



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

12th June 2026

Platinum School Games Mark

I am delighted to share that our school has been awarded the **Platinum School Games Mark**, the highest recognition available through the School Games programme.

This prestigious award celebrates our long-term commitment to providing high-quality physical education, school sport and opportunities for all pupils to be active. It recognises not only sporting success, but also our inclusive approach, ensuring that every child has the chance to participate, develop confidence and enjoy the benefits of physical activity.

Achieving Platinum status reflects the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils, staff, coaches and volunteers. Throughout the year, children have taken part in a wide range of sporting activities, competitions and leadership opportunities, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, respect and determination.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement, which highlights our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and creating a positive sporting culture within our school community. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in helping our children embrace the many opportunities sport and physical activity provide.

This award is a fantastic milestone, and we look forward to continuing to inspire our pupils to be active, achieve their personal best and enjoy sport for years to come.



Fit 4 All Workshops

On Wednesday all classes across the school took part in a Fit4All session. During the sessions the children learnt about the effects of exercise on their body and how to stay healthy. They explored the difference in their pulse before and after exercise, considered different food groups and whether foods should be eaten every day, sometimes, or as a treat and learnt about the importance of sleep and hygiene in keeping us healthy. The sessions were a fun and active way to consider these important themes.



National Smile Month

This week we have been supporting **National Smile Month**, the UK's largest oral health campaign. This promotes the importance of good oral hygiene and healthy habits for children and adults alike.

Good oral health plays a vital role in children's overall wellbeing, helping them to eat, speak, learn and smile with confidence. National Smile Month is a great opportunity to remind everyone of the simple steps that can help keep teeth and gums healthy:

- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- Limit sugary snacks and drinks, especially between meals.
- Visit the dentist regularly for check-ups.
- Drink plenty of water and maintain a healthy, balanced diet.

The organisers are running a competition that we would like to encourage all children to be part of.

The rules are simple – we want you to create a monster made either entirely or partially from oral health products. Whether it be floss harps, toothbrushes or mouthwash bottles, it doesn't matter as long as it's colourful, creative and has a smile!



To learn more about the rules and how to enter please visit: <https://www.dentalhealth.org/smiley-monster>

Numbots



Congratulations to our most valuable players:

Jenson C (Penguin Class) earning 28 coins
Joseph R (Year 1) earning 708 coins,
Izabella (Year 2) earning 1,970 coins.

Gold Book

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

Lillian & Daisy M (EYs). Logan D & Bonnie (Y1). Nathaniel & Jacob H (Y2). George A, Mohammad, & Ann (Y3). Maya & Lyla (Y4). Louie C & Theodore S (Y5). Broly G, Hope P, Mollie S & Rex J (Y6).

Attendance

This Week's Attendance:		91.7%.
This week's term's top three attending classes are:		
Class	Attendance	
Year 4	98%	
Year 4	94%	
Year 6	93.3%	

A reminder that our whole school attendance target is 96%.

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities for learning, developing friendships, building confidence and participating in the wider life of the school.

When children attend school consistently, they are better able to keep up with lessons, develop positive routines and make steady progress in their learning. Even occasional absences can result in missed learning experiences that are difficult to fully replace.

The below table outlines the impact of low attendance.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Absence over 5 years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	59 days	12 weeks	300 lessons	1½ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2 ½ years

The Power of Reading

Reading with your child is one of the most valuable activities you can do together. Just a few minutes of shared reading each day helps to develop language skills, expand vocabulary, and strengthen comprehension. Children who are regularly read to are more likely to develop a love of books and become confident, independent readers.

Reading also provides an opportunity for quality time together. Sharing stories encourages conversation, sparks imagination, and helps children understand the world around them. It can also support emotional development as children explore different characters, feelings and experiences through books.

Whether it is a bedtime story, a favourite picture book, or a chapter from a longer novel, every reading experience makes a difference. We encourage all families to make reading a daily habit and to celebrate the joy of discovering new stories together.

Remember: even 10 minutes of reading each day can have a lasting impact on your child's learning and development.

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!



West Sussex Local Offer

The West Sussex Local Offer is a free online resource that provides information, advice, and support for children and young people aged 0–25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), as well as their families. It brings together services from education, health, social care, and voluntary organisations in one easy-to-access place.

Visit the website for further information: [Local Offer - West Sussex County Council](#)



SEND events

Inclusive and SEND events.



SEND and inclusion news

Current SEND and inclusion news in West Sussex.



You said, we did

Improvements to SEND services and the Local Offer website after receiving feedback.

Park Run

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.

A special mention to **Ned**, Year 4, who achieved 1st place in last week's Park Run! A reminder to send in your pictures via Class Dojo.

Dance Extravaganza



All families are invited to join us for this year's Dance Extravaganza!

This year's event will take place 15th July between 12:00 – 3:15pm.

This year's theme is **Celebrate.**

Home Learning Challenge

Today is World Environment Day. As part of the focus, pupils have engaged in a live workshop with Steve Backshall.

This year's focus is climate action and trying to reduce the effects of climate change. Within our current challenge, we want pupils to create a poster or a piece of artwork that explained the impact of our actions on the environment. These posters will then be copied and displayed across the school.



Children are asked to hand in their artwork to their class teacher by **Wednesday 17th June**.

Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
June 2026	
Monday 15th	<i>Y2 NCTs All Week</i>
Wednesday 17th	<i>Y3 RNLI Visit Reception Screening</i>
Thursday 18th	<i>Felpham CC & The Regis Welcome Day – Year 6 Stonepillow Visit</i>
Friday 19th	<i>Swimming – Year 6 Outdoor Learning – Year 4 Camp Over - Year 4</i>
Monday 22nd	<i>Leavers Service – Year 6</i>
Tuesday 23rd	<i>Butser Ancient Farm Visit – Year 3</i>
Wednesday 24th	<i>KS1 Sports Day 09:00 – 11:45 Boys World Cup Format Competition – Year 5 & 6</i>
Thursday 25th	<i>KS2 Sports Day 09:00 – 11.45</i>
Friday 26th	<i>Summer Reading Challenge Swimming – Year 6 Inter-school Football Tournament – Year 5 & 6 Summer Fayre</i>
Monday 29th	<i>Outdoor Learning – Year 3</i>
Tuesday 30th	<i>Beach Trip & Hotha Park – Year 1 Felpham CC Y6 Students Kick Rounders</i>
July 2026	
Wednesday 1st	<i>Transition Morning</i>
Thursday 2nd	<i>FAB Area Athletics</i>
Friday 3rd	<i>Y5 Activity Day</i>

Parking Safely

Keeping children safe is **everyone's** responsibility. Please help create a safer environment around the school by parking safely and responsibly! This week we have had cars parked over driveways and on the journey of Church Lane that would have restricted emergency vehicles gaining access!

Do

- Park only in designated parking spaces.
- Follow all road signs, markings, and parking restrictions.
- Use official drop-off and pick-up zones where available.
- Watch carefully for children who may cross unexpectedly.
- Drive slowly and be prepared to stop at any time.
- Consider walking, cycling, or parking a short distance away and walking the final part of the journey.

Do Not

- Park on zig-zag lines or in areas marked with school safety restrictions.
- Stop or park on driveways, or pavements.
- Double-park or block the road.
- Make U-turns or three-point turns near school entrances.
- Block visibility for children, pedestrians, or other drivers.

The Hidden Treasure Hunt

Today we have reminded children of the **Hidden Treasure Hunt** scheme. This is fantastic scheme that we are proud to be part of. By recycling our old technology, we are helping to live a more sustainable life!



Please help us to climb the leaderboard, win prizes for the school and help to live a more sustainable life.

<https://www.hiddentreasurehunt.org/>



STEP ONE

Rummage



STEP TWO

Recycle



STEP THREE

Register

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/>



west sussex county council in partnership with **westsussexwest School Sport Partnership**

Summer holiday camps

Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers, coaches & School Games Organisers. Activities include:
Football, Tennis, Golf, Athletics, Striking & Fielding, Arts & Crafts and much more!
Please note activities may vary daily

Bookings open **Monday 1st June**. (limited places available)
Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00
School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 25-26)

Dates **Tuesday 21st July - Friday 24th July** (check your school inset days!)
& Monday 17th - Thursday 20th August
(individual day bookings available)

£19.75 or £74 for all 4 days! - Includes Lunch!
All Free school meal pupils can access this provision for FREE, via HAF, check with West Sussex County Council for more information.
HAF places please book via the WSCC website:
www.westsussexwestssp.co.uk/summer-camp

 **HAF bookings via WSCC** **Paid Places bookings** 

Booking deadline week 1: **Sunday 19th June**
Booking deadline week 2: **Wednesday 12th August**

Email info@phoenixcentre.uk (we can assist with HAF bookings directly and paid places)
Tel 01243 872112 www.westsussexwestssp.co.uk/summer-camp

 Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD 



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

Umbrellas

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

Training

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

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Fact sheets

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

Benefits Advice Service

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

NDP Navigation Service

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

Facebook Group

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

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

Littlehampton Umbrellas

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

Worthing Umbrellas

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

Umbrellas Online

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

Horsham Umbrellas

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

Shoreham Umbrellas

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

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

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

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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.

reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com



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CHAT & CHILL



Do you have a child with SEND? Join our Bognor Chat and Chill Drop-in to chat with other SEND parents who understand the SEND journey.

JOIN US
Tuesday 16th June
9:30 - 11:30



NO NEED TO BOOK. JOIN US AT:
Arun West Family Hub
Laburnum Grove
Bersted, PO22 9HT