



February Newsletter Spring Term 2 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the February edition of the newsletter where we look back on the previous month and celebrate all our amazing achievements!

We have had a great first month of the year; there are so many highlights to share!

- Daya did a wonderful job as Headteacher for the day, see page 2 for her letter to you all
- Reception enjoyed their bedtime experience with their parents
- Year 1 began their Kings and Queens topic ready for their visit to Leeds Castle later this month
- The Rainbow Theatre arrived at the beginning of term to bring the Great Fire of London to life for Year 2!
- Off to Ancient Egypt in Year 3 to find out all about what life was like then thanks to Mr Dilly
- Year 4 loved their Ancient Greece workshop with Mr Dilly too!
- Year 5 are learning all about similarities and differences between Mexico and the UK
- Year 6 have launched their World War 2 learning journey with some fantastic artwork
- Our new guinea pigs have arrived in Saplings Class, see page 5 for photos!
- We have introduced our new online booking system for Termly Learning Conferences; thank you for the great feedback on our new system so far, we would like all parents/carers to meet the teacher this term please.

Parent voice

The coffee morning with parents was well attended last week. We talked about the struggles of being a parent and managing children's online behaviour. We discussed why not many children are going to PGL next year. Some parents were also asking about how the school organises and chooses visits. Do come along next time for a catch up and a cuppa, the Friends very kindly provided refreshments for us, thank you.

Mobile phones

Your child should not bring a mobile phone to school; they do not need it during the school day. Please make sure smart watches are only used for timekeeping. Unfortunately phones and smart watches will be confiscated if they are found in school.

Forest school

The forest school area is very waterlogged at the moment. The children do enjoy their forest school sessions but their clothes are getting very wet and muddy during the session. It looks like we will need a lot more chalk to help soak up the water.

School Council

This month, school council will be working on ways to help children report if they feel they are being bullied. The children have some great ideas; they are keen to do an assembly, make some posters and help children who are finding it difficult to find friends to play with.

Please check the dates for your diary for our upcoming events in February and beyond!

Have a lovely February everyone. Don't forget...Half term is Monday 16th -Friday 20th February.

Mrs Emberson
Headteacher

Blue Team - 588

Red Team - 497

Yellow Team - 530

Green Team - 526



Learn Enjoy Achieve Respect Nurture Engage & Resilience





January 2026 Highlights!



Daya from Year 4 was Headteacher for the Day!

She decided to write you a letter about her day:

Dear parents and carers,

At the late summer fair I bought raffle tickets and I won headteacher for the day. It was one of the prizes. Also my mum helped me choose my outfit. The school made me a staff badge which I wore all day and I have kept it!



I did assembly with Mrs Emberson and I helped with dojos; Red team won for the Autumn term! At the end Mrs Emberson asked me to send the children out of assembly and they were all really quiet. Well done everyone!

I also went on a tour of the upper site. On the tour, Year 4, 5 and 6 were learning how to write better. I saw some amazing writing! Oak class were playing hockey and year 3 were learning spelling.

Lots of children came to get Headteacher Awards during the day. The children in Saplings class got a head teacher award for excellent cooking. They made vegetable kebabs and they smelt delicious. Children from Year 4 also got awards for great writing.

I had lunch with my friends.

After lunch I met with School Council. We talked about how to help if someone is being bullied. Some people said that they want to make a poster about cyber bullying also doing an assembly and making a rota and making red and yellow cards for football.

I had a great day. I would like to spend some time on the lower site so I will be planning a visit with Mrs Emberson to see how they are all doing over there.

Well done Daya, you were an amazing headteacher for the day!





Celebrations



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Huge congratulations go to



Elm Class *with 95%*
&
Maple *with 99%*



Super job!!

BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE so far...

Huge congratulations go to



Chestnut, Elm & Holly *with 93%*

&



Maple *with 97%*

Keep up the good work!

BEST HOUSE ATTENDANCE so far...



Huge congratulations go to

Red House *with 94%*



It is very important for children to come to school every day and arrive on time. This helps them learn, make friends, and feel happy and confident.

All children on our school list, including Nursery children and children under 5, should attend school every day.

Children should only stay at home if they are unwell or if the school has agreed to the absence.

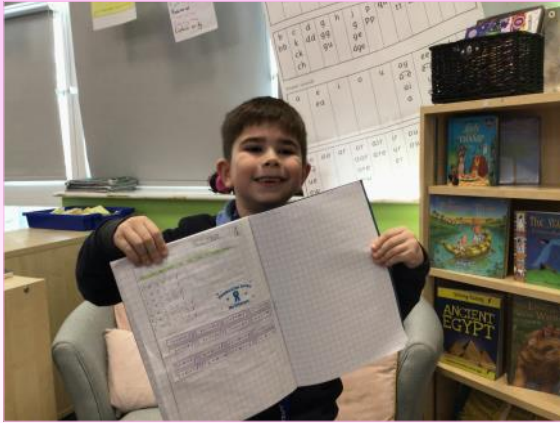
Missing school, even at a young age, can make learning harder and can affect how settled children feel.

Thank you for supporting your child to attend school every day and on time.

**If you have any questions or would like to talk about attendance, please contact the school office.
Thank you for your support.**



Headteacher Awards



January highlights



Reception children taking a stroll around the local area.



Year 2 have been working through the process of create a scene of the Great Fire of London using collage and colour mixing.



Year 3 playing hockey and learning to play the glockenspiel!



More January highlights



Bedtime Experience in EYFS



Year 4 learning to play recorder



Cooking with Saplings class



Saplings class and the Guinea Pigs





Focus on Mental Health



In Crawley there is an out of hours walk in service for adults in a mental health crisis. This programme is called **Staying Well**.

Staying Well in Crawley is an out-of-hours walk-in service providing help and support to people who are experiencing a mental health crisis. You can turn up on a **week day from 5pm - 10:30pm and weekends 3pm - 10:30pm**.

The address is Arundel House Unit, 1 Amberley Court, Whitworth Road, (off County Oak Way), Crawley RH11 7XL.

Their phone number is 07920 387 274.

When you arrive at Staying Well you should go to the front door and press the buzzer on the wall.

You will be supported in a relaxed and welcoming environment by a mental health practitioner, a team of recovery workers and a team of peer support workers.

There may be other people using the service at the same time as you. It's up to you if you would rather sit quietly or talk to the other people in the room. You will be offered a drink by the team.

Staff will offer to talk with you about how you are feeling and how we can support you. You can go to a different room to talk, where it will be quieter and more private.

They are a drop-in service, and you can stay for as long as you would like and visit as many times as you need.



What does the school offer children who are struggling with mental health?

- Time with one of our ELSAs
- Referral to Thoughtful mental health service
- Referral to Single Point of Access
- Referral via your GP
- Your Space counselling

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Safeguarding update - ROBLOX



Do you tell your child just to be sensible when playing Roblox?

Roblox is used by children from a very young age, with many starting in primary school and a particularly large number of players aged around 8 - 12. There is no fixed minimum age to play, and children often share games and social spaces with much older users. This mix of ages, combined with user-generated content and social features such as chat and voice chat, means children's experiences can vary widely. As a result, generic advice like "just be sensible" gives us very little insight into what a child is actually seeing, doing, or who they are interacting with.

Helpful questions to ask your child:

- What games are they accessing, and are they age-appropriate?
- Is chat enabled, and who can message them?
- Have they come across anything violent, hateful or worrying?
- Are they using private servers or public spaces?
- Are parental controls or age settings in place and actively used?
- Does the parent feel confident managing the platform?

From the school's point of view, any disclosures of concerning content on Roblox will be treated as a safeguarding issue and may relate to online safety, digital resilience or Prevent duties.

The goal is curiosity, not panic. We all want to help children talk openly about what they encounter and support you as parents/carers to move beyond "just be sensible".

What helps most includes:

- Regular, interested conversations about what your child enjoys playing, who they play with, and what they notice online
- Adults showing curiosity, including watching or playing alongside your child, so games are not treated as a secret or separate world
- A clear understanding of personal information, including why chats should stay about the game.
- If your child is worried about something, when should they tell an adult?
- Agreed rules around spending, with your child knowing when real money is involved and when permission is needed
- Reassurance that worries should be shared, including exposure to upsetting content, mean behaviour or hate-based language, including racism
- Confidence using block and report tools, so concerns can be addressed calmly and practically
- Active use of safety settings, including age-appropriate controls, chat restrictions and making sure you have parent account oversight
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More information can be found here: <https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age>



CAKE RAFFLE

The cake winners today were

Adrijus on the Lower Site

and

Gabriella & Archie on the Upper Site



The cake raffle will be held once a month

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.



Sport Update



It has been a busy month of competitions and festivals here at Three Bridges, with the highlight being our girls side reaching the Crawley final.

After a successful league campaign in December, they met Hilltop school in the quarter final.

Unfortunately, we lost 1-0 in a close game, but the girls can be very proud of their efforts!





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:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

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 4th March 2026

Good Luck!!



YOU'RE INVITED
TO

Kick Start

A kids and families service for primary school aged children with music, games, activities, snacks and a bouncy castle!

Mondays in term-time 3:30-4:30pm
from 26th January

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Church at St Richard's, 1 Crossways,
Three Bridges, Crawley RH10 1QF

church
AT ST RICHARD'S



Dates for your diary



February 2026

Mon 2nd	La Chandeleur Day Year 3/4 Mixed Basketball Competition @ K2 from 1.30pm. Mental health ambassadors training with Thoughtfull from 1pm
Mon 2nd-Fri 6th	Termly Learning Conferences KS2 (Upper site)
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)
Mon 9th	Sports Crew Training at The Mill from 1pm. Police visit to Year 3
Tues 10th	Silver Coin Challenge - both sites. Parent carer forum SEND @ 9am upper site
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. Year 3 and 4 Multiplication Table Check Stay and Learn 9: 15 am Upper Site Hall
Thurs 26th	Leeds castle visit for Year 1
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
Mon 9th	Easter Explored—Year 4 at St Richard's Church
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. Colour Run celebrating Holi festival (more details to follow)

Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

July 2026

Fri 3rd	Summer Fair
Fri 10th	Sports Day

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