SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

20th March 2026

Growth Mindset

As part of our school value of Endurance, this week we have been focusing on developing a Growth Mindset towards our learning. A growth mindset helps children see challenges as opportunities to learn, rather than obstacles to avoid.

As parents, you can encourage this by praising effort, persistence, and progress instead of just results. When children make mistakes, support them in reflecting on what they can try differently next time. Simple phrases like “you haven’t mastered it yet” can build resilience and confidence. By modelling curiosity and a positive attitude towards learning, you help your child develop the skills they need to thrive both in school and beyond.

Easter Events

Next week, we have a number of exiting events linked to Easter.

Wednesday 25th

- Easter Orienteering Course
- Flowering of the Cross for EYFS & Key Stage 1

Thursday 26th

- Flowering of the Cross for Key Stage 2
- Easter Garden Competition
- Easter Fayre
- Fair Trade Cafe

Friday 27th

- Easter Service 9-10am

Attendance

This week's attendance is: **94.1%.**

This week term's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
Year 6	**97%**
Year 2	96%
Penguin Class	95.8%

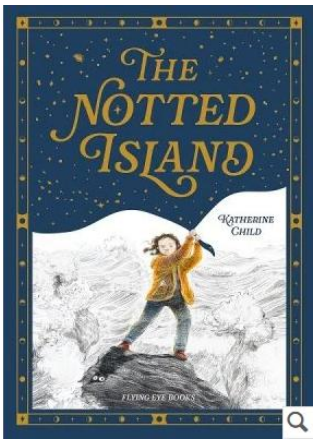
Numbots

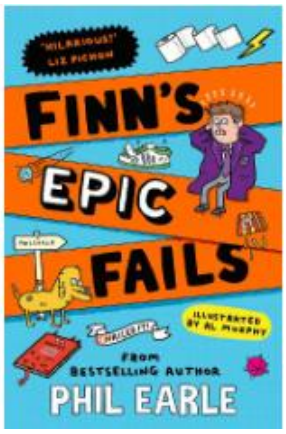
Congratulations to our most valuable players:
Reuben (Penguin Class) *earning 4,054 coins*
Athena (Year 1) *earning 1,853 coins,*
Izabella (Year 2) *earning 3,151 coins.*

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

Reading Recommendations

This month's reading recommendations are:





Congratulations to William (Year 3), who this week became a word millionaire. This is a significant achievement and in recognition of this he has received a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on books of his choice.

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.

Toby & Jenson (EYs). Nathan & Jax R (Y1). Darcie N, Jaxon & Teagan (Y2). Jacob D & Violet (Y3). Amelia M & Lyla (Y4). Isabelle & Matilda (Y5). Hope P & Lucie-Rose (Y6). Bonnie (Dance House) Alicia & Leo C (Big Sing).

INSET Days 2026 – 2027:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – INSET Day

Thursday 3rd September 2026 Start of the Autumn Term

Friday 23rd October 2026 – INSET Day

Monday 4th January 2027 – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January 2027 – Start of the Spring Term

Monday 12th April 2027 – INSET Day

Tuesday 13th April 2027 – Start of the Summer Term.

Next year term dates can be found here: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/

Sports Days

This year, we will be holding sports days on:

EYFS and Key Stage 1: Wednesday 24th June.
Key Stage 2: Thursday 25th June.

For both events, gates will open at 9:00a, and the event will finish by 11:45. We hope that you can join us!

Sport at South Bersted

On Wednesday some pupils from Y1 and 2 took part in a Winter Paralympic Festival. They engaged in a variety of fun activities including speed skating, ice hockey, building a snowman, curling and virtual reality bobsleigh training!

Y5 Fairtrade Café

As part of our Year 5 Curriculum, pupils have been learning about the importance of Fairtrade. On Thursday 26th March, pupils in Year 5 will be holding a Fairtrade Café, where you can buy a number of Fairtrade products including chocolate muffins, fruit skewers and hot chocolate. This will also be an opportunity to learn more about why Fairtrade is important and the positive impact it makes to over 2 million farmers. The Café will be set up in the school's Music Room during our Easter Fayre.

Whole School Challenge

Linking to British Science Week 2026, we want you to ask questions about the world around you.

STEM is everywhere and your challenge is to find it!

In your home, can you spot different examples of STEM?

Use the recording sheet on the next page to record what you've found.

1. Science I spotted: Draw or describe it: What is happening? _____ _____	2. Technology I spotted: Draw or describe it: What is happening? _____ _____
3. Engineering I spotted: Draw or describe it: What is happening? _____ _____	4. Mathematics I spotted: Draw or describe it: What is happening? _____ _____

Clubs

The club request forms have now closed, and we are now working on allocations. Families will be advised next week on the outcome of the requests. Please note the clubs that are running in the last week of term below.

Day	Going Ahead	Finished
Monday	Martial Arts	Football Club Puzzle Club
Tuesday	Sats Booster	Dance House
Wednesday	Albion Football Baking Club	
Thursday		Choir Homework Club
Friday	Premier Sports	

Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
March 2026	
Monday 16th	*Year 2 Outdoor Learning*
Tuesday 17th	*EYFS Brent Lodge Workshop*
Wednesday 18th	*Winter Olympic Event for Selected Pupils* *Y3 Outdoor Learning*
Thursday 19th	*BIG Sing Event (School Choir)*
Friday 20th	*Year 4 Swimming*
Monday 23rd	*DST Workshop: Emotional Regulation (FULLY BOOKED)*
Tuesday 24th	*EYFS Spring Outdoor Learning*
Wednesday 25th	*Easter Egg Hunt* *School Disco* *Non school Uniform Day for donations for the Easter Fayre*
Thursday 26th	*Easter Fayre* *Y4 Drumming Performance 10:10 – 10:35* *Year 5 Fair Trade Café*
Friday 27th	*Easter Service 09:00 -10:00* *Last Day of Spring Term*

Easter Gardens

As part of our whole school challenge, we are encouraging children to create their own Easter Garden.

Completed Easter Gardens should be brought to school no later than **Thursday 26th March**.

The Friends of South Bersted will select a KS1 and KS2 winner at the end of the day, both will receive a small prize. Please make sure you include your child's name and class on the Easter Garden. A set of instructions can be found on the following page.

Easter Garden

You will need:

- Plastic plant tray
- Soil
- Moss
- Small stones, pebbles or gravel
- 1 large stone
- Small flowerpot
- Some small flowering plants, such as mini daffodils
- 6 sticks
- Gardening trowel
- String or twine

Instructions

1. Put your flowerpot on its side in the tray. This is going to symbolise Jesus' tomb.
2. Fill the tray with soil. Make sure the soil also covers the sides and top of the flowerpot (so it looks like a hill).
3. Add your small pebbles or gravel wherever you would like.
4. Dig some small holes in the soil and plant your flowers. Make sure they have enough space for their roots to grow!
5. Use the moss to cover some of the soil (the 'ground') and the hill. This will look like grass.
6. Overlap two of your sticks to form a cross. Use your string or twine to tie them together. Repeat this to make three crosses in total.
7. Push your crosses into the soil so they stand upright.
8. Place the big stone in front of the open end of the flowerpot.
9. Put your Easter garden on display, somewhere where the plants can get plenty of sunlight.

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

GROOVE & MOVE THE MUSICALS

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Attention all primary schools in the West Sussex WEST area! Particularly Year 3 & 4!

Would you like to enter our dance showcase on 13th July 2026 - 5pm to 6pm?

If you would like more information and to enter, please contact Miss Honour for more information.

charlotte.honour@chs-tkat.org

www.chichesterhigh-tkat.org

TKAT

Easter ART AND CRAFT sessions

AT THE PHOENIX CENTRE
1st and 2nd of April
10AM-12PM OR 1PM-3PM
£6 PER SESSION
Book Online or register here
https://www.phoenixcentre.uk/
info@phoenixcentre.uk

4 FUN ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM

- Butterflies, Bees and Bugs
- Eggcellent Eggs
- Chicks and Bunnies
- Spring has Sprung

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ARENA
SPORTS CENTRE

Ring reception to book: 01243 870000

Easter holiday camps

Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers, coaches & School Games Organisers. Activites include:

Football, Tag rugby, Golf, Athletics, Striking & Fielding, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Please note activities may vary daily

Bookings open **Monday 2nd March** (limited places available)

Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00

School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 24-25)

Date **Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April**

(individual day bookings available)

£19.75 or **£74 for all 4 days! - Includes a hot meal!**

All children accessing benefits related free school meals can access for free via HAF, check with West Sussex County Council for more information.

HAF places please book via the WSCC website:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf

Booking deadline **Wednesday 25th March**

Please contact us for booking:

Tel 01243 870000 **www.arenasportscentre.com**

Email **bookings@arenasportscentre.com**

Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD

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Unusual Animals

Are you passionate about pangolins, infatuated with iguanas or an axolotl admirer? Scuttle to the library for stories of weird and wonderful creatures, plus a fun craft activity!

Thursday 9 April

11:00 - 12noon

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential - please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

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Bognor Library
London Road, PO21 1DE
01243 382470
bognor.library@westsussex.gov.uk

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If you're passionate about singing and want to develop your musical skills, perform a wide range of music and make new friends, we'd love you to join our choir!

West Sussex Youth Choir is a choir for experienced singers aged 13 to 21yrs and meets in Horsham. We learn large-scale choral works, with opportunities to perform at exciting venues in the UK & Europe!

West Sussex Young Voices is a choir for singers aged 9 to 13yrs and meets at centres across the county coming together for public concerts.

BOGNOR REGIS

The Phoenix Centre, PO21 5JD
Thursdays

West Sussex Young Voices

HORSHAM

Millais School, RH13 5HR
Saturdays

West Sussex Young Voices
West Sussex Youth Choir

WORTHING

Bohunt School, BN14 8AH
Saturdays

West Sussex Young Voices

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music.centre@westsussexmusic.co.uk

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