



December Newsletter Autumn Term 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our December newsletter! The time is flying by and this will be the last newsletter of 2025! You will see a few changes to this month's edition; I've included information about the school's 2024-2025 results and a safeguarding update. I hope you find it helpful.

Our November highlights

Let's take a moment to reflect on what we have been up to in November! I asked the staff and children what their highlights have been and this is what they said:



- * EYFS celebrated Nursery Rhyme week!
- * Year 3 absolutely loved their visit to the cinema. They ate popcorn and thoroughly enjoyed The Sloth Lane. Hardly any of the children had seen it before and they were engrossed! The teachers were incredibly proud of the children as they walked all the way there and back so sensibly.
- * The children have said that they have really enjoyed maths, PE and art particularly this month! The children have also been enjoying their home learning, especially making volcanoes in Year 4.
- * We have celebrated Remembrance Day, with some beautiful wreaths made by children and parents at our Learning Showcase. This was such a special event and the children have said they loved it.
- * 4 children wrote a pantomime for staff to perform this month. Well done to Nolan, whose script won! The staff will be performing Sleeping Beauty to the children this month.
- * The children have learnt about Road Safety and some of the children have taken part in the VolkerHighways Road Safety competition. We are waiting for the results...
- * Well done to everyone who took part in Children in Need. The school raised £152 for this great charity. Thank you for your kind donations.
- * The advent calendar raffle was really successful, with lots of winners. Thank you to the Friends for organising this and thank you so much for your donations and for buying so many tickets!

School Council

School Council have been working hard this month on improving children's behaviour in the toilets. They have created and shared their rules for using the toilets safely in assemblies. The children have suggested that parents are called if a child cannot behave safely in the toilets and the child and parent should be expected to help clear up the mess or pay for the damage. Hopefully the children will follow the rules!

There is a lot coming up at Three Bridges, so please do keep an eye on the calendar. You should get reminders from Class Dojo so you don't miss anything! I hope your child enjoys what we have planned for December and beyond!

Remember the school will be closed on Friday 19th December.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the time with your families.

Kind regards,
Mrs Emberson
Headteacher



Blue Team - 1167

Red Team - 1169

Yellow Team - 1182

Green team - 1128



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Our school's data for 2024-2025



Here are our data headlines for the last academic year.

Reception

52% of the children achieved Good Level of Development. This is below the National average and also West Sussex. The school is currently supporting our Year 1 children so that they can catch up.

Year 4

The children achieved an average of **20.2 out of 25** in the Multiplication check. This is in line with the National average and has improved year on year.

Year 1

78% of the children passed the **phonics screening**. This is broadly in line with the National average and West Sussex. This was a 9% increase on the previous year and a 29% increase since 2023!

Year 6

76% of the children met in **Reading**, which is **above** the national and West Sussex average. **24%** of the children were at **Greater Depth**. This is an 11% rise since 2024 and 6.1% rise since 2023.

Year 6

56% of the children met in **Writing**, which is below the national average and West Sussex. This is an 8% increase on the previous year and a 5% increase since 2023.

Year 6

64% of the children met in **Maths**, which is below the national and West Sussex average. **22%** of the children were at **Greater Depth**, which is broadly in line with West Sussex. This is a 15% increase on 2024 results and a 1% increase since 2023.

Year 6

Overall, **53%** of our Year 6 children met in **Reading, Writing and Maths**. This is a 16.5% increase on 2024 results and a 13.2% increase since 2023, but still below the national average of 62%.

Next Steps...

The school is working hard to improve our results. This year we are focussing on:

- * Improving outcomes in Reception
- * Continuing to achieve high standards in phonics
- * Improving outcomes in Writing across the school
- * Improving outcomes in Maths across the school





Safeguarding update



Do you need help to support your child with their emotions?

Visit www.healthforkids.co.uk for top tips and advice on all aspects of children's emotional and physical health or text Parentline for support on 07312 277011.

Domestic Abuse Support App

Domestic abuse, whether towards a female or male partner, can significantly affect the children who live in that environment. Exposure to violence, coercion or ongoing emotional manipulation disrupts a child's sense of safety and can influence their behaviour, relationships and engagement in learning.

These situations are often hard to spot. Many victims work to hide what is happening, particularly from official agencies, due to fear of consequences for the abusive partner or worries about major upheaval for the family.

Hestia is a London-based charity that supports adults and children in crisis, delivering frontline services and campaigning nationally on issues such as domestic abuse, modern slavery and mental health. They have created the **Bright Sky** app, a free and discreet tool that helps people recognise signs of abuse, access specialist support and record concerns safely.

The Bright Sky app provides:

- A simple tool to help someone recognise signs of abuse and understand whether a relationship feels unsafe.
- A secure, optional journal for recording incidents or concerns that can later be shared with a trusted person or agency.
- A directory of national and local support services, making it easier to find the right help quickly.

To find out more, please follow this link: <https://www.hestia.org/brightsky>

Having problems helping your child stay safe online?

Eventbrite are offering a 1 hr Online Safety for parent webinar that ALL parents can attend and can be booked via this link [Eventbrite Collection page](#). The webinar is on 14th January at 11.30am.

Roblox update

Roblox, a platform widely associated with younger players, is now beginning to address this by introducing facial analysis age checks and optional ID verification for users over 13. These real-world verification measures are designed to confirm a user's age more accurately and to restrict interactions that could place children at risk. In practice, they signal an important shift in how major platforms are starting to manage online safety and respond to the expectations set out in the Bill. You can read more about these checks on the SWGfL website:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-announces-facial-age-checks-for-chat-features/>





Celebrations



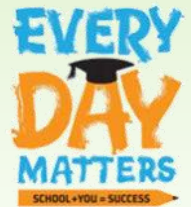
BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE so far...

Huge congratulations go to

Maple Class

with a fantastic
97%
attendance

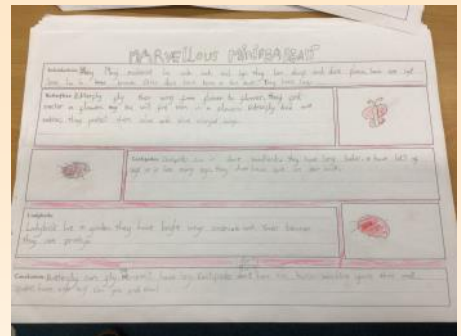
Super job!!



Wonderful Writing



Year 2



Year 2 have been writing minibeast reports.
The standard of writing is excellent.
Well done!



Headteacher Awards



For independently writing the word 'sit' as part of our literacy lesson, finding the correct sounds for 3 letter words (CVC words)





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:

9th January 2026

TIME:

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

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FRIENDS OF THREE BRIDGES PRIMARY SCHOOL



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 12th January 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Upper Site



Please contact The Friends at friends@tbps.org.uk if you would like to volunteer, support or find out more about what you can do to help.





It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!



Christmas Lunch

Serving on Wednesday 17th December

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Or
Quorn Roast

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Mini Sausage, Gravy,
Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

**Book by
Thursday
4th
December**

Order on ParentPay.com no later than
Thursday 4th December.
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



www.ParentPay.com

Chartwells

<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>



Dates for your diary



December 2025

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| Mon 1st | Inclusive Football Event Year 5/6 - TBCC from 3.30pm. Year 4 Christmas Explored @ St Richard's church |
| Wed 3rd | Termly Learning Conferences - Apple, Cherry and Mulberry Classes |
| Thurs 4th | Termly Learning Conferences - Pear Class. Crawley FC Cup from 2pm |
| Mon 8th - 11th | Bikeability - Year 6 Christmas performance, Apple Class @ 2pm . Year 5 to Wakehurst Place. Aspire Girls Football League - ICC @ from 3.30pm |
| Tues 9th | Christmas performances - Cherry @ 9am Christmas performance Pear @ 11am & 2.30pm Festive Run! |
| Wed 10th | KS1 Christmas performance @ 9.15am and 2pm. Year 3 to Wakehurst Place. |
| Thurs 11th | Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children donations KS1 Christmas performance @ 9.15am. Mulberry Class Christmas performance @ 2pm |
| Fri 12th | Staff Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Aspire Boys Football League - ICC from 3.30pm |
| Tues 16th | Friends' Christmas Disco from 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
| Wed 17th | Christmas lunch and party afternoon. Friends' Christmas Disco from 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
| Thurs 18th | Choir - charity concert Maidenbower from 12pm - 2pm Christmas Carols - Y3/4 @ 9.15am and Year 5/6 @ 2.30pm. Last day of term |
| Fri 19th | INSET day - school is closed |

January 2026

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| Wed 7th | Mr Dilly's Ancient Greek workshop with Year 4 |
| Thurs 8th | Boys Football League RD4 @ICC 3-5pm |
| Fri 9th | New Reception parents 2026 open morning @ 9.30am |
| Mon 12th | Rainbow Theatre - Great Fire of London Year 2 Friends AGM @ 9.15am. Girls' football league RD4@ICC 3-5pm |
| Wed 14th | Y5/6 Netball Festival @ ICC 1-4pm |
| Thurs 17th | Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament @ TBCC 1.30-5pm |
| Fri 18th | Inclusive Boccia Event @K2 1-4pm |
| Mon 21st | Indoor Cricket Festival @ K2 1-4pm |
| Mon 26th—Fri 30th | Healthy Child Screening 10-2.30pm |
| Fri 30th | Friends Cake Raffle is back! |

February 2026

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| Mon 2nd | La Chandeleur Day |
| Fri 27th | Friends Cake Raffle |

March 2026

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| Thurs 5th | World Book Day |
| Tues 10th | Silver Coin Challenge |
| Fri 13th | Mothers' Day shop |

Heads up! Sports Day is booked for Friday 10th July!

INSET DAYS:

**Friday 19th December 2025
Monday 20th July to Wednesday 22nd July 2026**





Brownings Farm Dates



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| 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 |



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

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| 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 |

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| 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

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