



# Weekly Newsletter 5

## Spring Term

### Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I had a lovely visit from Aleena and Izah this week from their forest school session. They have made the most beautiful bouquet of winter plants which has pride of place on my desk; see above! Thank you so much!

#### **Young Voices**

We were so proud to take 17 of our choir children to the O2 on Monday. It is always a brilliant experience; the children were accompanied by some amazing singers and musicians and there was a brilliant tribute to Bob Marley, (one of my favourite artists) who would have celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday! Huge thanks to Mrs Saunders, Mrs Norfolk and Mrs Norman for accompanying the children; it was a very late night but they had the best time!

#### **Mobile phones**

If your child chooses to use their phone in school it will be confiscated and your child will not be able to bring their phone to school anymore. This is the school's policy.

#### **Fostering**

Every child needs a family, do you have room in yours? If you are interested in finding out more about Fostering in West Sussex, please call 0330 222 7775 or go to [fosteringwestsussex.org.uk/any-of-us](https://fosteringwestsussex.org.uk/any-of-us) for more information.

#### **When should children start going online and using devices?**

Ultimately this is for parents to decide, however we know that in the first 5 years of a child's life the focus should be on developing their communication, language, physical skills and emotional development. The World Health Organisation recommends children should "sit less and play more". They recommend **no sitting in front of a screen for under 2-year-olds**. For children aged **2 - 4 years, a maximum of 1 hour per day sedentary screen time** is recommended (but less is better). More information is available here [Screens in the Earliest Years](#). It is worrying when we see children in buggies with a phone screen, especially as so many children are coming to school without communication and language skills we would expect for their age. There are online sessions for parents who want to learn about keeping their child safer online; here is the link if you are interested. The sessions are free! [South East Police Cyber Crime Unit Events - 9 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

#### **Maths workshop**

Thank you to Miss Bracher and Miss Lee for arranging the Maths workshop on Monday to discuss the upcoming multiplication check for Year 4 children. We offered it to Year 3 parents too so I hope everyone found it helpful. We will be arranging more workshops for Maths, Reading and Writing in the coming weeks!

#### **Measles**

I've had some information from Public Health about measles. There have been serious outbreaks in England and the number of children catching measles is rising. If your child has not yet had their vaccination, please contact your GP urgently. This can be a really serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.

#### **Parent/Carer forum**

Save the date! I would like to see lots of parents/carers next Friday 14th February at our next forum!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Trudy Emberson, Headteacher





# Celebrations!



## BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Huge** congratulations go to



**Lower Site - Chestnut Class**  
with an amazing **96%** attendance



**Upper Site - Cedar Class**  
with an amazing **97%** attendance

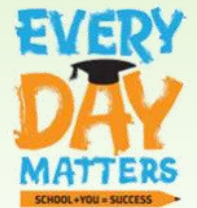
for week beginning 27th January 2025  
Well done!

## BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE so far...

**Huge** congratulations go to



**Sycamore Class**  
with an amazing  
**96%**  
attendance



Super job!!

## **Whole School Attendance**

Three Bridges Primary School

**93.01%**

Primary national average

**93.40%**



**Here Everyday Ready On Time!**





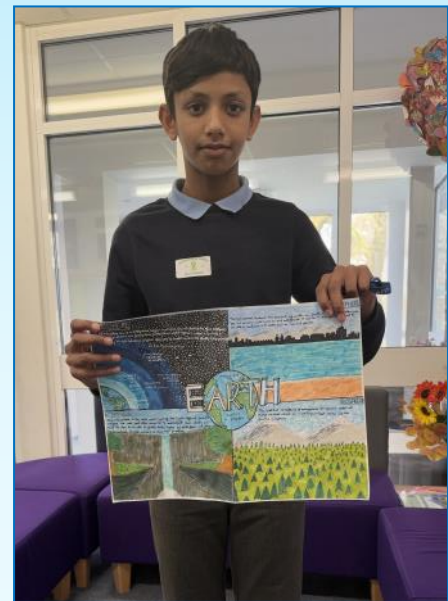
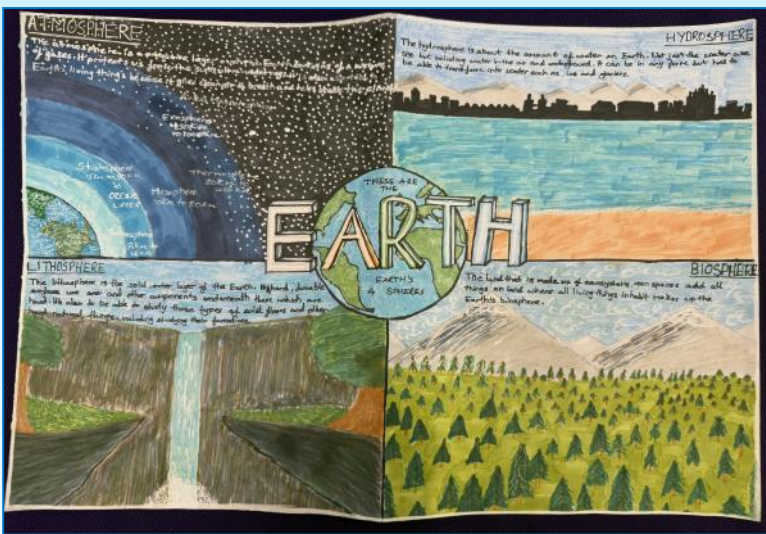
# Headteacher Awards



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



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|------------|----------|------------|
| Alexandros | Zayn     | Ivy        |
| Paislee    | Evan     | Thaaniya   |
| Asher      | Aaliyah  | Safiya     |
| Dexter     | Nihal    | Prosper    |
| Purvanshu  | Hakim    | Muhammad K |
| Logan      | Regan    | Harini     |
| Evie       | Oliver   | Saidev     |
| Faaz       | Stefan   | Alex       |
| Nabil      | Hadi     | George     |
| Shradha    | Sulaiman |            |



## 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 - Larch Class
- 2nd - Sycamore Class
- 3rd - Beech Class





# READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



As you know, as a school, our three behaviour rules are READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.

Here is a helpful poster which parents/carers might like to use to check whether their child is following these rules at home.

Is your child READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE at home?

## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

### READY

- We look at the person who is speaking and give them our attention
- We are always ready to do our best to help at home

### RESPECTFUL

- We listen when others are talking
- We keep our voices at a respectable level
- We treat others how we want to be treated
- We use manners at all times

### SAFE

- We keep hands, feet and voices safe
- We move around our home in a safe manner
- We use our equipment at home correctly and safely
- We make good choices



## Young Voices 2025



Reported by Ishana Y6

On Monday Choir Club went to the O2 in London to take part in Young Voices (the largest children's choir in the world).

We were part of 8,500 children singing.

Here are some quotes from people who went:

### **What was your favourite song?**

Chavi from Y5 said Pop Medley.

### **How did you feel when you went in?**

Elizabeth from Y3 "I felt overwhelmed because there were lots of children.

### **Did you go last year and had anything changed?**

Lara Y4 "I did go last year and I think the position of the stage had changed.

We even got an exhilarating chance to sing with MC Grammar, Tommy Blaize (from Strictly) and Sopuparnika Nair (Britain's Got Talent).

We just want to thank the school for giving us an amazing opportunity.



## Talented Children



One of our Year 6 children qualified for both U11 and U13 in a table tennis competition.

She will represent Three Bridges Primary School in the U11s at National level in August.







# 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](https://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!!



# NURTURE CLASS OF THE WEEK

## Maple Class







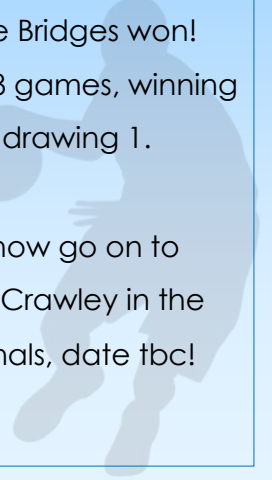
# Sport - Basketball



On Monday we had the Crawley school's basketball competition for years 3 and 4.

I am pleased to announce that Three Bridges won! We played 8 games, winning 7 and drawing 1.

We will now go on to represent Crawley in the county finals, date tbc!



# World Book Day

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.



• **Oh 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.

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# WORLD BOOK DAY

## 6 MARCH 2025





# WORDfest

crawley festival of words

# 2025

- wordfestcrawley.org
- info@wordfestcrawley.org
- @wordfestcrawley
- wordfestcrawleysussex

Booking is through Eventbrite (wordfestcrawley)



## Family Day

Saturday March 1st 2025  
Crawley Library



Crawley Library Spaces	10.30 - 11.30am	11.45am - 12.30pm	1.00 - 1.30pm	1.30 - 2.30pm	2.30 - 3.00pm	3.00 - 4.00pm
Children's Library Ground Floor	<b>Saturday Storytime</b> 3-7 years old* Drop-in session	Join Creative Crawley at Family Day for arts and crafts with a professional artist! Suitable for ages 5-12.				
Longley Room 1st Floor	<b>Jack Meggitt-Phillips - Writing with Beasts</b> 8-11 years old*	<b>Lunchtime Space</b> Bring your packed lunch and eat it here		<b>Momoko Abe - When the Sun Goes Home</b> 4-6 years old*		<b>Lindsay Galvin - Growing a Mythical Creature</b> 8-11 years old*
Bill Buck Room 1st Floor	Sensory Space		<b>Signed Storytime with Makaton Maria</b> 2 years +	Sensory Space	<b>Story Magic</b> Multi-sensory story time session for children and young people with additional needs	Sensory Space
Top Floor		<b>Sue Hendra - Supertato!</b> 4-7 years old*		<b>Cath Howe - Story Inspiration Workshop</b> 8-12 years old*		<b>Kat Merrick - Anansi the Storykeeper drama workshop</b> 4-7 years old*

**Booking details:** Family day booking is through Eventbrite (wordfestcrawley). Booking is advised to guarantee a place but there are also drop in activities and some spaces on the day. Full details on our website where you can sign up to our mailing list to get all the information first.

[www.wordfestcrawley.org](http://www.wordfestcrawley.org)

\*suggested age range



# Information



FEBRUARY  
HALF-TERM

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Barnham Primary School PO22 0HW	Hilltop Primary School RH11 8QL	Billingshurst Primary School RH14 9RE	West Park CE Primary School BN12 4HD

#### PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

**Book now** for a half-term full of fun!

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20% OFF TOO!**

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## HOLIDAY COURSE



### FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now for our upcoming Holiday Course by scanning the QR code or using the below website and course code.

[Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://Chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

Venue	Date	Course Code
Thomas Bennett Community College	18th - 19th February	SS-TBCC-X-43

Timings	Ages	Cost
09:30-15:00	5-12 Years	£48.00





## Dates for your diary

### February 2025

Mon 10th	Sport Crew Training @ The Mill 1.30pm - 4pm.
Mon 10th - Fri 14th	Bikeability Year 6 - change of date! Termly Learning Conferences (EYFS)
Thurs 13th	Year 5/6 cricket @ K2 1- 4pm
Fri 14th	Parent/Carer forum @ 9am Upper Site

### HALF TERM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Mon 24th - Fri 28th	Termly Learning Conferences KS1 (lower site)
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### March 2025

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th	Termly Learning Conferences KS2 (upper site)
Mon 3rd	Friends meeting @ Upper site 9am. Silver Coin challenge this week!
Wed 5th	Phonics Workshop for parents (Y1) - 2.15pm
Thurs 6th	WORLD BOOK DAY - more details to follow. Year 5/6 girls football @ Broadfield 3G pitch 1.30pm - 4pm
Mon 10th	SEND parent/carers 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
Fri 11th	Reserve 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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