



Weekly Newsletter 7 Spring Term 2024

Friday 23rd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. There is still a lot planned for the rest of the year and we are looking forward to sharing more details over the coming weeks. This is a very short half term, the last day of the Spring term is Thursday 28th March. Dates for your diary is updated!

Celebration Assembly

We have had two Celebration Assemblies this week! It was lovely to see KS2 on Monday morning; Scarlett from Year 4 gave a very important speech about how to be respectful all around school and the children clearly enjoy the different things that we celebrate. I think I must have given out 50 certificates to the children who have represented our school at sporting events!

During Celebration Assembly (usually held on Friday afternoon) this is what we do:

- * Celebrate one of our LEARNER value of the week and choose our new LEARNER class
- * Certificate presented for best attendance
- * Certificate presented for the most Class Dojo points
- * Certificate presented to the class with the highest Boom Reader total
- * Recognition Boards; ask your child what the current target is and whether their class has met it yet!
- * Sharing of learning and achievements outside of school. This week we have had a parkour specialist and cheer leading to celebrate!

We really enjoy these celebration assemblies especially when one of our talented pianists play for us.

Wet weather

With such wet weather, it is really important that your child has a waterproof coat please, as we do get the children outside at play and lunchtime.

Forms and passport signing

Due to the large volume of requests recently, and some very last minute requests, we have made some changes to these procedures. If you need support with a form, please bring it to the school office. It will be returned to you within 14 days.

Chicken pox

We have an increasing number of chicken pox cases at the moment. If your child develops chicken pox, please keep them home until the spots have scabbed over.

Lunchboxes

Please make sure your child has a healthy lunchbox.

- * No nuts or food containing nuts please.
- * Cut grapes in half lengthways.
- * No sweets or fizzy drinks.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Trudy Emberson
Headteacher



Learn Enjoy Achieve Respect Nurture Engage & Resilience





Celebrations!



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Huge congratulations go to

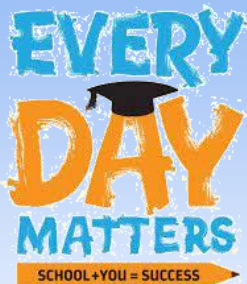


Willow Class
with an amazing
96% attendance



for week beginning
05/02/2024

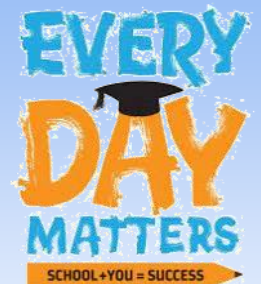
Super job!!



Class Attendance of the Year

Our top class so far...

Willow Class
with 96%



Amazing - keep it up!!

Whole School Attendance



Three Bridges Primary School
92.43%
Primary national average
93%



Here **Everyday Ready On Time!**



More to celebrate...



Headteacher Awards

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



Elsie
Ishayu
Louis
Dexter
Lorenzo
Kayla
Sulaiman
Levi
Gagan
Piranav
Cerys
Daniel

Brianna
Charlie
Mia
Niara
Hallie
Ananya
Noah
Kiaan
Isabelle
Isabella
Abdul
Aarohi

Phillipa
Emmanuella
Luca
Greyson
Rowan
Leo
Rajan
Jude

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 - Juniper

2nd - Ash

3rd - Apple



BoomReader

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

The classes who read the most are:



1st - Yew

2nd - Ash

3rd - Elm, Larch & Oak



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

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



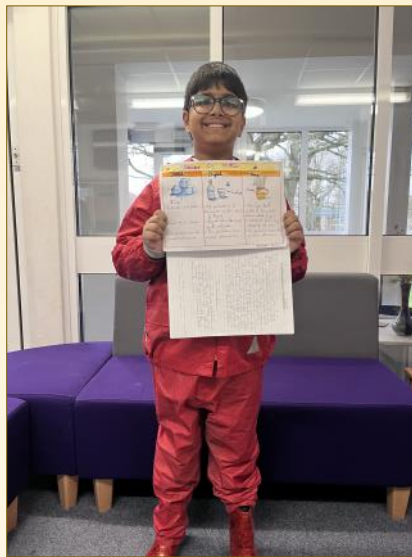
Headteacher Awards






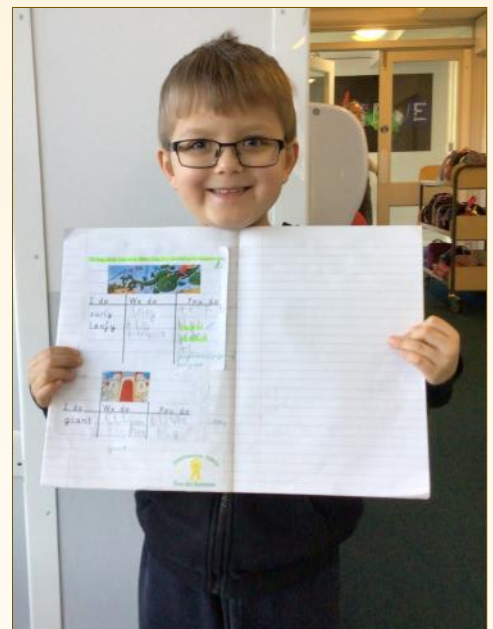
Moon Phases



States of Matter



States of Matter		
Solid	Liquid	Gas
 Ice 1. Ice is cold and solid. 2. Solid has a shape. 3. The particles have the strongest attraction.	 Water 1. If you heat ice it turns into water which is liquid. 2. Liquid takes the shape of its container. 3. The particles have weaker attraction.	 Smoke 1. When you boil water it turns into steam which is gas. 2. Gas doesn't have any shape of its own. 3. The particles have the weakest attraction.



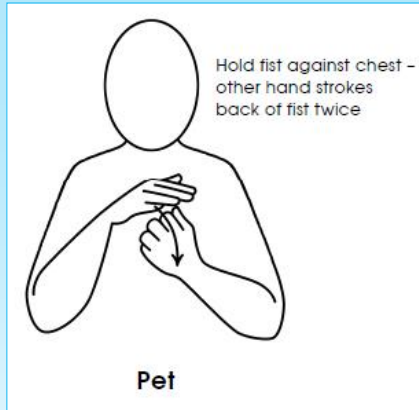
It was fun but it was a little weird on my first time. What I really enjoyed was the moving ones because you can see of it. I even liked the one inside a chamber and just looking at it make me scream.

In the VR experience it felt like I got to see the world in 3D. It was really a bit sick and I got sleeping on the floor because it felt real.

Year 3 zoomed back 5,000 years to the time of the Pharaohs. They learnt about one of the world's oldest cultures and explored pyramids and tombs, deciphered hieroglyphics and hieratics.

The children enjoyed a world in Virtual Reality and explored the wonders of the Ancient Egyptians. They looked around in 360° vision at the treasures and artefacts from this incredible period of history.

Chestnut Class have been consolidating their learning about adjectives and how they are describing the noun.



Sign of the Week:
(12/02/24 - 16/02/24)
To Love



Sign of the Week:
Pet



Apply for a Blue Peter Book badge

To all of our brilliant readers! Here is a chance to earn a Blue Peter badge.

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

What are the benefits to having a Blue Peter badge? Badge owners, with a valid badge card, can gain free entry into over 200 Blue Peter Badge attractions around the country such as theme parks, zoos and castles.

To earn your badge, just share your love of books by answering questions on an application form.

Scan the bar code or [Click here](#)



Join WORDfest for the annual Family Day at Crawley Library on Saturday 2nd March all for FREE.

We have an awesome line up of authors and illustrators suitable for ages 2 - 11 years old running workshops and events throughout the day.

Creative Playground Crawley will be running a drop-in art table, there will be book trails, plus The Book Nook will be selling books.

Nick Sharratt, Hannah Moffatt, Lucy Unwin, Matt Carr, Louise Fitzgerald and Lucy Brandt will all be running hour long workshops with lots of audience participation.

We can't wait to fill the library with laughter and fun all based around the wonder of books.

Booking details here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/6321520039> or
visit www.wordfestcrawley.org

FAMILY DAY PROGRAMME | SAT 2 MARCH

	10.30am - 11.30am	12pm - 1pm	1pm - 1.30pm	2pm - 3pm	2.30pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Children's Library Ground Floor Ground Floor	Saturday Storytime 3-7 years old* Drop-in session					Louise Fitzgerald - The Quickest Bedtime Ever! 3-6 years old*
Drop-in Art Table - Creative Playground Crawley 11am - 3pm						
Longley Room 1st Floor	The Book Nook bookshop Board Games 2 Book Trails. Get info on Ground Floor					
Bill Buck Room 1st Floor Top Floor	Hannah Moffatt Stinking Sinking Swamp 7-9 years old*	Lucy Unwin The Octopus, Dadu and Me 9-12 years old*	Lunchtime Space Bring your packed lunch and eat it here			Lucy Brandt Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor 6-9 years old*
2nd Floor		Lunchtime Space Bring your packed lunch and eat it here	Signed Storytime with Makaton Maria 2 years +		Story Magic multi-sensory story time session for children and young people with additional needs	
First Floor Safe space pod with sensory toys						
		Matt Carr Captain Looroll 4-7 years old*		Nick Sharratt Awesome Animals 4 years +		* Suggested age range



Sport - Cricket



On Thursday the 8th February, we entered a mixed boys and girls indoor cricket competition at K2.

The children competed against multiple schools from the Crawley area, and I am delighted to report that we won!

We now await confirmation of the next round, where we will represent Crawley schools in the county finals

Well done everyone!



Another cricket competition awaited us at K2, this time it was the year 5/6 girls time to shine!

They followed the year 5/6 mixed team and won! They are through to the county finals as well and we await the details for the next round in Brighton.

Well done girls!



NURTURE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Cherry Class



This week, Cherry Class have been nurturing towards our visitor Claire.

Claire taught us about the importance of brushing our teeth and how to do this properly.

We even got a new toothbrush to each take home.

Cherry Class are very nurturing towards each other by holding open the doors in the corridor too.

We have also been nurturing towards the eggs in our classroom. We looked after them and predicted what may be inside.

We look after our friends and try to make them feel happy if they are sad.



ENGAGE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Pine Class



Pine class have been looking at the engagement value. We have also been writing our own poems based on "The Sound Collector" poem.



ENGAGE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Willow Class

**WILLOW
CLASS
ENGAGE**

**WE'VE HAD A GREAT WEEK OF
ENGAGEMENT. WE'VE SHOWN EXCELLENT
LEARNING IN PE, ENGLISH, MATHS,
HISTORY AND READING. GOOD WORK
WILLOW CLASS.**



PIC•COLLAGE



Cut off dates for ParentPay meal ordering



	February							March					
Monday		5	12	19	26				4	11	18	25	
Tuesday		6	13	20	27				5	12	19	26	
Wednesday		7	14	21	28				6	13	20	27	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29				7	14	21	28	
Friday	2	9	16	23				1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday	3	10	17	24				2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	4	11	18	25				3	10	17	24	31	

	April						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Wednesday	3	10	17	24			
Thursday	4	11	18	25			
Friday	5	12	19	26			
Saturday	6	13	20	27			
Sunday	7	14	21	28			

February Cut off Dates

Thursday 8/2 for w/c Monday 19/2
 Thursday 15/2 for w/c Monday 26/2
 Thursday 22/2 for w/c Monday 4/3
 Thursday 29/2 for w/c Monday 11/3

April Cut off Dates

Thursday 4/4 for w/c Monday 15/4
 Thursday 11/4 for w/c Monday 22/4
 Thursday 18/4 for w/c Monday 29/4
 Thursday 25/4 for w/c Monday 8/5

March Cut off Dates

Thursday 7/3 for w/c Monday 18/3
 Thursday 14/3 for w/c Monday 25/3

Bank Holiday

School Holiday

Cut off date



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium



All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (often referred to as UFSM). If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).

The difference is that if you are entitled to FSM there are other means of support that you can tap into.

Once you are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals your child's school will receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) to help and support you through your child's education. The school will also receive extra support to deliver a fully inclusive and accessible education for all of our pupils. You can apply for Free School Meals at any time while your child is at Three Bridges Primary School.

For example:

If you apply and are entitled to Free School Meals in Reception class the funding is there to support you for your child's entire time at TBPS. If you become eligible in year 5 then the Pupil Premium funding goes with you to secondary school.

How can Pupil Premium funding help me?

Pupil Premium funding is used at the schools discretion to support children, each situation is assessed individually but examples of the support available are listed below:

Help with before and after school childcare	Before and after school sports and activities
Support with payment for trips if receiving FSM	Additional tuition
Help with school uniform	Holiday clubs
Music lessons subsidy	Counselling support and play therapy

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, **please still apply**. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding.

If either parent works within the armed forces or if a child is looked after from care they may also be eligible for benefits. Documentation will need to be provided in these instances.

How do I apply?

You can apply for Free School Meals on line via West Sussex County Council.

[Use this link to find out more and apply.](#)

If your child comes under any of the categories below you might also be entitled to Pupil Premium support:

Children of those employed in the Armed Services

Children adopted from care

Please get in touch with the school office to find out how to apply and what support is offered on 01293 524076 or office@tbps.org.uk

Let's talk: community safety

Thursday 7 March, 6pm to 8pm
Town Hall, Crawley

Join us for an engaging discussion with Crawley Borough Council, Sussex Police and West Sussex County Council, plus a special guest, sharing their real experiences with exploitation and gangs and performances by young people from Crawley.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing
communitydevelopment@crawley.gov.uk



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21 March ON! #LotsOfSocks



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www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

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HAPPY EASTER

Easter Treat
Thursday 28th March
Order now on parentpay.com

MAINS
Beef Burger
Veggie Bolognese
Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES
Rainbow vegetables or Salad

DESSERT
Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order
No later than Thursday 14th March
*Special diets will remain in place.



Shape Detectives - Kids Trail

Saturday 10th February to Sunday 17th March 10am-5pm

This winter become a Shape Detective and see the world through new eyes! Embark on an exciting adventure, uncovering a multitude of captivating shapes and patterns within our Garden - there are so many waiting to be discovered in the most unexpected places.

Along the way, enjoy nature-inspired crafts and games, while searching for hidden logs to help decode the name of a spring flower and to win a prize.

£4 per trail, plus admission to include a prize. Free to Members*

*Family Membership (for up to 3 children) starts from just £9 per month by Direct Debit and includes all 6 of our school holiday trails, worth up to £24 per child. See website for details.



Dates for your diary



February 2024

Wed 28th Rainbow Theatre visiting Year 2 - Great Fire of London

March 2024

Mon 4th Just Dance - Year 1 performing at the Hawth.
Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - KS2

Mon 4th - Fri 8th Termly Learning Conferences for Nursery, Reception and KS1

Wed 6th Ensemble Reza with Year 6 @ 1pm

Thurs 7th World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character
Year 5 are going to Waterstone's Bookshop
Year 6 are going to Waterstone's Bookshop

Fri 8th Lighthouse Assembly @ 2.30pm - Reception and KS1

Mon 11th Year 6 at Butser Farm

Wed 13th Easter Explored - Year 4 at St Richard's church

Mon 18th Termly Learning Conferences - KS2

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Lots of Socks Day - wear lots of socks!

Thurs 21st Year 5 at Drusillas

Fri 22nd Year 1 at Leeds Castle

Tues 26th Reception making Easter nests

Wed 27th **Good Friday - school closed, Easter holidays begin.**

Fri 29th

April 2024

Mon 15th INSET Day - school closed to children

Tues 16th Summer Term begins

Wed 17th/Wed 24th/Wed 1st May Brownings Farm - Sycamore

Thurs 18th/Thurs 25th/Thurs 2nd May Brownings Farm - Cedar

Mon 22nd/Mon 29th/Wed 8th May Brownings Farm - Cypress

May 2024

Mon 6th-Fri 10th Travelling Book Fair

Wed 8th Bike and Roll to school!

Thurs 9th/Mon 13th/Wed 15th Brownings Farm - Chestnut

Mon 13th- Fri 17th Year 6 test week

Thurs 16th/Mon 20th/Wed 22nd Brownings Farm - Juniper

Thurs 23rd Brownings Farm - Silver Birch

Fri 24th INSET Day - school closed to children

June 2024

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th Year 4 Multiplication check

Mon 10th-Fri 14th Year 1 Phonics Screening

July 2024

Fri 19th Year 6 Production

Tues 23rd Whole school picnic in the afternoon. Last day of school

INSET Days 2023/2024

Monday 15th April 2024
Friday 24th May 2024