



SOUTH BERSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

2nd October 2026

Cycle to School Week

A reminder that next week, we will be engaging in **Cycle to School Week**. To manage the increase in bikes and scooters next week, Mrs Evans has created designated areas for pupils to store their bikes and scooters.

If, at the end of the day, your child has one of our **Golden Padlocks** on their bike or scooter, they can claim a small prize by seeing Mrs Evans.



Our aim for the week is to deepen children's understanding of the health benefits connected to riding or scooting to school. In addition to this, reduce the amount of traffic on Church Lane and Orchard Way and reduce the emissions in and around the school.

As part of our Eco Committee's plans for this year, they will be working with the '**Walk, Wheel and Cycle Trust**' to look at further ways that we can improve routes to school and reduce pollution. Their work will continue over the next two weeks as they engage in environmental walks.

The Power of Reading

The primary years are when children learn how to read, start to read independently, and when life-long habits really begin to take shape.

The **National Year of Reading** is here to support parents and carers with ideas and encouragement to help children to enjoy reading.

A dedicated website has been created to provide guidance and advice for families on the power of reading including strategies, activities and events that support parents in children becoming lifelong readers.

<https://goallin.org.uk/families-5-11/>



As part of the National Year of reading, pupils across the school have had the opportunity to take part in a number of online author workshops including **Micheal Morpurgo** and **Liz Pichon**. Last week, pupils in Key Stage 1 engaged in an online workshop with **Julia Donaldson** who acted out the story the **Gruffalo**.

Home Learning Challenge

It was lovely to see 'Blessing Jars' from our last challenge. Spending time reflecting on what is important to us, is so incredibly important.



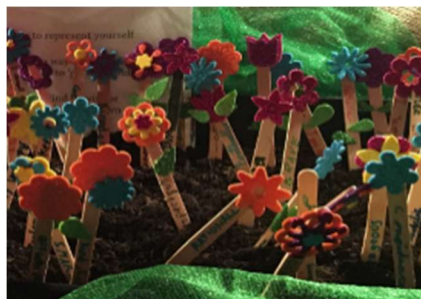
During last Monday's Collective Worship we reflected on **International Peace Day**.

We considered what peace means to us and used a demonstration of the below image to reflect further.

At the end of Collective Worship, we created our own garden of peace.

Over the next two weeks, we will encourage children to create their own peace gardens, or paper chains of peace.

For the garden, children will write what peace means to them on a lollipop stick, decorate the stick and then place it in some soil in a pot.



Please share any pictures via Class Dojo.

Due in by Wednesday 8th October 2026

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is **93.9%**.

This week's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
Year 2	97.3%
Penguin Class	96.9%
Year 1	94.6%

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

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.

- Cycle/Scoot to School

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 September and will close on the 31st 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/>

Harvest Festival

On **Friday 9th October**, we will be holding our Harvest Festival at the Church. During this event, we encourage children and staff to bring donations to school.

All our donations will go to the Bognor Regis Food Bank.

During the service, each year group will present on an aspect of Harvest.

Parents and carers are invited to attend this event between 9:00am – 10:00am.

Please note that all children **must** be in school uniform and not PE kits.



Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
October	
Monday 5 th	Year 1 Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 6 th	NHS Nasal Flu Spray (All year groups)
Wednesday 7 th	Drama4All Workshops: Penguin Class, Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 8 th	Penguin Class – Bedtime Breakfast Event (8:45 – 10:00)
Friday 9 th	Whole School Harvest Event (9:00 – 10:00) Friends of South Bersted AGM (14:15 – 15:00)
Monday 12 th	School Photographs
Tuesday 13 th	STEM event – Year 5 Year 3 Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 14 th	Planetarium Trip – Year 5
Thursday 15 th	Eco Council Air Pollution walk

INSET Days 2026 – 2027

When considering booking a holiday, please check the school's term dates and INSET Days. For the next academic year, our INSET Days are:

- Friday 23rd October
- Monday 4th January
- Monday 12th April



Gold Book

Congratulations to the pupils who were in this week's Gold Book. Each week children are celebrated for displaying the school's values.

Franek, Marley, Oakley, Reuben (Year 1). Amos, Joseph, Emilio (Year 2). Sydney, Zofia (Year 3). Maisie, Thea, Olivia (Year 4). Leo, Charlotte, Billy, Adam (Year 5). Matilda R, Daniel K (Year 6).

Celebrating Achievements

Each Friday, it is wonderful to celebrate children's out of school achievements. Already this year, we have celebrated a number of sporting achievements. If your child would like to celebrate an out of school achievement, please encourage them to bring in their certificates, medals and trophies on a Friday. It may be that they would like to share their support of charities!

Parent's Evening

This term, our Autumn Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 19th October (3:30 – 5:00)** and **Wednesday 21st (3:30 – 6:30)**. A letter will be sent out next week explaining how to book your place.

Individual School Photographs

A reminder that on Monday 12th October, children will have their individual school photographs taken. On this day, there will be **no PE lessons**. Please ensure that your child is in school uniform for their picture to be taken. Sibling photographs will also be taken on this day.

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>

Morning Routines

We would like to remind families that the school office opens at 8:30, before then you can leave forms in the postbox or do any questions or notifications in advance. This also means that if you are dropping off children for breakfast club it needs to be done promptly at 08:00, as staff specifically come to the door at this time to meet the children. With regards to latecomers, once the school gates are closed in the morning, pupils will need to enter school through the main entrance. All children must be checked in at the office window before entering the school.



Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide many food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish
Tinned veg/fruit
Cooking sauces
Coffee
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Cereals
Fruit juice (long-life)
Tinned pudding
Jam
Instant mashed potato

Bognor Regis Foodbank
info@bognorregis.foodbank.org.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](#)





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co-educational day school
for children aged 2-16

OPEN DAY



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Our small classes, individual approach to learning and warm, welcoming community help every child to thrive – academically, socially and personally. Please join us to discover our wonderful school for yourselves, and see why we could be the right choice for you and your child.

Come and meet our new Head, Emily Hill.

Wednesday 7th October



Junior and Senior School:
9.30am – 11.00am

SCAN TO BOOK

/ Independent / Individual / Inspiring

- / **NEW reduced fees**
from September 2026
- / All-day care and support
from 8am – 5pm
- / Minibus services to save
you from the school run
- / Sion ranks in the top 10%
of schools nationally for
GCSE pass rates at both
grades 9–7 and 9–4.

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call: 01903 204063**

sionschool.org.uk

South Bersted Church Invites you to

FAMILIES
SUNDAY GATHERING
@4.30PM

southbersted.org.uk

**Bible Teaching,
Singing,
Crafts & Activities
Free for all the Family
(Financial
donations welcome)**

Pumpkin Party!

**We're all a bit like a pumpkin.
No, really!
Come and find out why.**



Sun 18th Oct 4:30pm-6:00pm

**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
Thursday 15th October**



Together
we make amazing
things happen!



Small events
make a **BIG**
difference!



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FRIENDS OF SOUTH BERSTED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You're invited to join us!

Open to all parents, carers and members of our school community



DATE

Friday
9th October



TIME

2.15pm



VENUE

Meeting Room
at the school

WHAT IS THE AGM?

The Annual General Meeting is a chance for parents, carers and the whole school community to:

- ♥ Hear about what FoSB has achieved over the past year
- ♥ See how funds have been raised and spent
- ♥ Find out about plans for the year ahead
- ♥ Ask questions and share ideas
- ♥ Learn how you can get involved and support our events

If you're able to attend,
please let us know by
completing the short form: ♥



Scan here

to complete
the short RSVP
form

♥ **EVERYONE WELCOME!** ♥

Your support helps us make a real difference
to the children at South Bersted.

Stronger
together

PARENTS ♥ TEACHERS ♥ COMMUNITY = BRIGHTER FUTURES



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust

September 2026 Schools Newsletter

We'd love to hear from you!

Hugh Thomas is the Project Officer for the West Sussex Active Travel Behaviour Change Project. Please get in touch if you have any great walking or wheeling stories or would like to find out more about our school work.

Email:

hugh.thomas@walkwheelcyclustrust.org.uk

Tuesday 22nd of September is World Car-Free Day!

Why not try leaving the car at home and walking, wheeling or cycling to school to reduce emissions and make the air around our school cleaner for everyone?

Fact of the Month

Active travel can save you money on the school run!

Pedal power requires a one-off investment with minimal running costs – no fuel, no tax, and no parking fees. A simpler way to get from A to B... by Cycle!

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is working in partnership with West Sussex County Council at schools across the county to improve health and wellbeing by encouraging more active travel. We will be in school to deliver a range of activities including led walks, cycle and scooting skills, road safety sessions and more! Keep an eye out for activities to get involved in at your school.

Cycle To School Week 2026



Our friends at Bikeability want you to join the 200,000 people already taking part in this year's Cycle to School Week—and we do too! You can pledge as a family or as a school by searching Cycle to School Week online or going to [Cycle to School Week 2026 - Bikeability](#).

Cycle to school week runs from the **5th to the 9th of October**

Schools and families will have access to classroom and other resources, and will be entered into the prize draw to win four Squish balance bikes.

By taking part you don't just **pedal more**, you will *spend less, rush less, pollute less and stress less.*



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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.

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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