SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

22nd October 2026

RSHE

Next half term, our RSHE units will be taught during Anti Bullying Week.

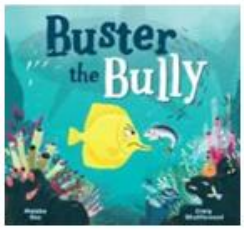
To incorporate this, our learning will focus on friendships, understanding kind and unkind behaviour and learning how to identify and stand up to bullying.

As children progress through Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2), they begin to explore the reasons behind bullying, including topics such as diversity, stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination.

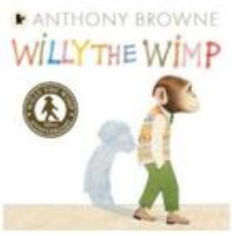
During lessons, children will be:

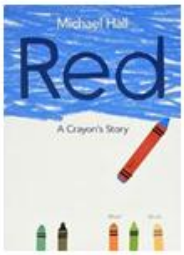
- Reflecting on stereotypes related to gender and disability.
- Exploring diversity and understanding different forms of discrimination.
- Learning how to respond if they encounter situations that make them feel uncomfortable.

Each year group will also engage in a text linked to their key outcomes from the week. The texts we are using to support this can be found below.












Odd Socks Day

On **Monday 16th November** we are encouraging all members of the school community to wear odd socks.

Odd socks day is an opportunity for people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what make us all unique!



Reading Awards

Today, we held our half termly reading raffle. Congratulations to this half term's winners who were today presented with a new book in Collective Worship.



William (Year 4) and **Adam (Year 4)** were today presented with their reading badges to celebrate reaching the 500,000-word milestone. Congratulations to **Daniel (Year 6)** who last week became our second word millionaire of the year!

A reminder that children can continue to access Accelerated Reader and quiz over the half term.

Accelerated Reader.

Gold Book

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

Hattie & Delilah (Y1). Dima & Ayda (Y2). Amelia & Rory (Y3). Mohammad & George R (Y4). Fabian & Mykyta (Y5). Teddy E & Theodore S (Y6).

Letters Sent Home This Week

The following letters have been sent out this week. Letters are sent out via MCAS and are added to the News Tab of the school's website.

- Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting
- Year 4 MTC Workshop
- Year 5 Staffing Changes
- Junior Governors – Remembrance Sunday

Times Table Rockstars Battle

The battle closed today!
Congratulations to Earth and Water who won their battles!

Earth 7,786	vs	Air 1,155
Fire 3,787	vs	Water 5,839

Most valuable players: Louie C (Yr 6), Dariia (Yr 4), Theo T (Yr 6), & Alfie D (Year 6).

The next battle begins tonight and will run over half term!

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is **98%.**

This week's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
Year 4	**99.7%**
Year 6	99.3%
Penguin	98.6%

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
97.6%	97%	94.9%	93.9%	96.1%	96.3%	98%

This half term, our average attendance is 96.3%. Congratulations to **Penguin Class** who have the highest attendance this half term at **97.7%.**

Family Learning

The West Sussex Family Learning team is offering a range of free courses to help parents, grandparents and carers support their children's learning and wellbeing.

This term, their courses cover a range of topics, including:

- Preparing children for starting school
- Supporting learning in reception and key stage 1
- Helping with key stage 2 maths
- Managing anxiety
- Building resilience
- Promoting positive family wellbeing

These practical sessions provide simple strategies, useful advice and ideas that families can use at home straight away.

Courses are available online and at community venues across West Sussex, making it easy for families to access support that meets their needs. All courses are free, although booking is required. To see all of their available courses and to book a place, please visit the West Sussex County Council website.

Food Bank Visit

Following your kind donations as part of our Harvest appeal, today our Year 6 School Councillors and Junior Governors visited the Bognor Regis Food Bank.

The manager, Liddy, explained how the Food Bank works to support people and families within our community.







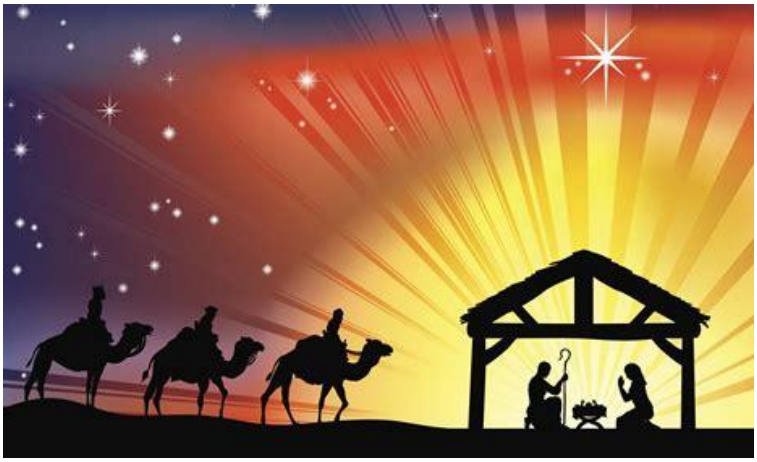
Our school donations totalled **138.6 Kg** in weight.

Throughout the year, we continue to provide donations to the Food Bank. If you would like to donate products, please place them in our drop bin in the school's reception.

Nativity Dates

Please see below for notice of our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativities

Penguin Class	
9th December	9:30 – 10:15
10th December	9:30 – 10:15
Key Stage 1	
2nd December	9:30 – 10:30
3rd December	9:30 – 10:30



Please note we have a maximum of 90 seats available per performance.

Tickets are limited to 4 per family for Early Years across the two performances and 2 per family for Key Stage 1 across the performances.

Tickets will be available to book from Friday 6th November.

Home Learning Challenge

Last week we celebrated the 100th Birthday of Winnie the Pooh. Over the next few weeks, take the time to learn about the famous character and his friends.



You may want to:

- *Create your own story book*
- *Create a piece of artwork with one of the character's quotes on*
- *Create a book review*
- *Create character reviews*
- *Share a story with a family member*

Think carefully about how you want to present your reflections!

Please share any completed work via Class Dojo before the 4th of November.

Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
November	
Monday 2nd	*Start of Autumn 2* *Years 5 and 6 Cricket event (selected pupils)*
Tuesday 3rd	*Governor morning*
Friday 6th	*Open Morning (9:00 – 10:30)* *Outdoor Learning - Year 6*
Monday 9th	*RSHE week* *Whole School Anti Bullying Week*
Tuesday 10th	*Years 3 and 4 Girls Football event (selected pupils)*
Wednesday 11th	*Armistice Day – children can attend school in their different uniforms.*
Thursday 12th	*Years 5 and 6 Football event (selected pupils)*
Friday 13th	*Fire service visit to Penguin Class* *Outdoor Learning – Year 5*
Monday 16th	*Odd Socks Day*
Tuesday 17th	*MTC Parent Workshop – Year 4*
Wednesday 18th	*Years 5 and 6 Football (selected pupils)*
Friday 20th	*Year 4 Trip to Chichester Harbour* *Outdoor Learning – Year 3*

INSET Days 2026 - 2027

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/

Eco Council Travel Update

The **Eco Council** would like to highlight a few things that everyone can do to make us all safer when we travel to school. We want to encourage as many people as possible to travel to school in a sustainable way, such as walking or cycling, or even parking the car further away and walking the last bit. This obviously is good for everyone's health as it is keeping us all active, but it is also better for the environment. Less cars on the road at busy times will result in reduced emissions and less cars near the school will make a difference to the air quality in the area, making it healthier for the children.



The Eco Council would like to remind parents and carers that the yellow Zig Zags at the front of the school are there for safety and should not be parked on.



We have a number of parents and carers who enter the school on foot through the car park. This is not safe as cars could be moving and deliveries can happen at any time.

Remember

- *Be safe when crossing the road, make sure you have a clear view and always check both ways before crossing.*
- *Wear a helmet when cycling, and use lights and visible clothing, especially as we approach winter and darker afternoons and evenings.*

Remembrance Day



On **Wednesday 11th November**, children can attend school in their club uniform (Brownie, Guide, Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Sea Cadet etc), to commemorate Remembrance Day. We will, of course, be observing a 2-minute silence at 11am during a collective worship, led by our Junior Governors.

Open Morning

Is your child due to start school in September 2027?

If so, please join us for our next Open Morning to find out more about what our school can offer your child as they begin their educational journey.

Friday 6th November 2025 (9:00 – 10:30am)

To book a visit, please follow the information on our flyer by following the link.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-bersted-ce-primary-school-open-mornings-tickets-2001203806456?aff=oddtdtcreator

Reminder for Parents of Year 6 Pupils

The application process for children due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027 began on the 1st of September and will close on the 31st of October.

For more information on applying for a secondary school place, please visit West Sussex Admissions: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/secondary-school-places/

Parents Evening

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our Autumn Term Parents' Evening. If you were unable to attend this meeting, please make contact with your child's class teacher to arrange a time to view your child's books and discuss their progress.

A reminder that information on your child's curriculum can be found on the Class Pages tab on the school's website. Class Pages

Children In Need

Friday 13th November we are supporting the **Children in Need** appeal. If you are able, pupils would be delighted if you could donate some loose change.

Donations can be brought to school on the day, and each class will have the chance to visit the hall and place their donations on the picture of Pudsey and Blush.

BBC 500 Words Competition

The BBC 500 Words is back! The UK's BIGGEST story – writing competition for children aged 5 – 11 opens for entries from Tuesday 29th September until Friday 6th November at 9pm. To learn more about this competition, please follow the link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

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OPEN MORNINGS

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

If so, we would love for you to join us at one of our Open Mornings to find out more about what our school can offer your child as they begin their journey into education next year.



Open Mornings: 09:00 - 10:30
Tuesday 20th October &
Friday 6th November
Please scan the QR code to book your place and we shall look forward to meeting you!

During each session there will be a talk, presented by our Headteacher Mr Noel Goodwin. Followed by a Q&A session and a tour of the school and grounds.

Church Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO22 9PZ



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

UMBRELLAS

Parent Support Groups

Autumn 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
8th Sep / 6th Oct / 3rd Nov / 1st Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
22nd Sep / 20th Oct / 17th Nov / 15th Dec

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 - 9pm
10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 10th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
16th Sep / 21st Oct / 18th Nov / 16th Dec

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
15th Sep / 13th Oct / 10th Nov / 8th Dec

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
24th Sep / 22nd Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

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

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