



## Weekly Newsletter 7 Autumn Term 2023

Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our PGL visit comes to an end today, with our Year 6 children returning to school later today. The children have been an asset to our school; we have received really positive feedback from the staff and the PGL team! Well done children and thank you so much to my staff who have accompanied the children this week. The children who stayed at school have been off timetable too; with science experiments, baking and forest school activities to name a few.

### Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Dantas, she has had a baby boy weighing 8lb 2oz! Welcome to the world baby Rafael. We are all looking forward to meeting him very soon.



### Dogs

I have received a lot of complaints about dogs this week. If your dog finds it difficult to walk calmly on a lead near other dogs or children, please do not bring it near school at busy times. There are likely to be repercussions for dog owners who cannot control their dog; especially if another dog or child is hurt.

### Christmas

We celebrate Christmas at Three Bridges Primary school. For those families who do not celebrate, alternative activities will be on offer for the children. Please see dates for your diary as we have now booked dates for Nativity and Christmas Carol events.

### Newsletter

I hope you find the newsletter helpful. If there is anything in particular you would like us to include, please let us know!

### Safeguarding Update

We are aware that a lot of the children spend a huge amount of time on devices, playing games online and chatting with friends, especially at weekends and during the holidays. I would like to remind parents/carers to keep a close eye on what your child is playing and who they are communicating with. We sometimes receive police reports about children's behaviour online. Age restrictions are there for a reason, to keep your child safe, so please make sure games are appropriate for your child's age.

Have a wonderful half term break, we will see you on Monday 30th October!

Trudy Emberson



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# Celebrations!



## BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Huge** congratulations go to

**Poplar Class**

with an amazing  
**98%** attendance

For week beginning  
20th October 2023

Super job!!

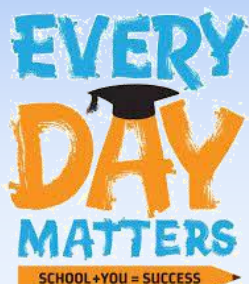


## Class Attendance of the Year

Our top class so far...

**Poplar Class**  
with **97%**

Amazing - keep it up!!



## 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!

Hanna	Saphra	Matviy
Sahar	Purvanshu	Lillie
Alice	Ilyas	Alex
Amelia	Mira	Rowan
Oliver	Aaisha	Isaac
Scarlett	Bella	Zim
Nadia	Nu	

### 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 - Cypress**

**2nd - Oak**

**3rd - Holly**



### ***BoomReader***

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

The classes who read the most are:



**1st - Juniper**

**2nd - Chestnut**

**3rd - Ash**



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

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



# Attendance!

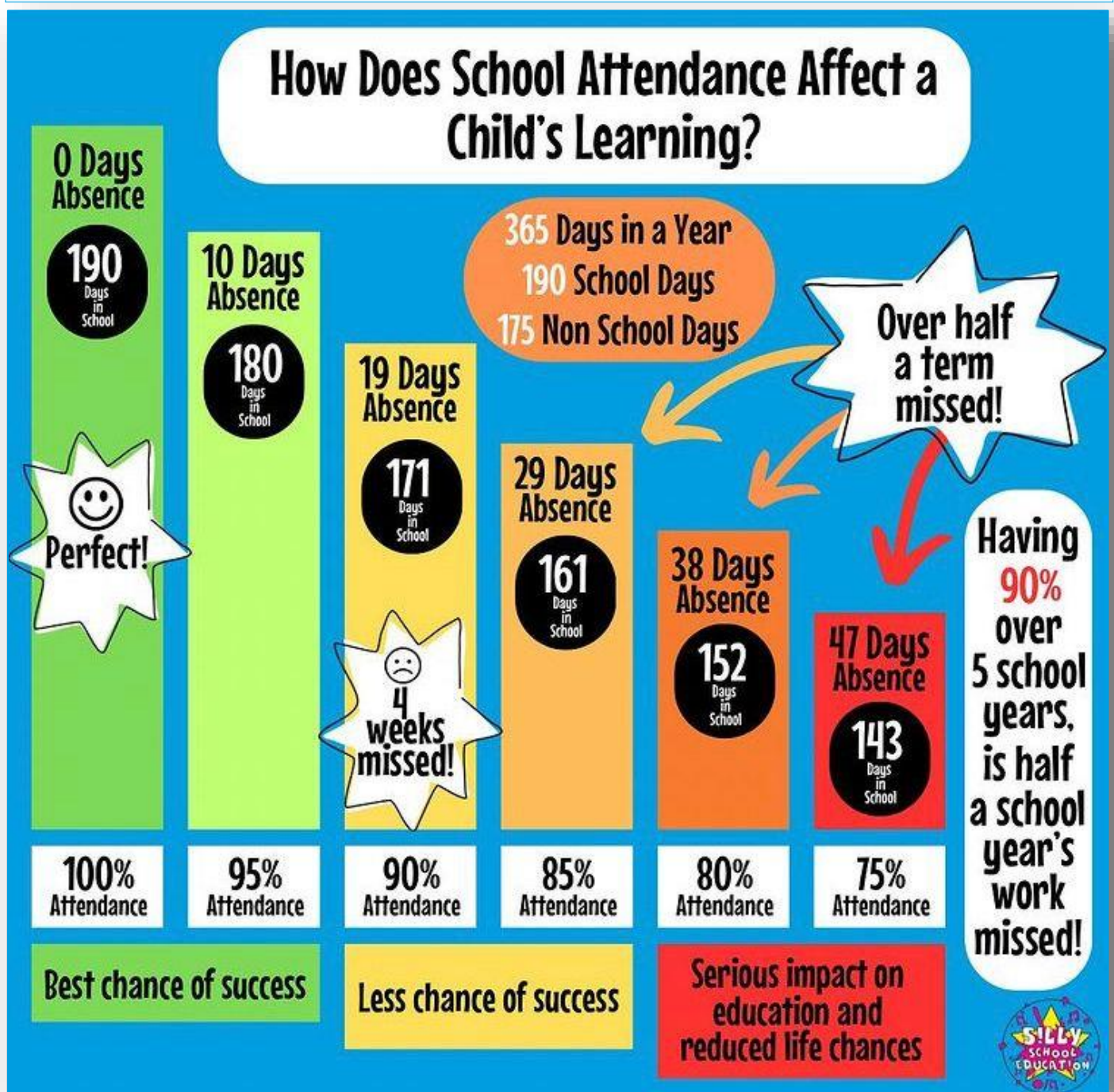


## Everything you need to know about school attendance

Parents and carers of a child who is of statutory school age, have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable education. This is usually achieved through regular attendance at school.

Please see the link below for more information on school attendance and education.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>





# ENGAGE CLASS OF THE WEEK

## Chestnut Class

This week has been a very busy and engaging week for Chestnut class. The children have been working really hard thinking about their learning and have been really engaged with their phonics and mastering number lessons. In our PSHE lesson, the children were engaging with a sorting game about how to be friendly to others and how to overcome friendship problems.

Well done Chestnut class for another fantastic week!



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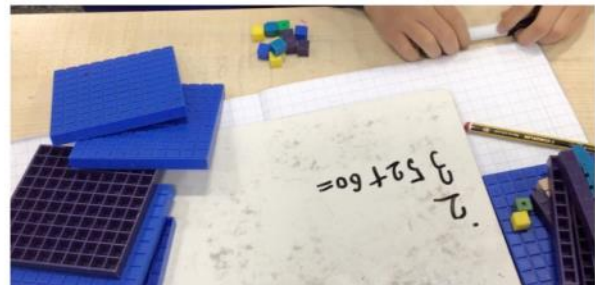
# Rowan Class



$$= 01 + 954$$
$$= 05 + 492$$
$$= 09 + 238$$
$$= 13 + 711$$

We have been engaged when we have been

Maths.



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
 I had a very good day. I met a girl  
 called Alice who was in my class  
 at school. She was very nice  
 and we had a very good time.  
 I was very happy to see her.



p Pandora's garland was as green  
as the grass, but her garland  
was as raw as it could be.

Pandora's checks were lost, was  
but most of all her checks  
were shiny. **PIC•COLLAGE**





## Learning Our Phonics



This week in Phonics Chestnut Class have been practicing the sound 'igh' - 'igh - fly high'

One of the children went home, remembered the sound and the picture that matches the phonics card.

She then drew a person flying the kite high in the sky!

Well done, that's amazing work!

## BBC Writing Competition



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:





## 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:

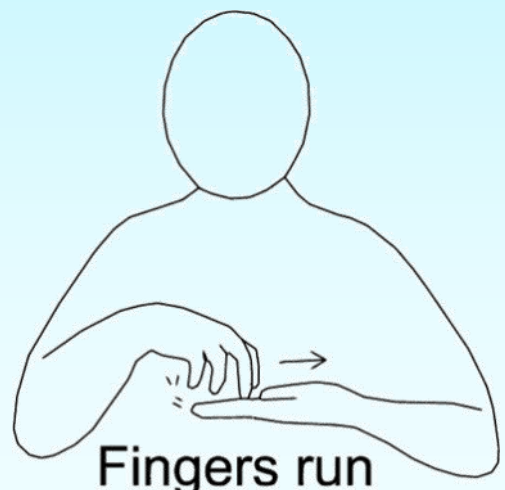
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Thank you as always for your continued support

### Makaton

#### Sign of the week: Mouse



Fingers run  
onto wrist

**HOME  
START**  
Crawley, Horsham  
& Mid-Sussex

### Ever thought about the benefits of volunteering?

Volunteers say they have a better sense of connection with their community, improved wellbeing, gain new skills and work experience.

Last year 100% of our families reported an improvement to cope following one to one support - we couldn't do that without our volunteers.

If you have parenting/relevant experience and could spare a couple of hours a week, why not join us in helping local families with children under 5 years.

Have a chat with one of our friendly coordinators to find out more: 01293 416327 or visit [www.homestartchams.org.uk](http://www.homestartchams.org.uk)







## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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>





# West Sussex Young Voices



## West Sussex Young Voices

Choirs for students aged 9yrs to 13yrs

For those who love to sing in



Chichester

Crawley

Horsham



Find out more:

 [www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/choir](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/choir)  
 01403 286330

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## Halloween Trail & Activities

*Saturday 14th to Tuesday 31st October, 10am-5pm*

Join the **Borde Hill Academy of Witches & Wizards** to help Sapphire the Witch's Cat regain her magical powers on a bewitching Halloween story trail. Take on the challenges in your very own Spell Book before meeting the Head Witch to receive a prize. £4 per child, plus admission or free to Members.

### *Activities in the Marquee\**

Mon 23rd & Weds 25th: Reptiles  
Tues 24th: Explosive Shows & Slime Making  
Thurs 26th: Professor Hiccup's Magic Shows  
Fri 27th: Wand Making Classes  
Sat 28th: Halloween Crafts  
Sun 29th: Pumpkin Carving

\*additional charges apply and booking is required

### *Become a Member*

**Family Membership**, for up to 3 children, starts from just £5.58 per month by Direct Debit and includes entry to all six of our school holiday trails, worth up to £24 per child. Visit our website for details.





## Future Events



**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?

**HALLOWEEN**

Draw Your Own Pumpkin Face!

How many BATS you help Billy find?

Visit [barracudas.co.uk](http://barracudas.co.uk) or call 01480 467 567

**AUTUMN WORD SCRAMBLE!**

KINPUMP	SHOOMRUM	NAIR
RELUMBLA	RONC	ANORC

**ANSWERS**

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

**Future Events**



## 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 load 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)



"THIS CLUB IS CONSISTENTLY BRILLIANT"



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



For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: [theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)





## Future 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



Royal Botanic Gardens  
Kew

We're Going On A Bear Hunt © Bear Hunt Films Ltd 2010.  
Downloaded by Wakehurst from the Internet Archive.

## The magical winter lantern trail

23 November 2023 – 1 January 2024

Under 4s  
go free!

10th anniversary  
celebrations



Opening week promotion and flexi tickets available  
[kew.org/thewild](https://www.kew.org/thewild)

Royal Botanic Gardens  
Kew



# Merry Christmas

Join our festive lunch by ordering on  
ParentPay for

.....Wednesday 13th December.....

## MAINS

Roast Turkey in Gravy,  
Or  
Quorn Roast in Gravy

## SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Mini Sausage, Stuffing,  
Carrots and Cabbage

## DESSERT

Snowy Cupcake

**Scan QR code to order, no later than  
Thursday 30th November !**

*\*Special diets will remain in place.*







# 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](mailto:office@tbps.org.uk)

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## Cut off dates for ParentPay meal ordering



<b>Monday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Friday</b>
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

	7	14	21	28	
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

	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	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

Tues 31st Pear AM - 6 week meeting

## November

Wed 1st Year 1 - TLC  
Thurs 2nd EYFS - Outdoor Classroom Day!  
Year 2 - TLC  
Yr6 SATs information meeting for parents - US Hall @ 5pm  
Mon 6th New reception intake open afternoon - 1-2pm & 2-3pm  
Thurs 9th Yr5 PGL meeting for parents - US Hall @ 5pm  
Mon 13th Crawley Library visiting Pear Class 10:45-13:30  
New reception intake open afternoon - 1-2pm & 2-3pm  
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

Tues 12th KS1 Christmas Carol Nativity - 10am & 2.15pm  
Wed 13th Christmas Lunch and party afternoon  
KS1 Christmas Carol Nativity - 10am & 2.15pm  
Thurs 14th Influenza Programme whole school  
KS1 Christmas Carol Nativity - 10am & 2.15pm

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)**