



January Newsletter Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to you all! I hope you enjoyed the holidays with your children. How lovely for it to have snowed on our first day back! This week is forecast to be extremely cold so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately; the children have been out in the snow today, having lots of fun! Here's to a successful and peaceful new year for all of us.

Our December highlights!

We were delighted to see so many families at all of the events last term. Thank you for coming! The children performed so beautifully. I was super impressed with **Pear, Cherry, Apple and Mulberry** class performances; the children managed to learn so many songs and poems by heart!

The Wriggly Nativity from **Year 1 and 2** was fantastic the children loved all the actions and they learnt all the songs off by heart. Just a heads up, we will be separating Year 1 and 2's Christmas performances next year as we felt it was a bit too crowded and we would like more children to be able to take part in the acting parts. I hope that everyone enjoyed the KS2 performances; there was a lot more space in the hall this year and hopefully the seating worked better for everyone. The children's singing has really improved, particularly the harmonies! It all sounded beautiful. Well done everyone and thank you to my amazing staff for all their hard work in putting these performances together!

As you will have seen on Class Dojo, we held our first **staff pantomime** for a long time! Nolan did a great job writing the script and the children loved seeing staff acting it out. We will be doing it again next year for sure.

Year 6 had their **Bikeability** course just before the holidays. The weather was pretty dreadful but our super resilient children managed to pass the course. This will be very helpful for them when they ride their bikes on the roads safely!

Nationwide bank worked with Year 5 on **Money Matters** on 12th December as part of our financial curriculum for the children. It's important that the children learn about how to manage their money as early as possible so we are very proud to work together with Nationwide!

Thank you to the Friends for organising the **discos** for the children; we all love a boogie and it raised lots of money for the school, particularly from the tuck shop!

The **Festive Run** raised over £500! We are so grateful for your kind donations and the children really enjoyed getting fit in the process. There will be more fun runs coming up. We need to raise as much money for the school as possible so thank you so much for your ongoing support for our lovely school.

We have one more **open morning for new parents this Friday morning**, so please do share our poster if you know anyone who needs to apply for their child's school place for September 2026. The deadline is 15th January 2026, please don't miss it. [**Starting school places - West Sussex County Council**](#)

There is a lot to look forward to this term; please check out the date for your diary page. Happy January everyone!

Kind regards,
Mrs Emberson
Headteacher

Blue Team - 1637

Red Team - 1883

Yellow Team - 1694

Green team - 1651

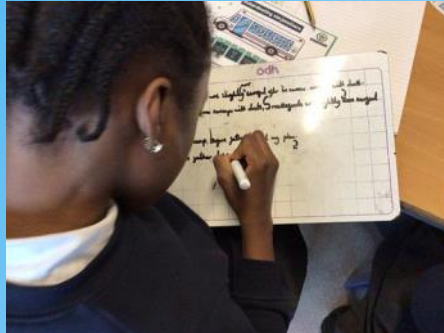


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December 2025



And a great time was had by all...!



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Celebrations



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE so far...

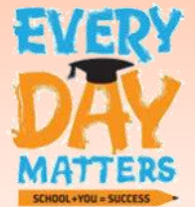
Huge congratulations go to

Maple Class

with a fantastic

96.31%

Attendance during the Autumn Term
Super job!!



Headteacher Awards



Excellent CVC writing in our first week of Drawing Club in EYFS



Year 4 have been busy too!





Focus on Writing



Thank you to all the parents who have attended our Reading and Writing workshops this term. We had some great feedback!

Celebrating Our Writing Success

We are incredibly proud of the progress pupils are making in writing this term. Across the school, children are showing greater confidence, creativity and accuracy in their written work. They are using richer vocabulary, writing more complete sentences and taking increasing pride in presenting their ideas clearly. The examples you see alongside this message reflect the high standards pupils are working towards and the progress they are making every day.

How You Can Support Writing at Home

You can make a real difference to your child's writing by talking with them about their sentences. When your child writes, try asking:

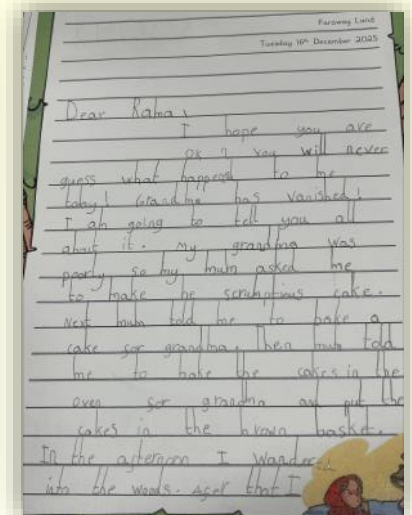
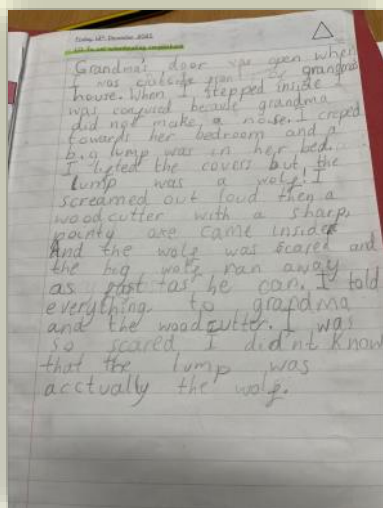
- Who or what is the sentence about? (the **subject**)
- What is happening? (the **verb**)

Encouraging your child to explain their ideas aloud and to speak in full sentences helps them organise their thoughts before writing. This oral rehearsal is a powerful way to build confident writers.

It is also important to reinforce basic sentence punctuation at home. Please encourage your child to:

- Begin sentences with a capital letter
- End sentences with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark

These small habits help children communicate their ideas clearly and develop strong writing foundations. See below some great examples of Year 1 and 2 writing.





Safeguarding update



As the holidays are approaching, I thought it would be helpful for parents/carers to have some information about keeping their child safer online.

Cyberbullying

We often have children coming to school upset because someone has been mean to them online, either on a chat or through a game. If this has happened to your child, to support parents/carers with dealing with this, go to the NSPCC website for advice. Here is the link: [Protecting children from bullying and cyberbullying | NSPCC Learning](#)

Online safety

Childnet has published data from research into young people's use of VPNs (virtual private networks) to access online content. Surveys were conducted with 2,018 8-to-17-year-olds and 2,000 parents and carers across the UK. Findings include: 21% of children have used a VPN, with the number of children using VPNs increasing as they get older; the most popular reasons children gave for using a VPN were to stay safe online and protect their privacy; and 10% of children who used a VPN said they did so to look at content which was not age-appropriate.



Here is a report you can download here: [Young people's use of VPNs](#)

Here is some helpful information on the NSPCC website: [Preventing online harm and abuse](#)

Bullying

The NSPCC has published a news story on contacts to Childline about bullying. New Childline data shows that in 2024/25, Childline delivered 6,617 counselling sessions where the young person's main concern was bullying. Concerns included: seeing hurtful posts about themselves online; receiving verbal and/or physical bullying; and being left out or excluded. The news story includes advice for parents, carers and young people experiencing bullying.

Read the news story: [Bullying was the main concern for over 6,500 counselling sessions delivered by Childline last year](#)

If your child is experiencing bullying either online or at school, please encourage them to come and tell an adult in school. We are finding that children are not reporting things at school and I am sure this causes a lot of worry at home. There is nothing worse than thinking your child is unhappy at school, but we cannot help if we do not know what has happened. Thanks in advance!





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.



Dates for your diary



January 2026

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. Headteacher for the day (Daya from Year 4)
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 15th	LAST DAY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament @ TBCC 1.30-5pm
Fri 16th	Inclusive Boccia Event @K2 1-4pm
Mon 19th	Indoor Cricket Festival @ K2 1-4pm
Wed 22nd	Thought-Full understanding anxiety workshop @ 1.45pm
Fri 24th	Coffee morning with Mrs Emberson @ 9.30am Upper site
Mon 26th	B Team Year 5/6 Football at TBCC @ 3.30pm
Mon 26th—Fri 30th	Healthy Child Screening 10-2.30pm
Fri 30th	Friends Cake Raffle is back!

February 2026

Mon 2nd	La Chandeleur Day. Year 3/4 Mixed Basketball Competition @ K2 from 1.30pm
Mon 2nd-Fri 6th	Termly Learning Conferences KS2 (Upper site – details to follow)
Thurs 5th	Girls Indoor Cricket Comp at K2 from 1.30pm Year 5 Cross Country Event at Oriel from 3pm
Mon 9th-Fri 13th	Termly Learning Conferences KS1 (Lower site - details to follow)
Mon 9th	Sports Crew Training at The Mill from 1pm
Tues 10th	Silver Coin Challenge - both sites. Parent carer forum SEND @ 9am
Wed 11th	Year 4 Boys Football Competition at TBCC from 2pm
Thurs 12th	Year 5/6 Indoor Mixed Cricket at TBCC sports hall from 1pm
Mon 16th—Fri 20th	HALF TERM
Wed 25th	Year 5 Boys Football Comp at Broadfield 3G from 1pm
Fri 27th	Friends Cake Raffle

March 2026

Mon 2nd-Fri 6th	Termly Learning Conferences EYFS (lower site - details to follow)
Mon 2nd	Year 3 Cricket Festival at K2 from 1pm
Wed 4th	Year 3/4 Girls Football Festival at Broadfield 3G from 1pm
Thurs 5th	World Book Day
Tues 10th	Let's Dance Festival At The Hawth afternoon and evening!
Thurs 12th	Year 3/4 Badminton Festival at K2 from 1.30pm
Fri 13th	Mothers' Day shop
Thurs 19th	KS1 Girls Football Festival at TBCC from 2pm
Fri 20th	Comic Relief
Mon 23rd	Downs Syndrome Awareness day - wear lots of socks! Year 3/4 Tennis Festival at Cricket Tennis Club from 1pm
Fri 27th	Friends Cake Raffle. Own clothes day (details to follow)
	Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

Our Sports Day is booked for Friday 10th July!

INSET DAYS:

Monday 20th July to Wednesday 22nd July 2026



Brownings Farm Dates



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

Larch Class

05/01/2026 to 27/03/2026

Yew Class

13/04/2026 to 17/07/2026

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