



June Newsletter Summer Term 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year! The time has flown by this year. It was lovely everyone at the gate this morning. There is lots planned this half term so please do check the dates page..

Thank you for joining in with our own clothes day on the last day of half term; it was a great way to finish the half term! Last month was so packed with events, which I hope your child enjoyed as much as we did. This is a bumper edition of our monthly newsletter , so happy reading!

May highlights:

- * Year 3 visited Horsham on the train!
- * Saplings class went to Tesco's and made delicious pizzas
- * Amazing photos from Brownings Farm and Year 5 have now completed the longest walk ever!
- * We held our first Mini Marathon, and we currently have the highest participation in Crawley. One of our staff will have the opportunity to run the next London Marathon and the school could be in with the chance to have a special visit from Joe Wickes!
- * The children made preparations for celebrating Eid Al-Adha. I hope those of you who celebrated last Wednesday had a wonderful time.
- * The whole school celebrated National Numeracy day; lots of practical maths—great fun!
- * Oliver from Year 6 wrote to Crawley Borough Council about renewable energy sources. Councillor (and governor) Nick Hilton has officially responded by letter to Oliver; he should feel very proud of this achievement. Councillor Hilton said, 'it was beautifully written, a credit to himself and the school.'
- * Thank you for supporting the Book fair. All book sales result in free books for the school so we are very grateful for your support.
- * Library and Brownings farm visits are still ongoing; thank you to everyone who has supported with these so far this year
- * Year 6 children completed their end of Key Stage 2 tests before half term. The children were a credit to themselves and showed resilience with some very challenging test questions.

Year 6 walking home

The children will be able to walk home from today provided that parents/carers have completed the permission form. We hope that the children will continue to make safe choices (online particularly) and use this opportunity to have some independence ready for secondary school in September!

School council

The children have been meeting with me throughout May. The lower site children are focussing on how to make the school even better. The upper site children are in training to become peer mediators. The children have been so engaged with this project and are learning some great skills. We are looking forward to getting the children ready to take on the role next year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at all of our upcoming events!

Mrs Emberson
Headteacher

Blue Team - 689

Red Team - 688

Yellow Team - 659

Green Team - 515



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Celebrations



BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE MONTH

Huge congratulations go to



Pine Class with **95.91%**
&
Cedar Class with **97.88%**



Super job!!

BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE so far...

Huge congratulations go to

Elm with **93.03%**

&

Sycamore with **96.62%**

Keep up the good work!

BEST TEAM ATTENDANCE so far...

Huge congratulations go to

Yellow Team with **97.56%**

Year Group Attendance so far...

Year 1	90.66%
Year 2	92.48%
Year 3	94.73%
Year 4	94.44%
Year 5	95.54%
Year 6	94.11%
Reception	93.69%
Reception (under 5's)	88.05%
Nursery AM	86.21%
Nursery PM	87.58%





Children, phones and online safety | NSPCC

With more choice than ever and rising concerns about safety, phone ownership can raise important questions for families. These might be:

- Is my child ready for a phone?
- How do I keep my child safe?
- What's the right approach for our family?
- Are children and phones a good mix?

Every child is different, and the decision about when to introduce a phone is down to the parents or carers – and should be based on your child's individual needs, maturity, and circumstances. While there's no one-size-fits-all answer, this guide is here to help you weigh the pros and cons, understand signs of readiness, and set up healthy habits from the start.

The Hidden Dangers of Pinterest - White Hatter

Pinterest is a bit like a hidden app. It isn't talked about as much as Instagram or TikTok, so many people don't worry about it. It's an older app where you save and collect pictures, so parents often think it's harmless. But that can be a problem. A group that helps keep people safe online (called The White Hatter) worked with two families. Their children had sent private pictures to others using Pinterest messages. The parents didn't even know Pinterest had a messaging feature. Apps that look like they're just for pictures or creativity—like Pinterest, VSCO, Tumblr, Lemon8, Canva, or Amino—can also have messaging tools that are easy to miss. So instead of only asking, "What app is my child using?", a better question is, "What can that app actually do?" Here is a short article with some practical advice for parents and carers:

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/post/what-parents-didn-t-know-about-pinterest-matters-for-all-caregivers>

Help your child stay safe online

Find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online.

With so many apps, games, and websites out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the good news is you're not alone.

[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)





Headteacher Awards



We are celebrating some of our recent Headteacher Awards, which recognise children, who have demonstrated exceptional effort, progress and commitment to our school LEARNER values.

These awards are a wonderful opportunity to highlight the hard work and positive attitudes shown across the school.

We are incredibly proud of all the children. Well done to each and every one of you!

Library Visit

Chestnut Class enjoyed an exciting visit to Crawley Library this week, where the children explored a wide range of books.

They loved discovering new favourites and learning how to use the library to find books they are interested in.

It was a wonderful opportunity to encourage a love of reading and storytelling.





We had a special visitor today, my dog, Pippin!
The children loved spending time with him, showing lots of care and affection. Pippin had a wonderful day enjoying all the attention and was exhausted when he got home. The children were also excited to pick the lettuces they planted from seed in February. Along with wild garlic, they made and enjoyed a fresh salad together. Something magical happened in Forest School too, as children from different year groups built and decorated fairy houses around our willow tree, even creating a fairy school and playground. As always, the children had great fun taking part in lots of child-led activities. We are very proud of our forest school provision at Three Bridges!





Mulberry Class enjoyed a wonderful trip to Browning's Farm on Thursday, where the children had lots of fun exploring, learning about the animals, and enjoying the outdoor experience together.



Box Caterpillar



Some of our Year 4 children found a caterpillar in the maze.

It is a Box Tree caterpillar, Box tree caterpillars are the larvae of a moth that feeds on box (*Buxus*) plants.

The children are learning about how to treat caterpillars carefully.

The Saplings have been very busy again this month. Here are some photos of what they have been up to.





Year 3 had a fantastic time travelling by train to Horsham Park for a fun-filled day of exploring, playing games and enjoying time together outdoors. The children behaved brilliantly and loved the excitement of the journey. Back at school, we also celebrated Numeracy Day by making delicious shortbread, using our maths skills to carefully measure ingredients and follow the recipe step by step. It was a wonderful mix of learning and fun for everyone!



Nursery Spaces Available – September 2026

We are now welcoming applications for children born between
1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023

Session Times

- **Morning (AM):** 8:30am – 11:30am
- **Afternoon (PM):** 12:10pm – 3:10pm

Our setting offers a warm, nurturing environment where children can learn, play, and grow with confidence.

If you are interested, or you know someone who might be, please contact the Lower Site school office on **01293 524076 option 1**



The whole school took part in a fantastic Mini Marathon on Friday 1st May, with all the children showing great enthusiasm, determination, and team spirit.

The event encouraged everyone to stay active, have fun, and celebrate healthy lifestyles together.

We will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win a visit from Joe Wicks!!





Mini Marathon cont...





World Cup



This term, we will be celebrating the excitement of the World Cup!

Each class drew a country from a hat to represent and will spend time learning about its culture, traditions, geography, and sporting history.

To launch the event, we will be holding a special World Cup Opening Ceremony on **12th June**, where classes will proudly showcase their countries.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend the ceremony this time, but we look forward to sharing photos and updates with you afterwards.

Pear - Mexico



Apple - Switzerland



Cherry - Japan



Mulberry - Ecuador



Chestnut - Senegal



Juniper - Uruguay



Silver Birch - Brazil



Elm - Croatia



Holly - Argentina



Pine - South Korea



Maple - Egypt



Rowan - Spain



Willow - Morocco



Beech - Portugal



Oak - Turkey



Poplar - Belgium



Cedar - Canada



Cypress - Norway



Sycamore - Netherlands



Larch - Germany



Ash - England



Yew - France





Important Information

Meal provider change from September 2026



From September 2026, West Sussex County Council is changing the school meal company from Chartwells to ISS.

To help everyone get to know the new food, ISS will be holding a tasting session at school on 11th June.

The tasting session will be from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Families do not need to book, you can just come along on the day.

Food samples will be given out on a first come, first served basis, so it's best to arrive early so you don't miss out.

You can also visit the website: feedwestsussex.co.uk

If you have any questions, please email:
TransitionUKTeam@uk.issworld.com.

More information will be shared over the coming weeks.



A message from our ISS Education Managing Director, Alistair Dale

We're really pleased to be working with West Sussex County Council to provide school catering services across the county. Through our FEED programme (Feeding Excellence Every Day), we serve balanced, nutritious meals with plenty of choice – making sure there's something suitable and enjoyable for children of all ages.

Our meals are cooked on site every day, using a consistent, high-quality approach that meets school food standards and supports a wide range of dietary needs. Parents can also manage school meals quickly and easily through our app – from viewing menus and placing orders to updating dietary requirements.

Most importantly, we want children to eat well, enjoy lunchtime and feel ready to learn – and we want parents to feel confident that their children are being well looked after. We're delighted to support school communities across West Sussex, and we'll continue to share fortnightly updates.



Class Photos



This is a friendly reminder that school photos will be taking place after half term.

- **Lower School - Tuesday 2nd June**
- **Upper School - Wednesday 3rd June**

Please ensure your child comes to school in the appropriate uniform on their scheduled photo day.



The Friends of Three Bridges Primary School

CAKE RAFFLE

The cake winners today were

Elsie & Jude on the Lower Site
(you will receive your cakes after half term)

and

Elissa & Ben 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.



Wishing all the families in our community a wonderful Eid filled with smiles and comfort.

Celebrate the gift of togetherness!

Eid al-Adha Mubarak!





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Dates for your diary



Mon 25th-Fri 29th - HALF TERM

June 2026

Mon 1st	Back to school Transition event - new year group with current teacher (PM)
Mon 1st - Fri 12th	Year 4 Multiplication check
Tues 2nd	Class Photos - Lower Site
Wed 3rd	Class Photos - Upper Site Year 5 visiting Grattons Park
Thurs 4th	Year 3/4 Mixed Cricket @ Three Bridges Cricket Club
Fri 5th	Mixed Lacrosse Competition @ K2
Mon 8th—Fri 19th	Year 1 Phonics screening Year 3/4 Basketball at K2
Thurs 11th	National Play day, children will learn traditional games! ISS roadshow, upper site at 3pm—free food tasting for everyone!
Thurs 11th	Year 5/6 Open Cricket Competition
Mon 15th	KS1 Cricket Festival
Wed 17th	Transition event - whole school
Thurs 18th	Year 3 visiting Worthing
Fri 19th	Year 4 visiting Bignor Roman villa Father's Day Gift Shop - Friends Event Inclusive Boccia/New age Kurling
Tues 23rd	Parent/carer SEND forum
Wed 24th	Transition event - whole school Sustrans Bike It Festival
Thurs 25th	Year 6 Aspire Girls Basketball Competition
Mon 29th	Express Yourself - wear own clothes for donations for the summer fair

July 2026

Wed 1st	Meet your new teacher!
Fri 3rd	Summer Fair
Mon 6th	Governors in school all day
Fri 10th	Sports Day
Fri 16th	Leavers assembly (Y6) <i>More information about Year 6 leavers' events to follow shortly!</i>

LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026

INSET DAYS:

Monday 20th July to Wednesday 22nd July 2026



Brownings Farm Dates



Reception	Apple	18th May	3rd June
Reception	Cherry	20th May	4th June
Reception	Mulberry	21st May	5th 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	25th June	26th June	2nd July



Year 6 - Swimming Dates

Swimming Lessons - every Thursday

Yew Class

13/04/2026 to 17/07/2026