



Weekly Newsletter 3
Spring Term
Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week and the children have worked very hard. I have seen so many children with Headteacher Awards this week, who are rightly proud of their achievements. I have seen some particularly great writing this week—well done to those children! Keep working hard!

Bedtime experience in Early Years

This is a relatively new initiative at Three Bridges and it's one we will definitely be continuing. Apple class were really enjoying this special time with their parents on Wednesday afternoon. We all know the importance of good bedtime routines and a good night's sleep, so our Early Years Team have put together a great session which families can join in with.

Attendance letters

I hope parents/carers found it helpful to receive their child's attendance letter this week. The purpose of the letter is to inform parents/carers of their child's attendance for the Autumn term and provide information about next steps should attendance fall below 90%. The school will contact parents/carers directly to arrange a meeting if there are concerns.

Lost property

There is so much lost property! If your child has lost items of clothing please do check to see if these are in our lost property boxes. Feel free to take items that are unnamed; we really do not have the space to store all of the clothing.

Governor update

The school would like to welcome Mr Mohamed Aadil Haniffa to the governing board. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in this parent governor election.

Parent/Carer forum

I will be rearranging the parent/carers forum shortly. I'm looking forward to catching up with parents/carers to decide what we are working on for the rest of this term.

INSET days 2025-2026 - dates for your diary!

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Have a great weekend everyone!

Trudy Emberson
Headteacher





Celebrations!



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Huge congratulations go to



Lower Site - Pine Class
with a respectable **95%** attendance



Upper Site - Sycamore Class
with an incredible **99%** attendance

for week beginning 13th January 2025
Well done!

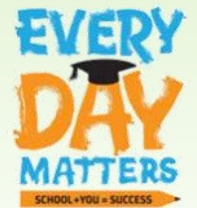
BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE so far...

Huge congratulations go to



Willow & Sycamore Class
with an amazing

96% attendance



Super job!!

Whole School Attendance

Three Bridges Primary School

93.18%

Primary national average

93.40%



Here Everyday Ready On Time!



Headteacher Awards



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



Sulaiman
Emma
Florence
Zachary
Orion
Hadiya
Yadhav
Sameeha
Daisy
Nadia

Scarlett
Oliver
Dominik
Oliver
Ivy
Holly
Hashim
Oliver
Alyssa
Nawelle



Liyaa
Millie
Daria
Leo
Bella
Charvi
Tamera
Tomass
Tyler
Caitlyn

Athvika
Fazza
Rishika
Penny
Finn
Regan
Theo
Sasha
Simran
Hibah

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:



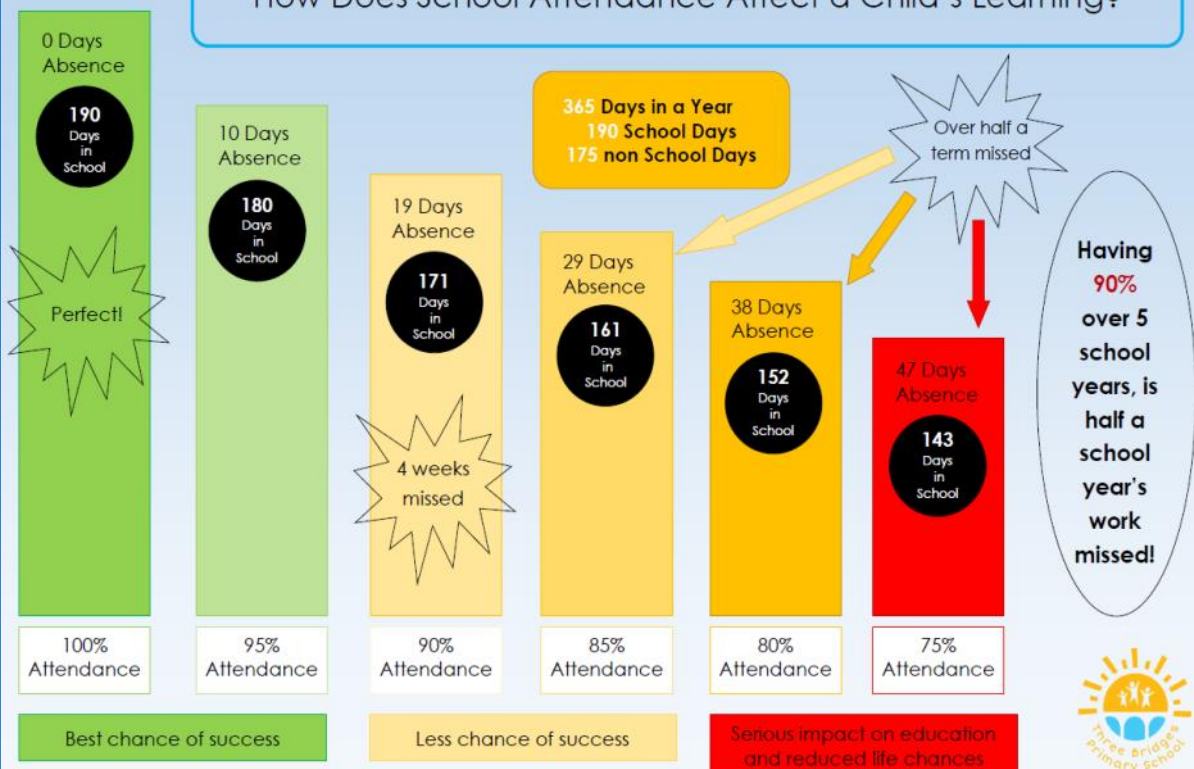
- 1st - Poplar Class
- 2nd - Maple Class
- 3rd - Beech Class



Attendance



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?





Language of the Half Term Spring Term 1



Tamil

As you know from a previous article in our newsletter, we are very fortunate at TBPS to have **50 different languages** spoken by our children and staff across the school.

To celebrate every child and adult in our community, their background, culture, faith and the languages they speak and to support all of our children to understand their place in the community and the wider world, we have launched 'Language of the Half Term'.

Each term we celebrate a new 'Language of the Half Term' and the children and staff have the opportunity to learn some common words in that language.

This half term we are celebrating Tamil. We introduced it to the children on the upper site with our Tamil speaking pupils.

A list of useful words and phrases are displayed in every classroom and we use it during register and throughout the day.

<u>English</u>	<u>Tamil</u>
Hi	Alo
Good morning	Kaalai Vanakkam
Good afternoon/evening	Maalai Vanakkam
Welcome	Vaazhga
Thanks	Romba Nandri
How are you?	Nalamaa?
I'm fine, thanks	Nalam nandri
And you?	Nienga?
Good	Sari
Thank you	Romba Nandri
You're welcome	Paravaa illa

ACHIEVE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Silver Birch Class

ACHIEVE



We have achieved in Computing by being Beebot and following instructions



We achieved in PE when we learnt new jumps.



We have achieved in Drawing Club writing about Jonty Gentoo and his adventure.



We achieved in Art when we painted our clay penguins.

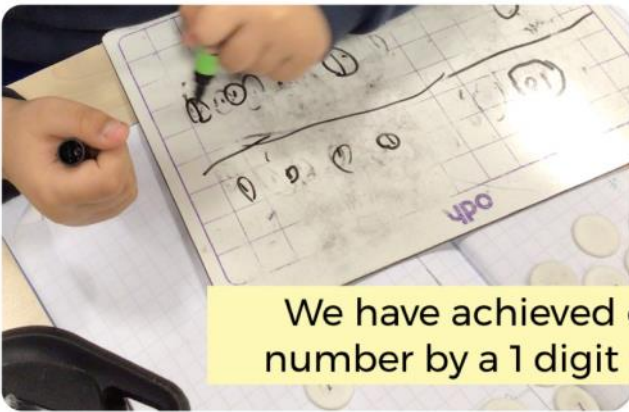
We achieved in Geography by using Google Maps to find Crawley and then create our own Maps.



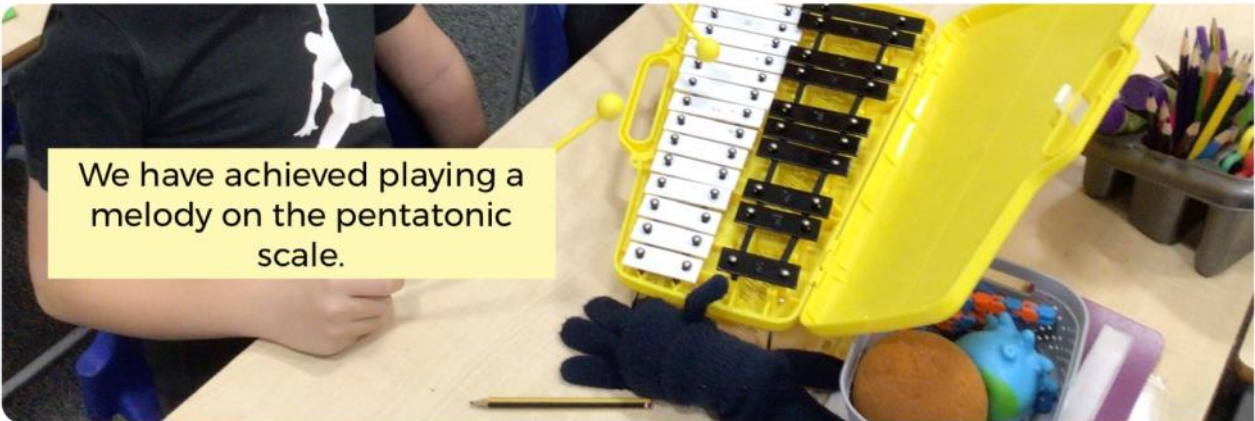
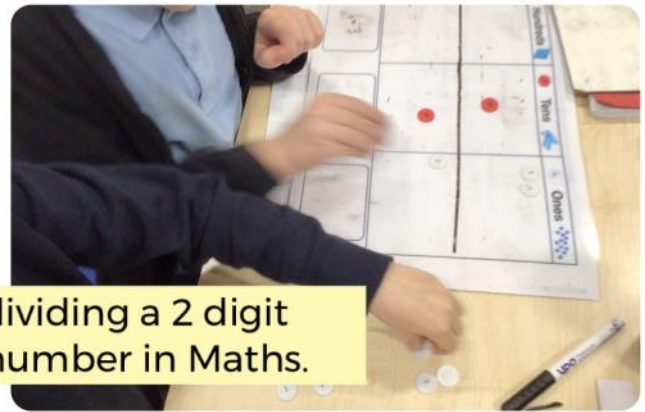
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ACHIEVE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Rowan Class

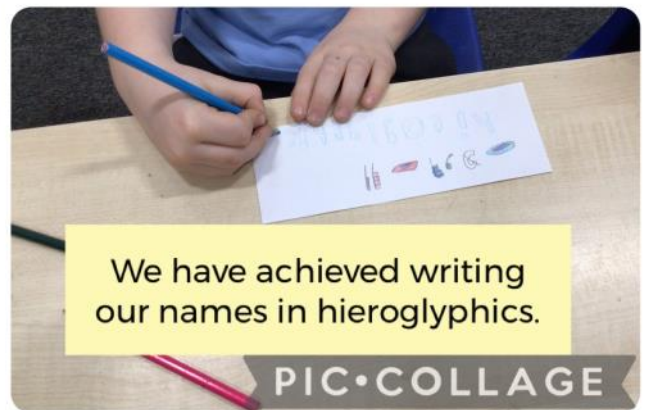


We have achieved dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number in Maths.



We have achieved playing a melody on the pentatonic scale.

We have achieved dribbling a ball in PE.



We have achieved writing our names in hieroglyphics.

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Important Changes Free School Meals eligibility update



From 1 April 2025 the FSM eligibility check will revert back to the 'old' system. It will not affect those already in receipt of FSM but anyone who applies after 1 April 2025 will be regularly reviewed and their eligibility ended.

The details are below:

Update to free school meals guidance from 1 April 2025

From 1 April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end.

Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected.

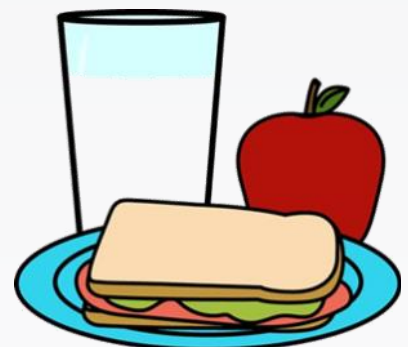
This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1 April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible. Those already confirmed as eligible will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education. At that point, they will be re-assessed for their eligibility status. This will apply to all year 6 moving into year 7 in September 2025. These children will then be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility.

Please be reminded, that if you do not have a current claim or eligibility for FSM to apply for FSM between now and the end of March 2025 if you think your child may be eligible, this will ensure your claim and future funding are protected.

Only applications processed before 1 April 2025 will maintain transitional protection.

Please click [here](#) to submit an application.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.





Young Artists' Summer Show



The Royal Academy in London is running a children's summer exhibition again this year. Would your child like to submit a piece of art? There is no theme and it is free to enter.

Three Bridges Primary School have now been registered, so as a parent of a child at this school you will be able to submit one piece of art that your child has done.

The art work must be original, not copied.
Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill.

Each submission can include a short-written statement, written by the artist themselves (if possible) and can include why they created the work and what it means to them.

If you would like to submit a piece of art and find out more information about the exhibition and the submissions process please go to:

roy.ac/youngartists#RAYoungArtists

Parents & Carers can submit art work on behalf of their child. Just click on register/submit and follow the instructions to upload your child's artwork.
Submission is open until 5 March 2025

Good Luck!!





WORLD BOOK DAY

Sharing stories together

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:



• **I wonder...**
Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.

• **Bring the book to life...**
Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!



• **That reminds me of...**
Make personal connections.

• **What have you seen there?**
Follow their interests.

• **That's made me feel...**
Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.



• **Oo look at that!**
Let them know what you have noticed.

• **Again, again...**
Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children – and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

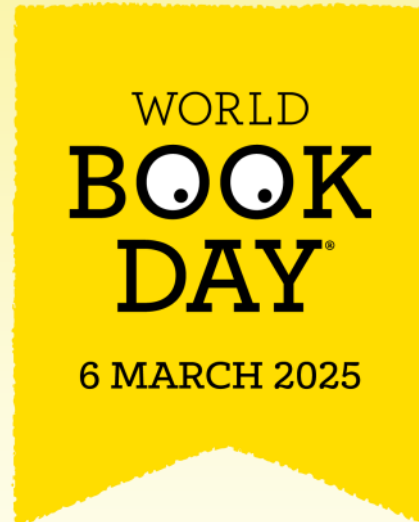
This guide is based on the work of The Open University. For further tips and advice on how to enjoy sharing and reading stories together, visit their website [here](#) for helpful videos and resources.



Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

World Book Day is a registered charity funded by publishers and booksellers in the UK & Ireland.

#WorldBookDay



Mental Health Week - w/c 03/02/2025





Sport



It was a busy week last week with four competitions and festivals.

On Monday we had the final round of the girls' football league, the girls finished in second place and have qualified for the quarterfinals.

Wednesday it was the SH Athletics down at K2 and Thursday we took some keen year 6 children to ICC for a netball festival.

Finally, finishing up with the boys' final round of league fixtures, they finished 6th in their league, narrowly missing out on the knock-out rounds by 2 points.

A fantastic week of sport - well done everyone!





Dates for your diary

January 2025

Tues 28th & Wed 29th Bedtime experience EYFS
Thurs 30th SEND parent/carer forum with ASCT team @ Upper Site 9am

February 2025

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 3rd Friends meeting @ Upper site 9am.
Year 3 and 4 Basketball K2 1.30-4pm. Young Voices at the O2!
MTC parent workshop - 2pm
Fri 7th Year 5/6 Girls football @ TBCC 1.30pm - 4pm
Mon 10th Sport Crew Training @ The Mill 1.30pm - 4pm.
Mon 10th - Fri 14th Bikeability Year 6 - change of date!
Thurs 13th Year 5/6 cricket @ K2 1- 4pm

HALF TERM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Termly Learning Conferences KS1 (lower site)

March 2025

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Termly Learning Conferences KS2 (upper site)
Mon 3rd Friends meeting @ Upper site 9am. Silver Coin challenge this week!
Thurs 6th WORLD BOOK DAY - more details to follow.
Year 5/6 girls football @ Broadfield 3G pitch 1.30pm - 4pm
Mon 10th SEND parent/carer forum @ upper site 2-3pm
Thurs 13th Year 3 and 4 Badminton Festival @ K2 1.30pm - 4pm
Mon 17th Year 4 Science Dome visit
Mon 24th Year 3 and 4 Tennis @ Crawley Tennis Club 12.30pm - 4pm

July 2025

Fri 4th Sports Day

INSET Days 2024/2025:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025.

Brownings Farm Dates

Year 5	Sycamore	18th March	25th March	1st April
Year 5	Cedar	19th March	26th March	2nd April
Year 5	Cypress	20th March	27th March	3rd April

Year 1	Chestnut	29th April	6th May	13th May
Year 1	Juniper	30th April	7th May	14th May
Year 1	Silver Birch	1st May	8th May	15th May

Year 2	Elm	20th May	4th June	
Year 2	Holly	21st May	10th June	
Year 2	Pine	5th June	11th June	

Reception	Apple	17th June	24th June	1st July
Reception	Cherry	18th June	25th June	2nd July
Reception	Mulberry	19th June	26th June	3rd July



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