



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

1st May 2026

School Values

On Monday of this week we welcomed Steve Potter, who spoke to the children about facing challenges and stepping out of your comfort zone. In 2024 Steve was part of a 4-man team that undertook the challenge of the World's Toughest Row, by rowing **3,000** miles to cross the Atlantic. Steve spoke of their challenges during their 44 days at sea and how they overcame these through perseverance, teamwork and a positive mind set. Three of our Year 6 pupils wrote and read a prayer which was shared at the end of worship.

Dear God,

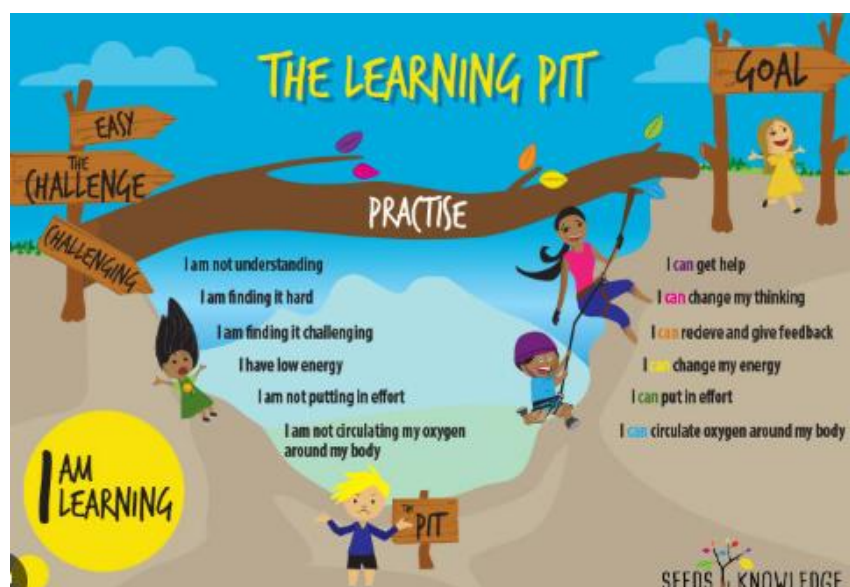
Help us to go out of our comfort zones and endure new challenges.

Thank you for giving us this beautiful world to go and explore.

Give us the confidence and the strength to try new challenges and open our eyes to new things.

Amen

After Collective Worship, Steve spoke to our Year 6 pupils about 'The Learning Pit'. 'The Learning Pit' aims to foster an understanding that facing challenges is a positive and necessary part of learning and helps children to develop resilience.



Gold Book

Congratulations to the following children who were recognised for going above and beyond and displaying the school's values.

Franek & Mylah (EYs). Ivy & Nuala (Y1). Darcy, Ella & Abram (Y2). Kaleisi, Emilija & Bella (Y3). Lyla, Billy & Eli (Y4). Maisie S, Harry B & Louie L (Y5). Abdul, Kacper & Alisa (Y6).



Parent Workshop

A reminder that the DST will be running a '**Supporting My Child with their Worries and Managing Our Worries as Parents**' workshop.

Aims of the Workshop

This workshop offers techniques for helping children manage worries and build resilience, while also supporting parents with their own anxieties.

Date: 18th May 2026

Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm

To register for this workshop, please book a place via Bromcom, you will find it under the products tab.

Numbots

Congratulations to our most valuable players:

Ella (Penguin Class) earning 3,043coins
Thomas (Year 1) earning 1,283 coins,
Molly (Year 2) earning 1,380 coins.



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

Attendance

This week's attendance is: **97.2%**.

This week's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
EYFS and Year 2	99.3%
Years 1	98.1%
Years 4	97.3%

Parking Safety

When parking at the beginning and end of the school day, please do so with consideration for others. Over the past week, we have received a number of comments related to how people are parking.

Please do not park on the grass verges or on the corner of roads. This makes it unsafe for children and families when crossing the road and makes it challenging for emergency services to get through.

Now that the weather is warming up, please consider parking and striding, walking, scooting and or riding to school.

Park Run

Over the Easter Holidays, it was fantastic to see families engaging in the Bogor Park Run. This is a fantastic community event that runs each Sunday at the Regis School. See the flyer at the end of this week's newsletter. Please send your pictures of the event to me or Miss Stanton via Class Dojo!

Sport at South Bersted

On Wednesday some children from Year 1 and 2 represented the school at a cricket skills festival. They took part in a variety of cricket themed activities and drills led by All Stars Cricket to practice bowling, fielding and batting. The children had a great time, some had never played cricket before, but really enjoyed trying this new sport.



Home Learning Challenge

Next week, is David Attenborough's 100th Birthday! As part of this milestone, we are setting the children a number of challenges that they can engage in.

Challenge 1: Take a Woodland Walk

It does not need to be a grand expedition, complete a local trail or nature reserve. The point is to slow down and look – really look. Create a map, drawing or diary of what you saw.

Challenge 2: Narration Challenge

Pick a creature or plant and observe it. It can be a bee or a flower or a squirrel in tree. Narrate what you see and record it using a voice that expresses the beauty and wonder of nature.

Challenge 3: Use nature to create a giant 100

Gather loose natural materials — sticks, leaves, pebbles, pinecones, flower heads — and use them to construct a giant **100** on the ground. It's a creative, hands-on way for kids to mark **David Attenborough's 100th birthday** while connecting to the textures and details of the natural world.

Please send in your activities and reflections via Class Dojo.



The Hidden Treasure Hunt

Please help us climb the leaderboard by collecting your unwanted electrical items and taking them to Currys. As a school we can win a number of prizes that will help us to improve children's access to technology. We are currently **7th** on the leaderboard with **43 points!**

Let's work together to climb the leader board and improve our chances of winning prizes for the school.

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/>



Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
May 2026	
Friday 1st	<i>Chelsea Football Coaching – EYFS, Yr 1 and Yr 2 All children in PE kits please</i>
Monday 4th	<i>Bank Holiday – school closed</i>
Tuesday 5th	<i>EYFS Farm Trip Y4 Outdoor Learning - POSTPONED – New date TBC</i>
Wednesday 6th	<i>Class Photographs – no PE on this day – all children in school uniform.</i>
Thursday 7th	<i>Arundel Castle Visit – Year 2</i>
Monday 11th	<i>West Sussex Targeted Education for Fire Safety– Year 5 Year 6 SATS week and Toast Café (all week)</i>
Tuesday 12th	<i>Outdoor Learning – Y5</i>
Wednesday 13th	<i>Quadkids Athletics Year 3 & 4</i>
Thursday 14th	<i>Outdoor Learning – Year 6</i>
Friday 15th	<i>Swimming –Year 6</i>
Monday 18th	<i>Walk to School Week Bus Trips – EYFS Bike / Scooter Day – EYFS Parent Workshop – DST Worries</i>
Tuesday 19th	<i>Fitness Circuit Day – Whole School Reception Hearing Screening</i>
Wednesday 20th	<i>Dance House Rehearsal & Performance Quadkids Athletics – Years 5 & 6 Bus Trips - EYFS</i>
Thursday 21st	<i>Bus Trips – EYFS</i>
Friday 22nd	<i>Swimming –Year 6 Sponsored School Run</i>

Year 6 Toast Café

To support pupils in attending school on time and being prepared for the assessments, we will be running our Year 6 Toast Café. This ensures that children are prepared and ready for the assessments. During this time, pupils have a breakfast of either toast or cereal and have the opportunity to prepare for the assessments and not feel rushed. The Toast Café will run from 8:00 – 8:35 each day during the test week.

To ensure we have the correct amount of food, please book your child in on MCAS by selecting the Y6 Toast Café product by Thursday 7th May. Should you experience any problems please contact the school office.

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 9:00am and the event will finish by 11:45. We hope that you can join us!



The Hidden Treasure Hunt

Join HypnoCat and recycle your unwanted electricals and tech – you'll get a chance to win prizes for you and your school!

Your mission:

- 1 Rummage**
Hunt out any broken or unwanted tech and small electricals (anything with a battery, plug or cable) with your family at home.
- 2 Recycle**
Bag them up and bring them to Currys – you'll get at least a £5 discount voucher to spend on purchases over £20. Earn extra gift card value when you trade in eligible tech like laptops, tablets, or phones.
No Currys nearby? Search 'recycle your electricals' to find all your local donation and recycling drop-off points.
- 3 Register**
Register your recycling on the Hidden Treasure Hunt site (or scan the code in Currys) to earn a Planet Cafe Point for our school.
Every point helps our school climb the leaderboard for a chance to win new tech – plus, you'll be entered into the family tech prize draw!

*Terms and conditions apply.

Find out more at HiddenTreasureHunt.org

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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



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SPONSORED SCHOOL RUN

Friday 22nd May

All children and staff are invited to take part in this exciting event to raise awareness and funds for the charity Stonepillow in Chichester.

Our School Council have set children the following challenges:

 <p>EYFS 1 lap</p>	 <p>Y1 - 2 2 laps</p>	 <p>LEARNING FOR LIFE • AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE SOUTH BERSTED C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF GOD</p>	 <p>Y3 - 4 4 laps</p>	 <p>Y5 - 6 6-8 laps</p>
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Donations are fast, easy and secure through Give as you Live Donate. They will take your donation and pass it onto Stonepillow, you can even include  **Gift Aid** where applicable.



<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/south-bersted-sponsored-school-run-2026>

Thank you