



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

3rd July 2026

Sports Day

This week, we held our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days. I was delighted with the children's positive attitude towards both their field and track events. The way that they supported each other and competed during the morning underpinned the school's values of **Friendship, Koinonia and Endurance**.

Not only are there the physical benefits of sport, but it also really does allow us to develop our resilience. As a school, we encourage the children to develop a positive attitude and to respond to setbacks by bouncing back better. Throughout both mornings there were a number of children that displayed this.

Key Stage 1 Results	
Earth	165
Water	151
Air	149
Fire	177

Key Stage 2 Results	
Earth	241
Water	227
Air	294
Fire	243

Whole School Results	
Earth	406
Water	378
Air	443
Fire	420

Area Athletics

Yesterday afternoon, selected pupils from across Key Stage 2 competed in the annual Area Athletics event. Pupils competed in a number of field and track events. I am incredibly proud to announce that the school achieved its highest ever finish, coming **2nd place** overall. This is a significant achievement and the highest position that a one form entry school has ever achieved. Congratulations to all involved!



Numbots



Congratulations to our most valuable players:

Emily (Penguin Class) earning 1,486 coins

Ivy (Year 1) earning 408 coins,

Mollie (Year 2) earning 4.830 coins.

Gold Book

Due to today's sports day, we will hold our celebration worship on Monday 6th July.

Entries into the Gold Book, will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Online Safety

A reminder that each month, we add a new online safety video to the school's website. This month's video focuses on the importance of remaining safe online during the summer holidays. Top tips include posting photos, getting a healthy balance and the importance of sharing positive and polite messages.

[Online Safety Videos](#)

I have also uploaded a booklet, **A Parent's Guide to Moving to Secondary School: Online Safety Tips**, created by Internet Matters.org to the school's website:.

[Online Safety Newsletters](#)



Attendance

This Week's Attendance:		97.4%
This week's term's top three attending classes are:		
Class		Attendance
Year 4		100%
Years 1 and 2		98.3%
Year 6		97.9%

This week, we have seen the school's attendance return back to expected figures following last week's heat wave. Our whole school target for this year is **95.7%**. Our current school attendance for the year is **95.3%**. Due to the heat wave, our attendance fell by 0.3% last week. Our aim is that over the next three weeks we focus on improving our whole school attendance and achieve the target set at the start of the year.

A reminder that requests for holidays are unauthorised. Further information of the impact of low attendance and frequently asked questions can be found on the school's website.

Open Evening

All parents and carers are invited to our Open Evening on **Tuesday 14th July** between 3.30pm to 5:00pm.

The open evening is an informal opportunity to attend the school, so there is no need to book an appointment. The purpose of the evening is to provide you with the opportunity to celebrate your child's progress by viewing and discussing their work.

During the evening, your child's class teacher will be available, as will your child's class teacher for the next academic year.

Please use this as an opportunity to meet with both teachers, as we celebrate the end of the current academic year and look forward to the next. When you arrive at school, can you please ensure that you sign in and out.

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.

Further Hot Weather

The weather forecast shows that we are expecting further hot weather. Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school each day and they have sun cream applied at the start of each day.

Children will also use shaded areas on the playground and will be encouraged to wear sun hats.

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 14:00 – 3:00pm.

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

Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
July 2026	
Monday 6th	<i>Y2 Outdoor Learning</i>
Wednesday 8th	<i>Y6 Fairthorne Trip</i>
Monday 13th	<i>Y1 Outdoor Learning</i> <i>Y6 Greatest Showman Performance 18:00 - 19:30 (children to arrive @ 17:45)</i>
Tuesday 14th	<i>Y6 Mode Shift Workshop</i> <i>Open Evening 15:30-16:00</i>
Wednesday 15th	<i>Dance Extravaganza 14:00-15:00</i>
Thursday 16th	<i>Y5 Out of Bounds</i>
Friday 17th	<i>Summer Fayre 15:00 – 16:00</i>

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/>



Courageous Advocacy

For their courageous advocacy project, Early Years raised money for the **RSPB** on Tuesday. The children created bird themed cards, cakes and bird feeders to sell. They also created posters to share information on how to protect the birds.

Earlier in the term, Penguin Class were visited by Gail from the RSPB who showed the children some decoy birds. These may be found at Pagham Harbour and she told the children how to protect the wildlife they might find there.



Penguin Class raised a total of **£39** which will all be donated to the RSPB, well done Penguins!

The Great British Summer Savings

The Great Summer Savings program is designed to help families make the most of summer while keeping costs affordable. Through special discounts, reduced fees and exclusive offers, families can access a variety of activities, programs and resources that support children's learning, development and enjoyment during the summer months.

To learn more about what is on offer visit the website: [Summer Savings - Cost of Living Help](#)

Parking and Road Safety

We are very concerned about the parking which has been observed during drop off and pick up times. Please be aware and considerate of our neighbours by not blocking access and parking on private property.

It has also been brought to our attention people are driving too fast through Church Lane and are not being mindful of residents, children and pets.





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

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

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk
Telephone: 01903 366 360

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Reaching Families

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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



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TRAINING SUMMER TERM 2026



WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge in Adolescence

Tuesday 21st April

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Making Sense of Masking

Thursday 23rd April

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Monday 27th April

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Communication skills for parents and carers

Tuesday 28th April

7.30 - 9 pm

Understanding Demand Avoidance

Wednesday 6th May

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessment and Plans (EHCPs)

Thursday 7th May

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Understanding Autism in Girls

Thursday 14th May

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Tuesday 19th May

10.30am - 12.30 pm

Making Sense of SEN Support at School

Wednesday 20th 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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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





FAMILIES
SUNDAY GATHERING
@ 4.30 PM

Sun 19th July 4:30pm-6:00pm
World Cup Special




Bible Teaching
Singing, Crafts & Activities

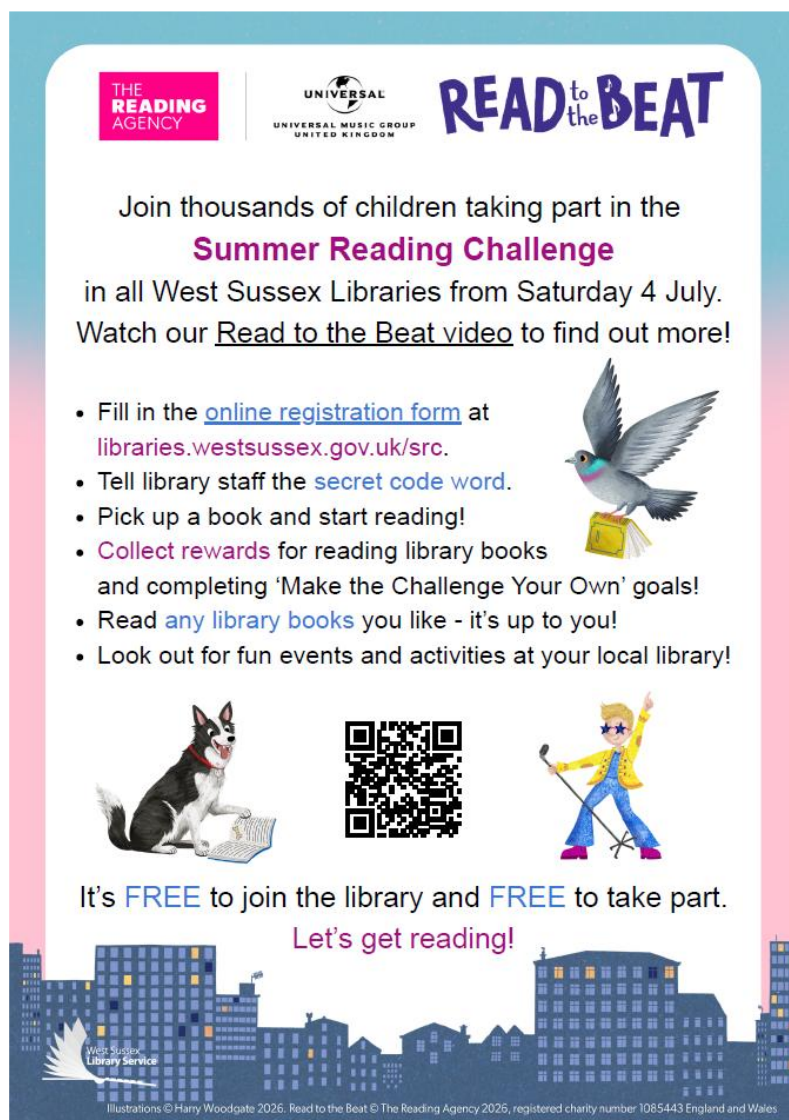
Free for all the Family
(Financial donations welcome)

All children served with a snack tea,
Hot drinks and cake available for adults
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

South Bersted Church Hall,
Bersted Street, Bognor Regis
PO22 9QE



Booking on Eventbrite is essential
by Thurs 16th July southbersted.org.uk



THE READING AGENCY | **UNIVERSAL** | **READ to the BEAT**
UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP UNITED KINGDOM

Join thousands of children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 4 July.
Watch our [Read to the Beat video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the [online registration form](#) at libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src.
- Tell library staff the **secret code word**.
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- Collect rewards** for reading library books and completing 'Make the Challenge Your Own' goals!
- Read **any library books** you like - it's up to you!
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!






It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part.
Let's get reading!



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Chichester's
EMERGENCY SERVICES
ARMED FORCES
AND COMMUNITY DAY
Oaklands Park
Sunday 2nd
August 2026
10am – 4pm
FREE ENTRY



Logos at the top: Chichester BID, Chichester District Council, West Sussex County Council, Chichester City Council, Fire Fighters Charity.

Logos at the bottom: West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, NHS South East Coast Ambulance Service, Maritime & Coastguard Agency, ROYAL AIR FORCE, ARMY BE THE BEST, ROYAL NAVY.

We have a **brand new** booking system for our

DAY CAMPS

23 JUL - 28 AUG

Activities include:

- Sports
- Crafts
- Swimming
- Inflatables
- Fun themes each week
- Special guests

Ages 5-11



Book now!



Active Play Summer Sessions 2026

Look out for the Freedom Leisure Park and Play van this summer, 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 during the week in the school summer holidays from: **Thursday 23rd July – Friday 28th August**



Programme

Day	10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm
Monday	Angmering Decoy Drive – Palmer Road Rec	Wick Water Lane
Tuesday	Ferring Ferring Village Green	Yapton King George V Playing Field
Wednesday	Angmering May Flower Park	Wick Water Lane
Thursday	Laburnum Grove Recreation, next to Bersted Green Hub	Rustington Woodlands Recreation Ground
Friday	Bersted Jubilee Fields	Wick Water Lane

No need to book!

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



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](#)

