



October Newsletter Autumn Term 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to October's bumper packed newsletter! September has been very busy, what a great start to our new school year. Thank you to you all too; your support has been amazing so far this term. The children are working incredibly hard to improve their writing and maths skills this year and we are planning some workshops for parents/carers so that you can support your child's learning at home.

Late Summer Fair!

What a wonderful show of support from you all, it was a brilliant afternoon and everyone had such a lovely time. Thank you to our Friends and to everyone who took part, donated or helped. Amount raised will be announced in next month's newsletter.

National Fitness Day

This was a very action packed day for everyone! Thank you to Year 4, who invited me out to take part in the Three Bridges Ultra Mile challenge. We were all very proud to have completed that! This was a great school event, thanks to Mr Wells, Mr Spackman and Miss Humphries for organising this. See page 3 for photos.

Harvest Festival

We are delighted to welcome Will from St Richard's at our Harvest assemblies on Monday. Thank you in advance for bringing in donations, see Page 8 for details of what we need! I know that times are hard at the moment so we really do appreciate any donations for the Free Shop, Crawley.

6 weeks in meeting

We have planned a brilliant 6 weeks in meeting, for our new parents, with lots of great visitors. We hope that everyone can come along. Looking forward to seeing you all on 15th October at 2pm.

Termly Learning Conferences

The teachers will be offering appointments on their allotted TLC day shortly; at this meeting, you and your child will discuss how they have settled in with the class teacher. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about how to support your child at home. I hope you find it helpful.

Sustrans

We are very excited to be working with Sustrans. They are offering some great activities for the children to get involved in. On Monday 13th October, we will have a 'Be safe be seen' assembly on both sites; a letter has been sent out inviting the children to decorate their bags/bikes/scooters with bright things and bringing them into school on that day. There will be one winner per class!

Anger management support for parents

Is your child angry at home? Are the children getting cross with each other? The NSPCC has some great advice for managing tantrums and angry behaviour at home. Here is the link: [Anger management in children: how parents can help | NSPCC](#) If you have tried everything and you are still struggling to manage your child's behaviour at home, please get in touch with school and we can find someone to help.

Do check the diary for October dates and we will be back in November!

Warm regards
Trudy Emberson
Headteacher





Holy Trinity Admission Arrangements and Oversubscription Criteria Consultation 2025



At Holy Trinity School we are proposing to make several changes to our admissions policy. These changes can be found on our school website from Wednesday 1st of October 2025. There will also be a link available to leave comments on each of the changes proposed.

<https://www.holytrinitycrawley.org.uk/admissions-consultation/>

This is part of the consultation process required by West Sussex. The consultation will end on Tuesday 12th November 2025.

Young Minds Wear Yellow 10th October 2025

This year we will be taking part in #HelloYellow on Friday 10th October 2025 for World Mental Health Day.

The number of young people in need of mental health support is growing faster than ever. Most young people aren't getting the help they need, and this can't go on. We'll be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters, as well as raising money for Young Minds. To take part, children can wear yellow to school on Friday the 10th October and we ask parents and carers to consider making a donation to YoungMinds.

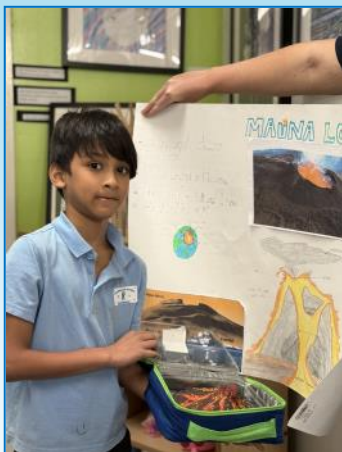
Here is our Just Giving page where you can make a donation of your choice:

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/lisaking/hello-yellow>

We're confident that taking part in #HelloYellow will show our young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Together, we can create a brighter future for children and young people.



Headteacher Awards



Celebrating Team Awards

Blue Team - 285

Red Team - 285

Yellow Team - 281

Green team - 232



Fitness Day



Junior Citizen





After many cancellations in the first two weeks due to weather, we finally had some sports fixtures!



On Thursday and Friday last week we had a year 5/6 boys and a 5/6 girls football events.

Both teams did brilliantly and showed some promising signs for the year ahead!



The boys narrowly missed out on a place in the final in their game while the girls had great fun at Northgate in their friendly festival.

Children have settled very quickly into the Forest School routine.

This month the children really enjoyed making people and animal art using conkers, acorns and leaves - all the natural resources around us.

Also, the children have been collecting apples from our upper site orchard and many of these ended up as natural apple juice, pressed in a little village in Suffolk. The community comes together to press apples and they even had the chance to try the juice. Delicious!

Just a fun fact.

If you have been out and about lately, especially the school path, you may have noticed that our trees and shrubs are full of berries and the branches are weighed down with fruit, seeds and nuts, especially acorns (flying like little bullets!!). This is because the year 2025 is a 'Mast Year'.

A mast year is when trees and shrubs produce an unusual abundance of fruits, nuts, and seeds, known as "mast." Instead of a scattering of acorns or the usual crop of berries, mast years bring thick carpets of nuts and seeds, heavy branches of fruit, and a feast for wildlife across our landscapes.

These events usually occur roughly every five years, although like all things in nature, this schedule is far from guaranteed! However, the last mast year in the UK was in 2020, and now, five years on, nature is giving us another bumper crop.





Three Bridges Primary School

Reception Open Day

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they will be starting reception in primary school from **September 2026**.

You can start applying for a school place from Monday 6th October 2025 when the applications open. The application process closes on 15th January 2026. The national offer day is 16th April 2026.

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

DATE:

TIME:

23rd October 2025

from 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm

19th November 2025

from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

9th January 2026

from 9.30 am - 10.30 am

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

Learn Enjoy Achieve Respect Nurture Engage and Resilience



Your Space
THERAPIES
Secure attachments
Robust learners • Building futures



www.yourspacetherapies.org

October Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2025

Time: 9am- 2pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9AG

Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.

What to Expect:

- * **Mindfulness Time with Ponies:** Learn calming techniques and emotional regulation skills while spending quality time with our gentle ponies.
- * **Pony Care:** Discover the joys of caring for ponies through grooming, feeding, and building a bond.
- * **Riding and Mounted Games:** Experience the joy of pony rides and engage in fun, team-based games that promote confidence and cooperation.
- * **Connect with Nature:** Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of our beautiful, quiet stables and serene surroundings.
- * **Make New Friends:** Build connections and friendships with other children in a supportive, nurturing environment.



Scan the QR code or click this link to book:

[Mindfulness Pony Day 29th October 2025](#)

Cost: £140 per child

Spaces limited to 15 children

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

HARVEST FESTIVAL

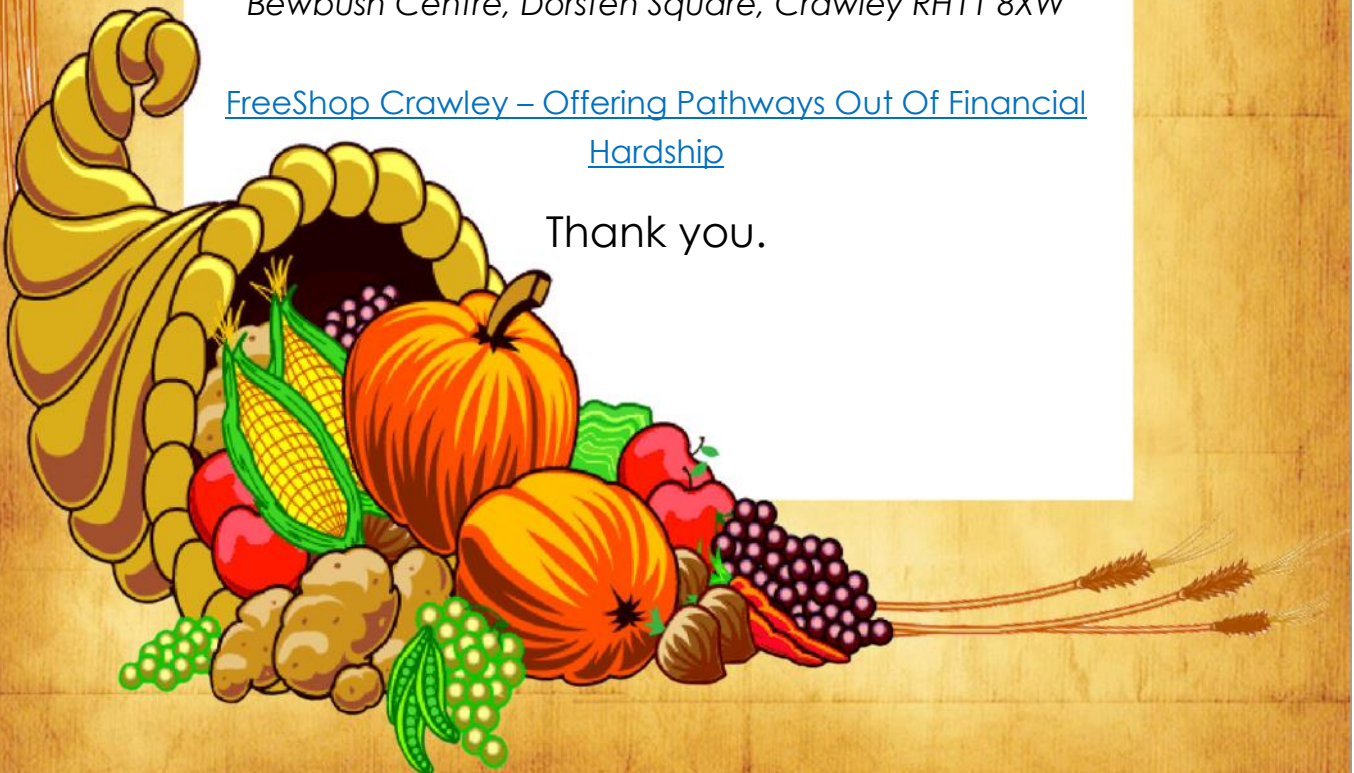
06/10/2025

Please could children bring in donations of non-perishable items of food, tins and packets of food, cereals, pasta, toiletries, nappies and sanitary items.

We will be donating all items to
Free Shop Crawley
Bewbush Centre, Dorsten Square, Crawley RH11 8XW

[FreeShop Crawley – Offering Pathways Out Of Financial Hardship](#)

Thank you.



On behalf of the Friends of Three Bridges Primary School, we want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Late Summer Fair last week! The weather was kind, the atmosphere was wonderful, and it was fantastic to see so many of you enjoying the stalls, games, and refreshments.

The fair wouldn't have been possible without the support we received. A huge expression of gratitude goes to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to setting up, running stalls, and packing away. Every minute of help was truly appreciated.

We want to give a special, heartfelt shout-out to the children who got involved! It was truly inspiring to see so many of our pupils run their own stalls, some demonstrating such creativity in the crafts they made to sell, and showing fantastic enterprise. You should all be very proud of yourselves!

We know you're eager to hear how much we raised. Unfortunately, due to a bout of illness, we haven't yet been able to conduct a final count of the takings. We're working hard to get this done as soon as possible and will share the exciting total with you all in due course.

Thank you again for your incredible support. Your generosity helps us continue to provide valuable resources and experiences for all the children at Three Bridges Primary School.

Best wishes,

The Friends of Three Bridges Primary School





Notices



Hosted by **Three Bridges Primary Junior School Gales Drive**

“Supporting Your Child with Fears and Worries”

by **Thought-Full**

Parent/Carer Workshops

by **Thought-Full MHST**

Does your child worry about a variety of themes?
Do you feel they worry a lot, or too much?
Is your child anxious about being separated from you?
If so, this course is for you!

Led by **Thought-Full**, **Three Bridges Primary** is hosting a series of parent workshops which use evidence-based approaches to help you to better understand your child’s fears and worries and support their emotional wellbeing. Please join us later this term!

Wednesdays in November

Nov 12 Nov 19 Nov 26

1:45-3:00pm

LEARN ABOUT THE BRAIN **SHARE QUICK WINS** **CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES** **GAIN IDEAS** **PROBLEM SOLVE TOGETHER**

Northgate Primary
Southgate Primary
Three Bridges Primary

ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME

SESSION TITLES

12/11 Understanding Anxiety & Worry
19/11 Strategies to support Session 1
26/11 Strategies to support Session 2

NHS **Thought-Full**

FREE SHOP

Offering a pathway out of financial hardship

FREESHOP AMBASSADOR AWARD

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- 1 WORK IN THE SHOP**
Come and serve in the shop for a couple of hours
- 2 ONE CAN CAMPAIGN AT YOUR SCHOOL**
Work as a team and learn from project managers at THALES how to plan and run a one can campaign in your school
Design posters / organise the date by communicating with your school / organise a collection point for your school
- 3 SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY CAFE**
Take orders
Serve food / drinks
Clear tables
- 4 A TOUR OF THE TOWN HALL**
You will be invited to the town hall by the community development team for a tour. You will be presented with a certificate and have your photo taken with Michael Jones who is leader of Crawley Council.
- 5 THANK YOU PARTY**
There will be a little party to thank you for all your hard work.

Contact us on 07862907233 or learning@freeshopcrawley.com for more information. (charity number: 1053224)

1 week to go!

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership to re-launch the new **DadPad app platform** on Wednesday 24th September 2025.

Dadpad is a FREE supportive resource for expectant and new Dads by providing the knowledge and practical skills needed to be a successful parent.

This resource will support Dads and their partners to give baby the best possible start in life.

The new version of this app includes forums where Dads can connect and ask any questions, they may have about navigating their way through parenthood.

Practitioners should share this app with the families they work with and support them to download it and navigate the contents.

If you are using an **Apple** device, please click on the **App Store** : **[TheDadPad on the App Store](#)**

If you are using an **Android** device, please click on **Google Play** : **[TheDadPad – Apps on Google](#)**

Play

For more information please watch: **[DadPad New App Showree!](#)**

For more information, please visit the **[DadPad website](#)**

Once you’ve completed the download onto your device, you will be prompted to register so you can use all the new DadPad App features.





BH

Halloween Trail & Activities

Saturday 18th Oct to Sunday 2nd Nov, 10am-5pm

Something supernatural is brewing at Borde Hill and we need your help! The Powers Family is being haunted, and it's up to you to solve the mystery. Follow the story trail around the Garden to discover why Sir Haunt-A-Lot is unable to rest in peace. £4.50 per child, plus admission to include a prize, or free to Members.*

Activities in the Marquee*

Mon 27th & Thurs 30th: Reptiles, Tues 28th: Magic Shows
Weds 29th: Explosive Science Shows & Slime Making
Fri 31st : Spook-tacular Monster Parties & Disco
Sat 1st & Sun 2nd: Halloween Crafts

*additional charges apply and booking is required

*Family Membership for up to 3 children starts from £6.75 a month by DD, and includes school holiday balls worth up to £25.50 per child.

BORDEHILL.CO.UK 01444 450326 WEST SUSSEX, RH16 1XP

WE ARE HIRING

CLUBHOUSE STAFF

TEA BAR STAFF

FLEXIBLE HOURS

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:
SERVING CUSTOMERS, FOOD PREPARATION, BAR WORK, CLEANING, CASHING UP AND MORE.
CONTACT CLUBHOUSE@THREEBRIDGESFC.CO.UK OR 01293 442000 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FREE Language Cafes in Crawley

Come along and learn English, make friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee!

Address: Broadfield Community Centre, RH11 9BA

Every Thursday from 1:30pm to 3:30pm



Want to find out more?

www.advicewestsussex.org.uk

If you have questions, you can email us at: community.engagement@westsussexcab.org.uk



in West Sussex
North South East

www.advicewestsussex.org.uk

A roarsome outdoor adventure this autumn!
18 October – 2 November 2025

ZOG™

Wakehurst

Book now at kew.org/wakehurst

Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

...and finally, we are writing with sincere regret to let you know that this year's Festival of Light will not be going ahead. Despite our best efforts, we have faced a shortage of volunteers and have been unable to raise the funds required to host the event in the way our community deserves. This was a very difficult decision, as we know how much joy and togetherness the festival has brought to the school community in the past.

We are truly sorry for any disappointment this may cause and deeply appreciate the continued support. Please know that this decision was not taken lightly, and we remain hopeful that with renewed support and participation, we can bring the event back in the future.

Thank you again for your understanding and for being part of our community.
The Friends of Three Bridges Primary.



Dates for your diary



October 2025

Black History month

Sat 4th	World Animal Day
Mon 6th-Fri 10th	Harvest Festival. PGL residential for Year 6. Space week. National libraries week
Tues 7th	Pear Class visiting Tilgate Park
Thurs 9th	Reading Challenge Assembly —Lower site Y1 Phonic/reading and writing parent workshop afternoon
Week of 6th	National libraries week
Fri 10th	World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)
Week of 13th	Termly Learning Conferences - Year 1 and 2 (KS1)
Wed 15th	6 weeks in meeting—new Reception parents @2pm. SATS meeting Y6.
Week of 20th	Termly Learning Conferences - Year 3—6 (KS2)
Mon 20th	Year 3 Stone Age and Year 5 Mayans workshops with Mr Dilly. Diwali.
Wed 22nd	Y5/6 Hockey tournament @ Hazelwick from 1pm Y2 Reading & writing parent workshop
Thurs 23rd	Year 5/6 mixed netball festival @ TBCC from 1pm Festival of Light @ Upper site playground—evening

HALF TERM is Mon 27th-Fri 31st October

November 2025

Thurs 6th	Year 5 Money Matters with Simon Ogle—all day Y3 Reading & writing parent workshop
Fri 7th	Learning showcases Y1—6 (Parents in school from 2pm)
Week of 10th	National Recycling week. Anti-Bullying week. National nursery rhyme week in EYFS;
Tues 11th	Remembrance Day
Thurs 13th	Y4 Reading & writing parent workshop @ 2.30pm. EYFS phonics meeting @ 1.30pm. Stay and Learn (EYFS) @ 2pm
Fri 14th	Children in Need—Be Spotacular. EYFS phonics meeting @ 1.30pm. Stay and Learn (EYFS) @ 2pm
Mon 17th-Fri 21st	Year 6 Bikeability week
Wed 19th	Individual photos
Thurs 20th	Sibling photos
Fri 21st	Flu spray-Upper site am, lower site pm Y5 Reading & writing parent workshop @ 2.30pm
Tue 25th	Y6 Reading & writing parent workshop @ 2.30pm

December 2025

Mon 8th	Apple Class Christmas performance @ 2pm
Tues 9th	Pear Class Christmas performances at 11am and 2.30pm. Cherry Class Christmas performance @ 2pm
Wed 10th	KS1 Christmas performance
Thurs 11th	Mulberry Class Christmas performance @ 2pm
Wed 17th	Christmas lunch and party afternoon
Thurs 18th	Christmas Carols—Y3/4 @9.15am and Year 5/6 at 2.30pm
Fri 19th	INSET day—school is closed

INSET DAYS: Monday 20th July to Wednesday 22nd July 2026



Brownings Farm Dates



Year 2	Elm Class	8th September	17th September	
Year 2	Holly Class	10th September	22nd September	
Year 2	Pine Class	15th September	24th September	

Year 1	Chestnut	2nd March	11th March	23rd March
Year 1	Juniper	4th March	16th March	25th March
Year 1	Silver Birch	9th March	18th March	26th March

Reception	Apple	18th May	3rd June	8th June
Reception	Cherry	20th May	4th June	10th June
Reception	Mulberry	21st May	5th June	11th June

Year 5	Cedar	20th April	30th April	11th May
Year 5	Cypress	22nd April	6th May	13th May
Year 5	Sycamore	29th April	7th May	14th May

Year 6	Yew	15th June	22nd June	29th June
Year 6	Larch	18th June	23rd June	30th June
Year 6	Ash	19th June	25th June	2nd July

Year 6 - Swimming Dates

Swimming Lessons - every Thursday Ash Class

11/09/2025 to 12/12/2025

Larch Class

05/01/2026 to 27/03/2026

Yew Class

13/04/2026 to 17/07/2026