



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

13th March 2026

Science Week

On Wednesday we held a special science day. The theme of the day was 'Curiosity: What is your question?' Throughout the day, children explored, investigated and asked thoughtful scientific questions about the world around them.

For pupils in Key Stage 2, they worked in their house teams to carry out four different investigations. Our aim was for the children to be curious, make conclusions and above all be brave to ask questions about how things work.



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/>



Supporting my Child to Emotionally Regulate Workshop

Aims of the Workshop

This workshop helps parents understand emotional regulation, recognise behaviour as communication, and respond supportively to children's needs.

Date: 23rd March 2026

Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm

To register for this workshop, please book a place via MCAS, you will find it under the products category. If you need any assistance, please contact the school office via dojo.

School Uniform

This half term, a number of children have needed reminders around the school's expectations related to school uniform. Please see below a reminder of what children should be wearing.

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white shirt or polo shirt• School sweatshirt/cardigan with logo• Navy, grey, or black skirt, or plain, black or grey smart trousers• White/black/navy/grey socks or tights• Black/navy shoes (<i>no boots, trainers or sandals</i>)• A blue check dress or black/grey shorts may also be worn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white shirt or polo shirt• School sweatshirt with logo• Grey or black smart trousers• Black/grey socks• Black shoes (<i>no boots or trainers</i>)• Black or grey shorts may be worn.
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Long hair must be tied back</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>During hot weather children are encouraged to wear a hat when they are outside.</i></p>	

Jewellery

For safety and security reasons children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school unless of a religious nature, and for which permission must be sought, prior to the wearing. For those who have pierced ears small, plain gold or silver studs may be worn, but these must be removed for PE lessons. Watches may be worn but they must also be removed during PE lessons. SMART watches with a camera are not to be worn at school. Children should not come to school with transfers or temporary tattoos.

We also have a large number of jumpers and coats in our lost property boxes. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled so all items can be returned to the correct family.

Attendance

This week's attendance is: 95%.

This half term's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
Year 6	99.3%
Year 2	98%
Penguin Class	96.5%

Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
March 2026	
Monday 16th	<i>Year 2 Outdoor Learning</i>
Tuesday 17th	<i>EYFS Brent Lodge Workshop</i>
Wednesday 18th	<i>Winter Olympic Event for Selected Pupils</i> <i>Y3 Outdoor Learning</i>
Thursday 19th	<i>BIG Sing Event (School Choir)</i>
Friday 20th	<i>Year 4 Swimming</i>
Monday 23rd	<i>DST Workshop: Emotional Regulation</i>
Tuesday 24th	<i>EYFS Spring Outdoor Learning</i>
Wednesday 25th	<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i> <i>School Disco</i> <i>Non school Uniform Day for donations for the Easter Fayre</i>
Thursday 26th	<i>Easter Fayre</i> <i>Y4 Drumming Performance times tbc</i> <i>Year 5 Fair Trade Café</i>

The Power of Reading

Over the past half term, we have seen a decline in the number of children accessing Accelerated Reader from home. A reminder that for all children in Key Stage 2, once they have read a book they can quiz on Accelerated Reader to add to their word count.

Children can access Accelerated Reader through Google Classroom or by visiting the school's website:

<https://www.southbersted.co.uk/home-learning/accelerated-reader/>

Our aim is for all children to develop a love of reading. Engaging in books at school and at home will help to develop a positive attitude towards this invaluable skill.

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.

Ella & Hallie (YR). Joseph & Lettie (Y1). Rory & Ini (Y2). George A, Olivia R & Cole C (Y3). Jasper & Evie (Y4). Daniel & Dexter (Y5). Josh J, Olivia T & Alisa G (Y6).

Numbots

Congratulations to our most valuable players:

Emily (Penguin Class) earning 1,514 coins

Dimi (Year 1) earning 1,584 coins,

Darcie (Year 2) earning 3,214 coins.

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



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?

SOUTHERN MARTIAL ARTS



KARATE & KICKBOXING



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KARATE LESSONS

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- ✓ Improve fitness, coordination & balance
- ✓ Learn self-defense in a fun, safe setting
- ✓ Taught by fully qualified Black Belt instructor (DBS checked, First Aid trained, fully insured)

- 📍 South Bersted Primary School
- 🕒 Mondays 3:15-4:15pm
- 👥 Open to year 1 and above, Beginners Welcome
- 📅 Reserve Your Child's Spot Today
- 👤 Sempai Aimee
- ☎ 07401574105
aimee.southernmartialarts@gmail.com

£5.50 Pay As You Go



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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](#)



Easter Fayre

THURSDAY

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MARCH 2026

Join us as we celebrate this Easter with a chocolate tombola, craft sales, games, a raffle, refreshments and much more!

Cash preferred
card payments
accepted at
some stalls!

3:15-5:00PM

GAMES

SNACKS

Raffle tickets



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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

14.03.2026 – PHOENIX CENTER BOGNOR REGIS – 10AM – 4PM

ARUN GAMES FEST



WHAT'S ON

- LEARNING EXPERIENCES FROM ROBLOX CREATORS •
- CHARACTER DESIGN WORKSHOPS • RETRO GAMES •
- IMMERSIVE VR EXPERIENCES AND DEMOS •
- HANDS ON CREATIVE ACTIVITIES BOARD GAMES •
- CREATOR TALKS • PLAY TESTING •
- ESPORT TOURNAMENTS AND CASUAL PLAY •
- YOUTH VOICE DISCUSSION • AND SO MUCH MORE! •

