



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Sponsored Event

As part of the school's **Learning 4 Life Curriculum**, we want our pupils to know that they can make a positive difference to others across the school and within our community.

Today, staff and pupils participated in a Sponsored Run in support of the charity Stonepillow. Stonepillow help hundreds of people to make positive changes. Since the charity was established in 1989, they have supported thousands of people in West Sussex to restart their lives with independence, dignity and confidence.

Thank you to everyone who donated money for this event. We are delighted to announce that the event has raised over £900!



Dance House

On Wednesday evening, children across KS2 went to the Pavilion Theatre in Worthing, to perform on stage as part of Dance House. The children practiced their dance during after-school club and following their dress rehearsal, performed in the theatre to a large audience. Performing to Michael Jackson's 'Man in the Mirror', they reflected how a small change can make a big difference. The children enjoyed the opportunity, performed fantastically and we are very proud of them all – watch out for a repeat performance at this year's Dance Extravaganza!



Walk to School Week



This week, it has been fantastic to hear and see the number of children walking, riding and scooting to school!

Across the week, we have welcomed visitors, EYFS have held their bike and scooter day and our Bronze Ambassadors led a day of fitness circuits to encourage pupils to make healthy choices.

Volker Highways Visit

On Monday we were joined by Volker Highways and road safety mascot Kerby. During our collective worship they showed us all how to be safe near roads. How and where to cross a road safely and how to spot and use the different types of crossings.



Circuit Day

On Tuesday the Bronze Ambassadors ran a South Bersted Fitness Circuit Day for the whole school. Each class came to the hall and took part in a variety of exercises. The Bronze Ambassadors used their leadership skills to lead, model and support pupils throughout the day.

As a school we want to ensure children make considered choices to live a healthy and sustainable life.



Attendance

This ½ Term's Attendance:	97.1%.
This ½ term's top three attending classes are:	
Class	Attendance
Year 4	98.1 %
Year 1	98.0%
Year 6	97.5 %

Numbots



Congratulations to our most valuable players:

Emily (Penguin Class) earning 2,521 coins
Logan DC (Year 1) earning 1,74 coins,
Izabella (Year 2) earning 1,785 coins.

Gold Books

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

Rosie & Albie (EYFS). Mabel & Teddy (Y1). Jack & Zofia (Y2). William & Fatima (Y3). Noah & Fabian (Y4). Matilda & Jim (Y5). Maisie S & Aaron F (Y6).

Reading

Reading Raffle

Congratulations to the below children who are this half term's Reading Raffle Winners:



Word Millionaire

Congratulations to **Theodore S** in Year 5, who this week became a double word millionaire. This is a fantastic achievement!

Library Events

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](#)

QuadKids

Congratulations to pupils across Key Stage 2 who competed in this week's QuadKids event. They participated in all 4 events, sprint, long run, throw and standing long jump. All the pupils trained really hard, displayed great enthusiasm and tried hard in each event, encouraging and supporting each other.

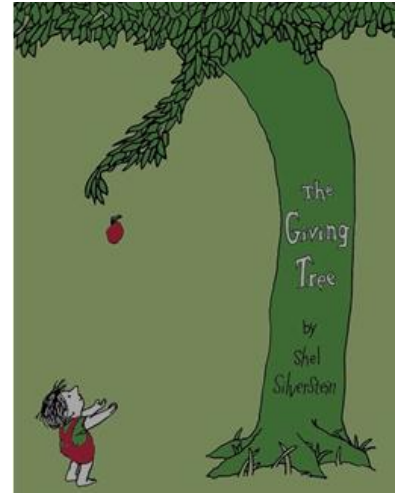
We look forward to receiving the results after half term!



Philosophy 4 Children (P4C)

P4C this week explored friendships and boundaries within friendships using the story 'The Giving Tree' by Shel Silverstone. The story follows the lifelong relationship between a boy and a tree who gives everything she can to make him happy. Through discussion, pupils reflected on themes such as kindness, friendship, generosity, and whether it is possible to give too much.

If your child shares their reflections to P4C at home, please share this with us through Class Dojo.



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!

Home Learning Challenge

Thank you to the families and children that shared their Home Learning Challenges linked to Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday! If over half term, you engage in one of the activities please share these with your child's class teacher!



Umbrella: Parent Support Groups

At the end of this week's newsletter, you will find a number of workshops and opportunities to connect parents and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities.

Please use the QR codes on the flyers for further information.

In you require further information or support, please speak to the school's SENCo, Miss Stanton.

Park Run

This weekend sees the return of Park Run at **Marine Park Gardens**.

When is it?

It is held every **Sunday at 9:00am**.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Marine Park Gardens, 4 Kings Parade, Bognor Regis, PO21 2QA. See [Course page](#) for more details.

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
June 2026	
Thursday 4th	<i>Reception Screening Mini Medics – Y6 Outdoor Learning – Y6</i>
Friday 5th	<i>Swimming – Year 6</i>
Monday 8th	<i>Phonics Screening All Week</i>
Tuesday 9th	<i>Outdoor Learning – Year 5</i>
Friday 12th	<i>Non-Uniform Day Swimming – Year 6 Activity Evening – Year 3</i>

Swimming Session

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

Important Reminders

Safety

Please can we remind families to use the pathway when entering and leaving the school.

Appointments

Where possible, can children's appointments please be booked outside of school hours. When this is not possible, please keep their time out of school to a minimum, with them attending school before and after their appointment times.

Outdoor Learning Club

There is still one more session for KS1, which will be held on Wednesday 3rd June. KS2 will then start their sessions the following week, on Wednesday 10th June.

Premier Sport – Multi Skills Club

Early Years have now finished their Friday multi skills club for this term and KS1 will start their sessions after half term.



Kids Holiday Club
May Half Term Day Camps
for ages 5* - 12yrs

8am - 6pm
30min swimming lesson included
each day followed by a 30mins fun
swimming games session

*children must be in Year 1 at school

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Active Play May Half Term Sessions

Look out for the Freedom Leisure Park and Play van this May half term, packed full of play equipment! Sessions last for two hours and are FREE of charge. Please be aware that children cannot be left unattended. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult over the age of 18 at all times. Suitable for 3-12 years but all the family are very welcome!

Sessions are weather permitting and run on TUESDAY and THURSDAY this May half term.

Programme

Day	10.00am – 12.00noon	2.00-4.00pm
Tuesday	Mewsbrook Park, Littlehampton	Woodlands Recreation Ground, Rustington
Thursday	Westmeads, Aldwick	Hotham Park, Bognor

No need to book!

For further information please contact: 01903 725451
hcarun@freedom-leisure.co.uk





Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



EMPOWER INFORM SUPPORT

Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered in-person and online

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

UMBRELLAS

Parent Support Groups

Summer Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
14th Apr / 5th May / 2nd Jun / 30th Jun

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
15th Apr / 20th May / 17th Jun / 15th Jul

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
22nd Apr / 13th May / 3rd Jun / 1st Jul

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
28th Apr / 19th May / 23rd Jun / 14th Jul

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
21st Apr / 12th May / 16th Jun / 7th Jul

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
30th Apr / 21st May / 25th Jun / 16th Jul

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 - 9pm
23rd Apr / 14th May / 11th Jun / 9th Jul

If you would like more information about Umbrellas or the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact our outreach team.

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

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TRAINING

Summer Term 2026



WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge in Adolescence	Tuesday 21 st April	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Masking	Thursday 23 rd April	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Monday 27 th April	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Communication skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 28 th April	7.30 - 9 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Wednesday 6 th May	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessment and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 7 th May	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Autism in Girls	Thursday 14 th May	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Tuesday 19 th May	10.30am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of SEN Support at School	Wednesday 20 th May	7.30 - 9.30 pm

THE SEND FOUNDATION COURSE

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parent-carers will encounter as their children grow and develop. Wednesday, 22nd & 29th April 10.00 am - 1.15 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



SCAN ME

All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

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STORY MAGIC

Join a multi-sensory story time session specially for children and young people with additional needs.



1st Saturday of the Month 2:15 - 3pm



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