



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

23rd January 2026

County Final

On Tuesday, our Year 5 footballers travelled to Lancing to compete against other schools across the county in the Pokemon County Cup Final. The team played 6 games, narrowly losing two, drawing one and winning 1, meaning that they finished in 6th place overall. This is a fantastic achievement and one that the team should be really proud of.



Congratulations also to our **Year 6** football team and netball teams, who on Tuesday evening competed against local schools. This event helps to prepare teams for the Saturday tournament in March.

Thank you to parents and family members who supported the children at this week's events.

Next week, we look forward to our Year 3 and 4 girls football team competing in their locality final.

Junior Park Run

It has been pleasing to hear the number of children sharing their experience of engaging in Sunday's Junior Park Run. Yesterday, I received a wonderful email from the organisers praising the children's attitude and behaviour.

An amazing **33%** of all children who competed were from South Bersted.

A reminder that this week's event takes place on Sunday at 9:00, at the Arena. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Philosophy for Children

In P4C this week, we read the book *The Tin Forest*. This is a story about an old man who lives alone in a grey, polluted place where nature has disappeared. Remembering how the world once was, he begins to build a forest out of discarded metal and rubbish. As he imagines leaves, birds, and animals, his tin creations slowly attract real plants and wildlife. Over time, the dull landscape becomes alive again, showing how imagination, hope, and care can help restore the world.

Children reflected on the following questions.

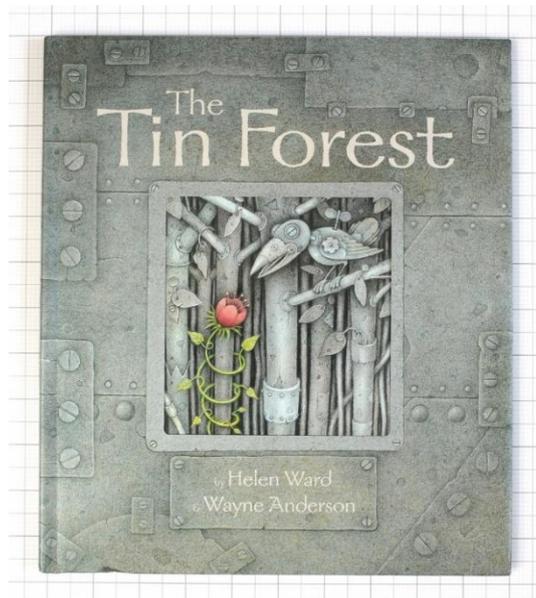
Can something broken still be beautiful?

Can you be lonely even when surrounded by things?

Do humans have a duty to fix the damage they cause to nature?

Is imagination powerful, or is it “just pretending”?

Can thinking differently change the world?



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.

Parent Workshops

Following yesterday's letter, we would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the below questionnaire.

The questionnaire will be open from **22nd January** until the end of half term, **13th February 2026**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfntME_I4HYMNI1jznEzCww6jiqkWD2O2jyxdIV5RwcOL2dTQ/viewform?usp=header

Bikeability

Congratulations to our **Year 6** pupils, who this week participated in their Level 2 Bikeability course. This is a key life skill for the children to develop. Next week, children will be coming home with their certificates.

On **Tuesday 11th February**, our **Year 5** pupils will participate in their Level 1 course.

Attendance

This week's attendance is: **94.9%**

This week's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
Year 5	98%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	97%

Numbots

Congratulations to our most valuable players:

Winnie (Year 1) earning 5,605 coins,

Zofia (Year 2) earning 3,496 coins.

Our previous weeks most valuable players were:

Dima (Year 1) earning 3917 coins

Darcie N (Year 2) earning 5473 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 this week recognised for their positive attitudes towards learning and for displaying the school's Christian Values:

Abel & Daisy (EYFS). Emilio & Nuala (Year 1). Finley & Mia (Year 2). Aiden & Fatima (Year 3). Nelly & Darcy (Year 4). Quinn & Harry (Year 5). Jude & Alisa (Year 6).

Home Learning

Over January, we have seen a decline in the number of children engaging in their home learning tasks. Each week, pupils are set maths, spelling and reading home learning.

Engaging in home learning, is shown to improve a child's progress by an average of 3 months per year.

Each week, pupils in Key Stage 1 are set home learning challenges via Class Dojo, and in Key Stage 2 via Google Classroom. If there are challenges accessing your child's home learning, or you would like a paper copy please speak to your child's class teacher.

Times Table Rock Stars

Congratulations to **Year 5**, who have won their recent battle with Year 6.

The most valuable players were, Louie C (Yr 5), Jim H (Year 5) and Theodore C (Year 5).

Congratulations to **Year 4**, who have won their recent battle with Year 3.

The most valuable players were, William (Year 3), Nelly (Year 4) and Teddy B (Year 4).

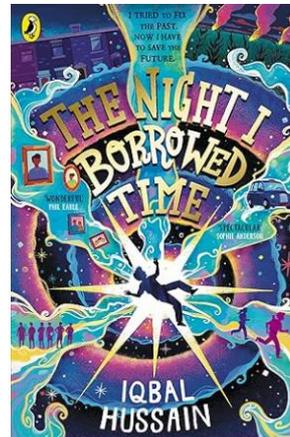
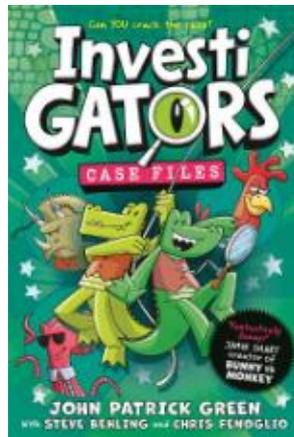
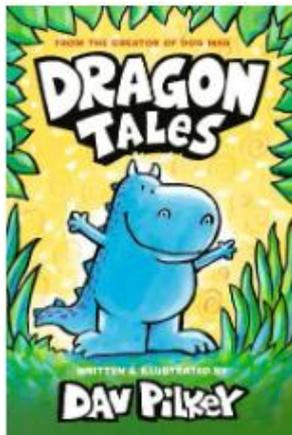
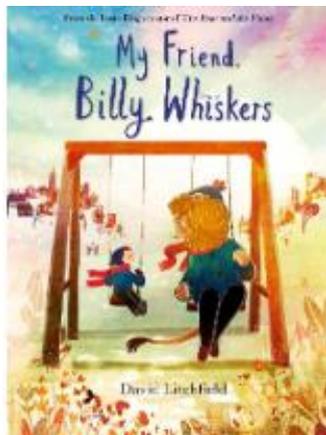
The next battle will begin tonight! Good luck!



Reading Recommendations

Reading is such an important life skill. Across the school, we want all children to be confident, fluent readers. Each month, we recommend newly released books for each stage of the school.

Reading for just 20 minutes a day is a positive habit that can have a significant impact. Reading is shown to improve vocabulary, improve writing and communication as well boosting empathy and develop imagination!



Congratulations to Anton, Yr 5, who this week became a word millionaire. This is a significant achievement. In recognition of this, Anton has been presented with a £10 voucher to spend on books of his choice.

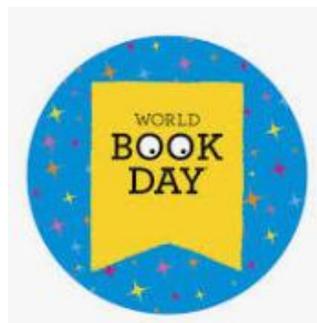
Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
January 2026	
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 (selected pupils)
Thursday 5th	Year 5 Soccersize event
Friday 6th	EYFS Fairytale Ball Year 5 Swimming
Monday 9th	Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Visit Year 1 Outdoor Learning Parents Evening (3:30 – 5:00)
Tuesday 10th	Safer Internet Day Future Flyers
Wednesday 11th	Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 Key Stage 1 Jump Start Jonny Event (EYFS and KS 1 in PE kits) Parents Evening (3:30 – 5:30)
Friday 13th	JOLF Day Year 5 Swimming

World Book Day

World book day is **Thursday 5th March**. This year we will be linking our activities to the classic text *The Wind in the Willows* with children taking part in a variety of art and English activities throughout the day linked to the text. Pupils are encouraged to dress as a character from the text or another favourite book character.



Poppy Appeal 2025

We have received a big thank you on behalf of the Royal British Legion, for raising an amazing £221.51 in our 2025 Poppy Appeal. Well done to all who donated!



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](#)





JOIN OUR ACTION PACKED HOLIDAY CAMP IN BOGNOR REGIS

**AGES
5-11
YRS**



FREE
TO THOSE ACCESSING
BENEFITS RELATED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS.
BOOK WITH YOUR HAF ID
VIA THE
WSCC WEBSITE

DATES & LOCATION

Bishop Tufnell CE Primary School, Bognor Regis
Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 February

We accept childcare vouchers

BOOK NOW: www.southcoastsports.org.uk

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!



junior parkrun



Chartwells

So much more than fantastic food

Holiday Return Menu

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans

OR

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo

(Contains FISH, EGG, MUSTARD)

Sweetcorn

Jelly and Custard

(Contains MILK)

Milk or Water

(Contains MILK)

The Back to School menu is subject to availability and items from either menu may be used. The menus will be in use when access during half term/ bank holiday and inset days is limited.



FOUNDATION

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



PLAY THE ALBION WAY!

South Bersted - After School Club

Wednesdays from 7 January - 25 March (excluding 18 February).
3.15- 4.15pm. £77 for 11 weeks.

**Years
1-4**

» **Book online now at: bhafcfoundation.org.uk**

Email: soccerschools@bhafcfoundation.org.uk for more information.

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