



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

8th May 2026

STEM Event

Following on from their STEM workshops earlier in the year, last week Year 5 children engaged in a Zoom call with 2 of the STEM superstars - Heather, an engineer and Mike, an RAF pilot - with other schools around the UK. After the zoom call, the children got to ask a range of questions about STEM and their careers. After that, we did a quiz about the stars and we came in 5th. The children really enjoyed this activity, they loved having their own questions answered and seeing our school's name up on the screen. Some children were really inspired by the stars and would love a career in STEM.

I really enjoyed the session - we got to meet different people who work in STEM. This inspired me and I would like a job in STEM; there are so many different things you can do!

I learnt some interesting things, and we saw our school's name pop up on the screen so that was really cool. One of the people started flying planes before he could even drive.

We did a quiz about the STEM stars and we did well, we came 5th. STEM seems complicated but it was fun to learn about.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Future Flyers who achieved an incredible 2nd place out of 32 schools across the Bognor and Chichester area!

Next week, we look forward to our Year 3 and 4 pupils competing in the Quad Kids competition.

Attendance

This week's Overall Attendance:	
96.8%.	
This week's top three attending classes are:	
Class	Attendance
Year 1	100%
Years 4 and 6	98.8%
Years 3	97.9%

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!



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:

Rosie (Penguin Class) earning 2,425coins

Louis (Year 1) earning 499 coins,

Molly (Year 2) earning 2,939 coins.

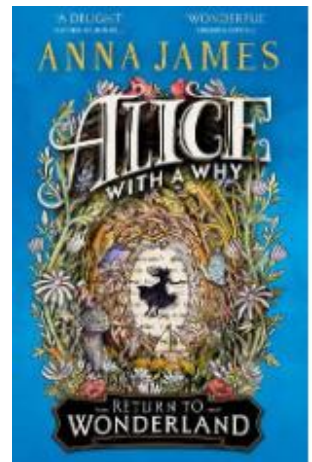
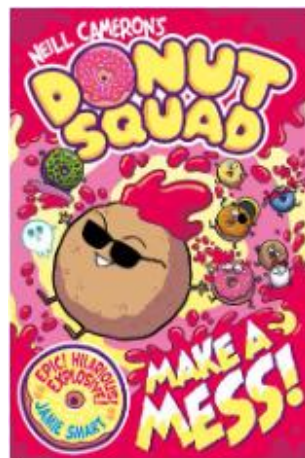
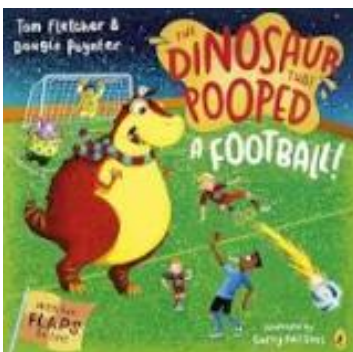


Numbots is a fantastic online game that helps to develop pupil's recall of key number facts that frees up working memory.

Reading

West Sussex Libraries run a number of family events including story times, construction clubs and rhyme time. To learn more about the regular activities for children, plus one-off and school holiday events please follow this link: [Children's Activities | West Sussex Libraries](#)

The month's book recommendations are:



Over the past month, we have responded to children's requests of new books for our class libraries.

If you have any schoolbooks, or books that your children no longer want at home we are always looking for new and pre-loved books for the school!

Gold Book

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

Matylda P & Bonnie (EYFS). Athena, Ayda & Louis (Y1). Noah & Sydney (Y2). Poppy & Olivia (Y3). Casper & Charlotte (Y4). Matilda & Maisie M (Y5). Harrison E & Rex J (Y6).

Year 6 Assessments

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will take their end of Key Stage 2 assessment (SATs). The children and staff have worked extremely hard and we are delighted with the continued progress that they are making. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the greatest of luck for next week and beyond. A reminder that the children are encouraged to attend the 'Toast Café' from 8:00am each morning next week.



Home Learning Challenge

Today 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.



RSHE Curriculum

This half term, RSHE is focused around health and safety. This includes how we look after ourselves and ensure our physical bodies are healthy. For example, learning about oral hygiene and healthy food choices. While some classes are focused on health, others are learning about safety. How to keep themselves safe in the environment, including road and railway safety as well as safety in the home, with Year 6 learning some basic first aid and Year 5 welcoming in Sussex Fire Service to learn about hazards in the home.

Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
May 2026	
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 Bus Trips – EYFS Swimming - Y6</i>
Monday 18th	<i>Walk to School Week Bus Trips – EYFS Bike / Scooter Day – EYFS Parent Workshop – DST Worry Workshop</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>

Healthy Living Week

As part of our approach to promote healthy lifestyles, we will be holding our Healthy Living Week during the last week of this half term, w/b 18th May. During the week, we have a number of events:

Monday 18th - Visit from Volks Highways

Tuesday 19th - Fitness circuits led by Future Flyers

Friday 22nd - Whole school Sponsored Run



During the week, we will also be taking part in Walk to School Week. If you walk, stride, cycle or scoot to school you will be awarded a special walk to school badge each day. If you have moved actively every day and earned 5 badges you will earn a South Bersted Walk to School certificate!

Afterschool Collection

Can we please remind parents and carers to advise both the office and class teacher if someone other than themselves is collecting their child from school.

SAFEGUARDING

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



Swimming Sessions

In partnership with Active Sussex, Arun Swimming centre have launched new SEND public swimming sessions.

Held in our shallow pools, these new sessions are specifically for children with SEND and their families to come and enjoy swimming in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Families are encouraged to book for these sessions, but walk-ins are very welcome, however, please be aware spaces are limited.

Arun Leisure Centre

Wednesdays: 9.15 - 10am

(pre-school session)

Saturdays: 11.30am - 12.30pm

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday – Friday

08:00 – 08:35

£5.50 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](#)



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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:

EYFS 1 lap	Y1 - 2 2 laps	 Y3 - 4 4 laps	Y5 - 6 6-8 laps
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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

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:

- Rummage**
Hunt out any broken or unwanted tech and small electricals (anything with a battery, plug or cable) with your family at home.
- Recycle**
Bag them up and bring them to Currys - you'll get at least a £5 discount voucher to spend on purchases over £25. 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.
- Register**
Register your recycling on the Hidden Treasure Hunt site (or scan the code in Currys) to earn a Planet Care Point for our school.
Every point helps our school climb the leaderboard for a chance to win major tech - plus, you'll be entered into the lucky draw prize draw!

There's real gold in old gadgets - don't waste them!

Find out more at HiddenTreasureHunt.org

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