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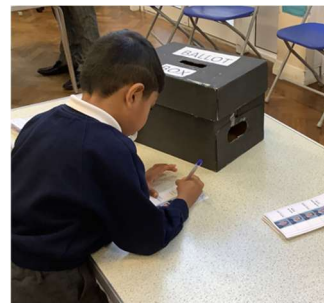
Newsletter

25th September 2026

Children as Leaders

As part of our Learning 4 Life Curriculum, we want to encourage our pupils to take on a range of roles and responsibilities. Doing so helps to deepen pupil's confidence and provides them with a range of leadership opportunities. As part of our approach to British Values, pupils have learnt about democracy and voted for their peers to carry out a range of roles: School Council, Sports, Mental Health Ambassadors, Sports leaders and Eco Reps.

On Wednesday morning of this week, a selection of our Year 6 pupils presented their speeches on why they would like to be voted as a Junior Governor. Junior Governors attend a range of events and take on several ambassadorial roles for the school. Pupils across the school listened to each speech and then visited the ballot boxes to cast their vote. Each year, I feel a huge sense of pride in the children's confidence and passion when they share their speeches.



Later that day, our new **Mental Health Ambassadors** completed their first training session. We were joined by members of the Thought-Full team, who taught the children how to recognise, understand and support others. Along with how to identify their own emotions and how best to react to those emotions.



Home Learning Challenge

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



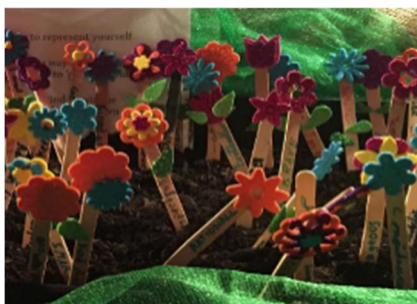
During Monday's Collective Worship we reflected on **International Peace Day**.

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 Wednesday 8th October 2026

Staffing Update

On Friday 2nd October, **Mrs Bush** begins her maturity leave. We are delighted for Mrs Bush as she prepares for this very special new chapter, and we know that you will join us in wishing her and her family every happiness as they await the arrival of their new baby.

The Masked Reader

Each month, we hold the Masked Reader.

The month's Masked Reader: Mrs Bush

Favourite Book and why: The Little Prince, this book is so special to me as it promotes kindness, friendship and looking beyond what is in front of you.

Read: Michael Rosen: Chocolate Cake



Online Safety Website

The Department for Education have released a new website to support families and encourage regular conversations about what children see online. Based on parents' main concerns and needs it provides:

- **tips for parents' conversations with their children**
- **actions to support each stage of their child's life**
- **parental controls information**

The website also offers trusted resources from charities and third parties. The website will continue to grow and be developed this year, supporting the [Online Safety Act](#) and wider government aims.

Kids Online Safety can be accessed [here](#) and via the school's website.

Cycle to School Week

Cycle to School Week runs from 5th to the 9th of October. During this week, we want to encourage as many pupils, parents and staff to cycle to school.

During the week, we will be focusing on the health benefits of staying active.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is **94.9%**.

This week's top three attending classes are:

Class	Attendance
Penguin Class	98.3%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 2	96.4%

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

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.

- South Bersted Open Mornings 2026
- EYFS Bedtime Breakfast 2026
- Home Learning Year 4, 5 and 6
- Census Day

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 9:00 – 10:00am.



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

Up-Coming Events

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

Date	Details
October	
Friday 2 nd	Year 6 Fairthorne Meeting (8:45 – 9:30)
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 Planetarium Trip: Year 5
Thursday 8 th	Penguin Class – Bedtime Breakfast Event (8:45 – 10:00)
Friday 9 th	Whole School Harvest Event (9:00 – 10:00)
Monday 12 th	School Photographs
Tuesday 13 th	STEM event – Year 5 Year 3 Outdoor Learning

Whole school and class events are also updated on the school's calendar:

<https://www.southbersted.co.uk/calendars/>

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 and last week's Gold Book.

Each week children are celebrated for displaying the school's values.

Zac, Emily, Albie (Year 1). Athena, Clayton, Emily (Year 2). Nathaniel, Jacob H, Jasper (Year 3). Aiden, Mikayla (Year 4). Reggie A, Jim H (Year 6).

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](#)



**Walk Wheel
Cycle Trust**

**September
2026 Schools
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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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Together
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things happen!



Small events
make a **BIG**
difference!



SUPPORTING • ENRICHING • OUR SCHOOL

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

CHOOSE A SCHOOL MEAL

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER IS CENSUS DAY.

The number of children enjoying a school meal on Census Day can help determine the meal funding available to your school.

By booking a meal for your child, you'll be supporting your school while giving them the chance to enjoy our special Today's Harvest menu.

**BOOK
YOUR CHILD'S MEAL
THROUGH THE FEED
APP TODAY!**

TODAY'S HARVEST

MAIN COURSES

- Chicken Goujons with Chips
- Halal Chicken Goujons with Chips
- Margherita Pizza Slice with Chips
- Jacket Potato with baked beans, tuna or cheese

SERVED WITH

- Sweetcorn from the Sunny Fields
- Country Baked Beans

DESSERTS

- Autumn Banana Bread with Custard
- Harvest Rainbow Fruit & Yoghurt

Plant-based and special-diet options are also available through the FEED app.

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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