adding you to WhatsApp groups go to

- Settings > Privacy > Groups and choose either "My Contacts" or "My Contacts Except..."

"My Contacts" allows only people in your phone's address book to add you to groups

"My Contacts Except..." lets you specifically block certain contacts from doing so. When these settings are applied, you will receive a private invitation to join a group and have 72 hours to accept or decline it before the invite expires.

If your child has received or witnessed inappropriate messages, you can use WhatsApp's 'Report' function to take action:

- Open the chat with the offending message
- Tap and hold on the message
- Select 'Report' from the options that appear.

This will send the message to WhatsApp to review and, if appropriate, will result in the user being removed from the platform.

We strongly advise parents and carers to review their child's phone use and where appropriate, remove access to apps and platforms that are not age appropriate.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday – Friday

08:00 – 08:35

£3.50 per session



To book sessions please express your interest by either following the below link or scanning the QR code.

[Breakfast Club - Expression of Interest – Fill in form](#)



junior parkrun - where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!



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