

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your child has had a lovely week! It was wonderful to see how many children took part in our Hello Yellow day on Tuesday; what a great way to focus on mental health and well-being. Thank you for supporting us with this special event.

Harvest Festival success!

THANK YOU for all your amazing Harvest donations this week. We have never had so many contributions! Freeshop will be absolutely delighted and extremely grateful for your kindness. Times are tough for families at the moment and it just shows what a kind and caring community we have at Three Bridges. Thank you also to Sam Buck and Reverend Will Kane, from St Richard's who made a surprise appearance in our Harvest Assemblies this week.

Gentle reminders

- Please park considerately around school, especially when it's raining. Do not park on the double yellow lines in Gales Place (behind the shops and nearest the lower site) or on the yellow zig zag lines. I noticed a parking warden was patrolling this week; Crawley Borough Council will be keeping an eye on parking and they will issue tickets if you are parked illegally - you have been warned!
- Trainers should be worn for PE lessons only please!
- Please keep jewellery at home; children should only wear a watch or stud earrings for school.
- Nail varnish should not be worn at school.
- Long hair should be tied back to minimise the risk of headlice!

Brownings Farm

I had a lovely day with some of the children from Larch class at Brownings Farm on Wednesday. Farmer John knows the children well as he has worked with them since Year 3! It was a bit emotional for the children as this would be their last visit before going to secondary school but the children could see the difference they had made to the farm over the past 4 years.

Attendance

We are working hard to improve our school's attendance. Currently it is at 93%; we are aiming for 95%. Please get your child to school every day, and on time, so that we can reach our target. Mrs King and I will be contacting families of children whose attendance falls below our target so that we can find ways to support you!

Concern about a child?

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, either in or outside of school, you can call the Integrated Front Door on 01403 229900. Calls can be anonymous. The most important thing is that everyone knows they have a responsibility to keep children safe. The school has a Child Protection policy on the website, for further information.

Next week is our last week before half term. Year 6 children are off to PGL on Monday, returning on Friday. I hope the children have a great time. We will be arranging a special meeting for Year 5 parents after half term all about PGL!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!
Trudy Emberson





Celebrations!



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Huge congratulations go to

Poplar Class

with an amazing
99% attendance

For week beginning
2nd October 2023

Well done!

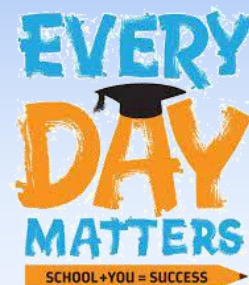
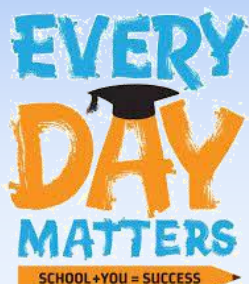


Class Attendance of the Year

Our top class so far...

Poplar Class

with **97%**



Whole School Attendance

Three Bridges Primary School

94%

Primary national average

94%



Here **E**veryday **R**eady **O**n Time!



More to celebrate...



Headteacher Awards



Well done to all of the following children who have earned a Headteacher Award this week!

Theo
Younus
Alfie
Sashwin
Zayd
Suleman
Leo
Zayn
Purvik
Apithan

Love
Abdul
Adzeen
Nubaid
Zach
Leo
Arthur
Ethan
Dexter
Lena

Orion
Siyamak
Emma
Anais
Lydia
Sabihah
Lassine
Cory
Josie
Amaya

Morgan

CLASS DOJO

Well done to everyone for earning so many Dojo points this week!

The classes with the most Dojo points for this week are:

1st - Ash

2nd - Chestnut

3rd - Cypress



BoomReader

Well done to everyone for reading so many books this week!

The classes who read the most are:



1st - Ash

2nd - Larch

3rd - Juniper



Please see the parent guide which has been sent out on Class Dojo

<https://go-read.co.uk/downloads/parent-guide-mobile.pdf>



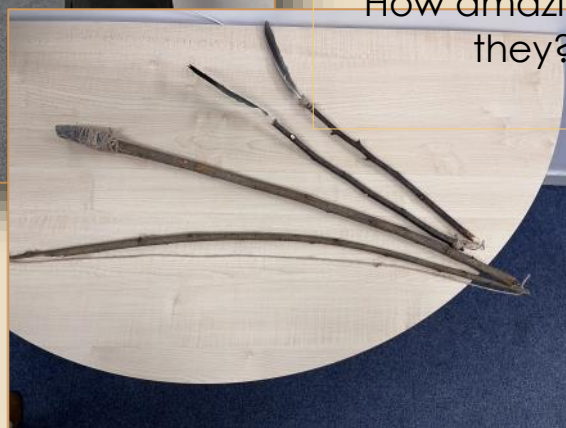
Home Learning...



Year 5 having been learning about the Stone Age.

Here are some Stone Age tools made by one of the children!

How amazing are they?



Harvest Festival



Thank you for all the donations to our Harvest Festival.

These will be going to the FreeShop located at Dorsten Square in Bewbush.

NURTURE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Silver Birch Class



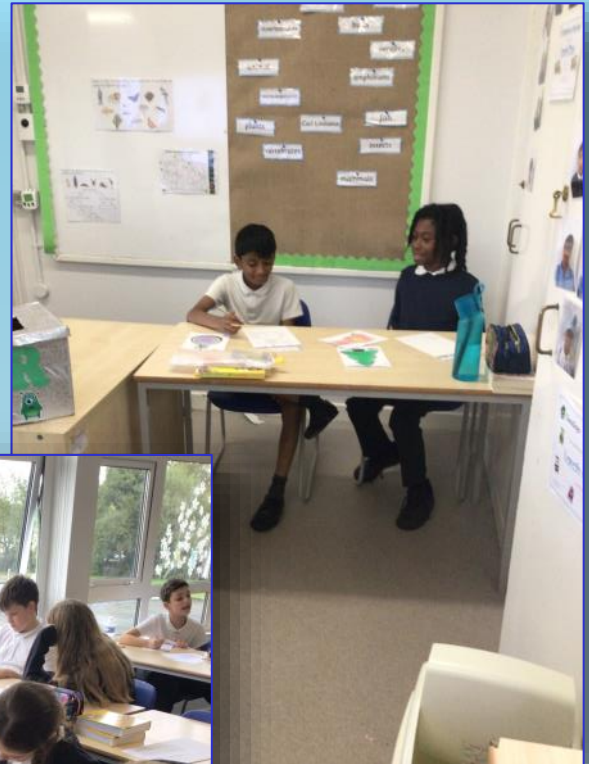
In Silver Birch we have been showing nurture by holding hands walking to the upper site, helping each other with reading and writing and looking after each other on the playground.



PIC•COLLAGE

NURTURE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Larch Class





Sport - Girls Football



On Thursday we took a team of year 5 and 6 girls to the Crawley district cup.

The girls did brilliantly well to win three games and draw five, only conceding one in the process.

It wasn't enough to progress to the final but it's a great building block for our league season which starts after half-term.

Well done girls!

Sport - Quickstix Hockey Competition

On Wednesday, we took a team of keen year 2 children to have a go at hockey.

They learnt many skills including dribbling, passing and shooting!

They put all their newly learnt skills together in a friendly match at the end against another school and did very well.

Well done to everyone who came for trying your best!





500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

For more information , please follow the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

or you can scan the QR code below:



Makaton

Sign of the week: Dog



Reading Newsletter Survey

Please could you take a few minutes to complete this survey.

You can follow the link or scan the QR code below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VeUXq8miEk2Y1_Zx3y4ZzDtZWMaX9DnZMmZPEFdM5UNFIKSIZF_U0ILRDBLSUFXTikzQIIQVE1WOC4u



Thank you as always for your continued support



Language Café at St Richard's Church



Language Café

Join us for a cup of tea
and a conversation to
practise your language skills.



The Language Café is a new informal language practice space, where people from different backgrounds and cultures, can learn more of the English language together by engaging in conversation and practising what they have learnt, in a safe and welcoming environment.

Place: St Richard's Church, Three Bridges

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Date: Every Wednesday (starting on Wednesday 1st November)

Let's Glow at St Richard's Church

A light party is an alternative to Halloween where we celebrate all that is light and good. Church Crawley are hosting a Light party on Monday 31st October 4:30-6pm at St John's and 3rd November 3:30-5pm at St Richards.

It's completely free and open to children of primary school age (and their adults). The theme is 'Let's Glow' and children are encouraged to come dressed in their brightest clothes, neon, colourful clothes and costumes, there'll be lots of things to do and see including, bouncy castle, games, craft, firepits and much more!

Please book in advance so we can get an idea of numbers.

To book please follow this link...

<https://stjohnscrawley.churchsuite.com/events/rpy4bnuz>



SAVE THE DATE | #DLDDAY 2023

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FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023

Developmental Language Disorder is a hidden but common disability that affects 1 in 14 people causing difficulties understanding and using language for no known reason.

The 2023 DLDday theme is *DLD Around the World*, highlighting that DLD occurs in every language.

To raise awareness for this organisation, all we are asking is that the children wear purple for the day.

#DLDday FRIDAY
20TH OCTOBER 2023

RADLD RAISING AWARENESS OF
DEVELOPMENTAL
LANGUAGE DISORDER

RADLD.ORG

THE UK'S FAVOURITE BARRACUDAS Activity Day Camps

AUTUMN QUIZ!

1. What sweet do we toast on camp fires?
2. What animal stores nuts in Autumn?
3. What day is Halloween?
4. How many legs does a spider have?
5. What do we celebrate on 5th Nov?

How many **BATS** you help Billy find?

HALLOWEEN
Draw Your Own Pumpkin Face!

Visit barracudas.co.uk
or call 01480 467 567

AUTUMN WORD SCRAMBLE!

KINPUMP	SHOOMRUM	NAIR
RELUMBLA	RONC	ANORC

ANSWERS

1. TOAST
2. SQUIRREL
3. HALLOWEEN
4. 8
5. GHOSTS

HEEY!
I'm BILLY BARRACUDA!
Please help me through the scare maze to find my broom!

Events

An exciting sensory adventure this October half-term

14 – 29 October 2023

Children
go free!

We're Going On A Bear Hunt

Wakehurst

Visit [kew.org/wakehurst](https://www.kew.org/wakehurst)
Pre-booking strongly advised



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"MY DAUGHTER
WAS FULL OF
BEANS AND
BURSTING
WITH LOVELY
STORIES WHEN I
COLLECTED HER"



"THIS CLUB IS
CONSISTENTLY
BRILLIANT"



OCTOBER 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.

Three Bridges Primary School

Three Bridges Primary School (Upper Site), Crawley, RH10 1PD

MONDAY 23RD

CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & CIRCUS SKILLS

TUESDAY 24TH

'AMONG US' SPY CAMP

WEDNESDAY 25TH

BLOOD, SNOT & ZOMBIES

THURSDAY 26TH

NERF: WINTER WASTELAND

FRIDAY 27TH

HARRY POTTER DAY

SPOOKY CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & CIRCUS SKILLS

Join us as we toast churros on the campfire & learn about Mexican cultural history through making Day of the Dead sugar skulls. We'll be having a circus skills fiesta & playing loads of ghoulish games as we draw inspiration from Latin America.

HARRY POTTER WANDS, QUIDDITCH & POTIONS

In this session, we draw inspiration from the Harry Potter book series. Have fun whittling your very own woodland wand, brew potions & play Quidditch! Which house are you? Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw.

'AMONG US' SPY CAMP

Based on the popular video game & encouraging positive technology use. The kids - our wannabe spies & spaceship survivors - hone their skills in deception, mystery, & intrigue. We'll be running our very own Among Us game adapted for the outdoors, testing our stealth skills in everyone's favourite, The Fugitive game, & getting creative with forensics-based fun.

BLOOD, SNOT & ZOMBIES

Not as scary as it sounds! We'll be embarking on our spooky season special - a zombie fun-filled day of snotty slime (Oobleck) & edible blood making. There's a hilarious body part scavenger hunt & lots of light-hearted seasonal fun & games

NERF: WINTER WASTELAND – DEFEND THE VAULT & SWAMP RESCUE

Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging, playing tactical, team-based Nerf games in our apocalyptic winter wasteland. Defend The Vault & Swamp Rescue. Lock & load! Zombie face paint kids workshop too. (Due to more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ recommended)

For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



Three Bridges Primary School

Reception Open Day

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they will be starting reception in primary school from September 2024.

The application process opened on 1 September 2023 and closes on 15th January 2024.

The national offer day is **16 April 2024**.

Come and visit our school for a tour and presentation. We are offering the following dates and times.

DATE:

~~9th October 2023~~

16th October 2023

6th November 2023

13th November 2023

8th January 2024

TIME:

1pm - 2pm

or

2pm - 3pm

To book an appointment, please contact the school office on
01293 524076 option 2 or email office@tbps.org.uk

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Cut off dates for ParentPay meal ordering



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

September

	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		

October

	3	10	17	24	31
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	

November

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1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

December

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	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

October Cut off Dates

Thursday 20/10 for w/c Monday 31/10
Thursday 27/10 for w/c Monday 7/11

November Cut off Dates

Thursday 3/11 for w/c Monday 14/11
Thursday 10/11 for w/c Monday 21/11
Thursday 17/11 for w/c Monday 28/11
Thursday 24/11 for w/c Monday 5/12

December Cut off Dates

Thursday 1/12 for w/c Monday 12/12
Thursday 22/12 for w/c Tuesday 3/1
Thursday 29/12 for w/c Monday 9/1

Bank Holiday

School Holiday

Cut off date



Dates for your diary



October

Mon 16th - Fri 20th	Residential Visit - PGL (Year 6)
Tue 17th	6-weeks in meeting - Cherry
Wed 18th	6-weeks in meeting - Mulberry
Thurs 19th	6-weeks in meeting - Apple
Mon 23rd-Fri 27th is HALF TERM	
Mon 30th-3rd Nov	Termly Learning conferences—EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

November

Thurs 2nd	EYFS - Outdoor Classroom Day! Yr6 SATs information meeting for parents - US Hall @ 5pm
Thurs 9th	Yr5 PGL meeting for parents - US Hall @ 5pm
Mon 13th	Crawley Library visiting Pear Class 10:45-13:30
Wed 15th	Individual class photos
Fri 17th	Sibling Photographs
Mon 20th-Fri 24th	Termly Learning Conferences—Years 3 to 6
Tues 21st	Year 1 & 2 to the cinema to see The Smeds and The Smoos and SuperWorm
Thurs 23rd	Year 5 to the cinema to see Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile!
Wed 29th	School Pantomime

December

Wed 13th	Christmas Lunch and party afternoon
Thurs 14th	Influenza Programme whole school
Fri 15th	End of Term

INSET Days 2023/2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 15th April 2024
Friday 24th May 2024

Standard School Year Term Dates

Autumn half term - (last day Friday 20th October 2023)
Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023
End of the Autumn Term - (last day Friday 15th December 2023)
Monday 18th December 2023 - Friday 29th December 2023
Spring Half Term - (last day Friday 9th February 2024)
Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024
End of the Spring Term - (last day Thursday 28th March 2024)
Summer Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024)
End of the School year - (last day Tuesday 23rd July 2024)