

Newsletter 2
November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We couldn't wait to share some of the exciting things that have happened at school this October so here's the newsletter a bit earlier than usual! It's a bumper edition so please check out the dates page as there are a couple of changes!

Our annual **Harvest Festival** was led by Will from St Richard's. The children loved seeing members of the team dressed as a banana and a strawberry! Thank you for all your kind donations to the Free Shop. Everything was very gratefully received.

The Year 6 team held a **SATs meeting** for children and parents. They explained how school and families can work together to help the children prepare for their SATs in May.

Parents, carers, teachers and children have also taken part in their **Termly Learning Conferences**. Year 6 will have theirs after half term. We hope everyone now knows how they can support the children with their learning. Thank you to everyone who took part. Everyone I spoke to said they found the meeting very helpful.

We celebrated **Hello Yellow and DLD Day** on two Fridays. The school was filled with yellow and purple! Thank you for joining in and helping to raise awareness of these important causes.

This month, I met **Peter Lamb MP** to talk about some of the challenges schools are facing. He was very interested in our school, especially as he lives locally. We hope he can share our messages in the House of Commons and help to make a difference. This school deserves to have the very best support.

We were delighted to hold our **six-weeks-in meeting** for Reception parents and carers. The children are settling beautifully into Apple and Cherry classes, and we are so proud of them all.

One parent shared this lovely message:

"We love Three Bridges Primary! All five of my children have been lucky to attend the school, with the youngest now in Reception. They have each had a positive experience. It has been wonderful to see them grow and develop throughout their time at the school. Three Bridges Primary is a happy and supportive school which I would recommend."

Year 3 enjoyed a **Roundhouse workshop** and worked together to build the frame of a roundhouse. What a wonderful way to bring the Stone Age to life!

I have also met with both **School Councils** this month. We have a very enthusiastic group of school councillors this year! I am looking forward to hearing what they love about our school and what they think could be even better. After half term, we will decide on our projects for the year.

Our local **Police Community Support Officers** visited Year 5. They spoke to the children about staying safe online and about anti-social behaviour.

Rebecca from Grammarsaurus has been helping some of our Year 4 and Year 5 children with their **spelling.** The Grammarsaurus team asked if they could try their new materials at our school, so we have been very lucky to receive this extra support for free!

Well done to all the children who have made **amazing projects at home** this term. I have seen solar systems, volcanoes, planets and different habitats. 10/10 for creativity! I love seeing how proud the children are when they bring their creations into school.

Finally, **Year 6** returned from PGL late last night because Storm Austen meant the ferry was cancelled. I met their coach when they arrived home, and the children told me they had a fantastic time!

The children who stayed behind had a brilliant week too. They enjoyed bowling, a Bake Off and a trip to the zoo at Tilgate Park.

Phew! No wonder we are all exhausted! A huge thank you to my amazing team for making all these wonderful experiences possible for our children. Thank you to all our parents and carers too for your continued support.

Have a wonderful half-term break, everyone! Happy Diwali to our Hindu and Sikh community who celebrate it in November.

Mrs Emberson, Headteacher

Blue Team - 1107	Red Team - 994	Yellow Team - 857	Green Team - 907

Attendance

BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE so far...

Huge congratulations go to



Elm Class with **96%**

&

Beech Class with **97.9%**



Fantastic, well done!



BEST TEAM ATTENDANCE so far...

Huge congratulations go to

Red Team with **95.3%**



Year Group Attendance so far...



Nursery AM	**87.8%**
Nursery PM	**94.6%**
Reception	**93.2%**
Year 1	**94.4%**
Year 2	**93.2%**
Year 3	**94.6%**
Year 4	**96.7%**
Year 5	**94.7%**
Year 6	**96.2%**



Safeguarding update

Here is our monthly safeguarding update. Please take note of the concerns raised about excessive screen time as we are already seeing the impact of this on the children's attention and focus in school.



Headteacher Awards



Some children in Oak Class were delighted to receive a Headteacher's Award for their fantastic home learning!

As part of their science topic, '*Living Things and Their Habitats*', the children were challenged to create their own habitats using natural materials such as leaves, sticks and stones.

They showed great creativity and enthusiasm in bringing their ideas to life. Well done, Oak Class!

Message from Three Bridges Forum

This year's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run takes place on Sunday 1st November.

Exciting news - it will be passing through Three Bridges. The route will run from the Balcombe Road, along Haslett Avenue East, then the Squareabout and to the Hawth.

Three Bridges residents can welcome the old cars and their passengers on their way through their own neighbourhood! The first cars are expected soon after 8am, with the busiest period being between 10am-12pm.



Keep a look out for veteran car no.170, driver Colin Smith, Trustee at Crawley Museums, who recently gave an interesting talk about his many years' participation in the run!

Three Bridges Primary School

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Your Governors

Working together for our children

Supporting today. Building tomorrow.

Our first FGB meeting of the year

We held our first Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting and:

- ✓ Confirmed Chanelle Gray as Chair of Governors for this year
- ✓ Confirmed Nick Hilton as Vice Chair of Governors



We've been recruiting two new parent governors!

Welcome to Sarah Potter and Lubnar Quadeer, who join us as our two new Parent Governors. We are delighted to have you on board!



More soon on Sarah and Lubnar's new roles with the governing board.

Working together on our school building

We met with officials from West Sussex County Council and Crawley Borough Council to discuss the heat in our building.

It was a really positive meeting and we're continuing to work together on next steps to keep our school environment as safe, comfortable and enjoyable as possible for all our children.



Training and development



Governors have been taking part in a range of training to help us develop our knowledge and skills. This includes safeguarding, understanding school data, and our roles and responsibilities.

School visits

We've been into school to see learning in action, speak with staff and children, and find out more about key areas such as teaching and learning, safeguarding, SEN and attendance.



Meet some of our governors

We'll feature a few different governors in each newsletter so you can get to know the team.



Chanelle Gray

Chair of Governors
Parent Governor

Hi, I'm Chanelle! I joined the governing board as a parent governor in 2023, when my son was in Reception. I then became co-chair and am now Chair.

"I joined because I care deeply about education for children and wanted to help ensure that my son and his peers have the best educational experience possible. Our school is on a journey and working so hard to drive outcomes through behaviour for learning and high attendance (those things are important for educational performance!).

This is an incredibly fulfilling role and while it requires some additional hours, it's been well worth it."



Emily Burt

Co-opted Governor

Since joining the governing board in April, I've really enjoyed seeing the school from a different perspective. Having attended the school myself, it feels especially meaningful to now give something back to a place that has been part of my life.

Being a governor has given me a greater appreciation of the hard work, planning and dedication that goes on behind the scenes. I've particularly enjoyed learning about the school's strategic direction, contributing ideas and understanding both the challenges and the fantastic achievements of pupils and staff.

It's been a fascinating few months, and I'm looking forward to learning more and making a positive contribution.

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Autism Ambassadors



This half term, our Autism Ambassadors have been very busy!

Our Autism Ambassadors are a group of children who are both neurodiverse and neurotypical and they help to ensure that our school is celebrating autistic individuals and making it a comfortable place for all children to learn.

They have worked collaboratively to create a poster to display at a parent/carer conference, to share their positive messages about autism.

As we are part of Three Bridges, we decided on a 'bridge' theme! They are all very proud of their masterpiece.

Activity Week

While some of our children were away enjoying PGL week, those who stayed in school had a fantastic time taking part in a range of exciting activities!

From baking delicious cakes and trying their hand at archery to exploring the outdoors during Forest School, there was plenty of fun, learning and adventure to be had.

The children embraced every opportunity, developed new skills and made some wonderful memories together.

It was a brilliant week full of creativity, teamwork and smiles!

Photos on the next page...

















Oxygen Crawley!

Oxygen Crawley Gets the Thumbs Up from Young Testers!

One of our children in year 5 was selected through a video competition to join the first ever "C-Suite" of young testers at Oxygen Active play in Crawley!

Chosen from local children aged 6–12, four winners aged 9 and 10 enjoyed an exclusive pre-opening inspection of the £2 million trampoline park. Their rewards included VIP launch party invitations, a year's membership and a reference for their future CVs.

A fantastic achievement and an exciting experience to remember!



Sport - Hockey

A huge well done to our hockey team, who achieved a fantastic **second place** in the latest hockey competition!

The team showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event, making us incredibly proud. Congratulations to everyone who took part on this brilliant achievement!



Helpful tips for Pickup and Drop-off

Helping a child who is anxious when coming out of school requires a gentle, low-pressure transition to help them decompress from the day's stress.

Immediate After-School Strategies

* **Give them space:** Avoid asking too many questions right away. Let them decompress in silence or with a quiet snack before talking about their day.
* **Offer a snack and drink:** Low blood sugar can amplify big emotions and meltdowns immediately after the school bell rings.



* **Keep pick-up calm:** Meet them with a warm and steady smile so they feel safe the moment they see you.

Establishing a Decompression Routine

* **Create a quiet zone:** Set up a cosy, low-stimulation area at home with cushions, books, or sensory toys
* **Encourage physical release:** Let them run around in the garden, kick a ball, or bounce on a trampoline to burn off lingering stress hormones.



* **Delay screen time or limit heavy demands:** Postpone homework or chores until your child has fully regulated their mood

When to Seek Extra Support

Talk to teachers: Check in with the school to see if specific triggers occur during the final hours of the day



Consult a professional: If the anxiety is severe, ongoing, or impacts daily family life, consider reaching out to the NHS or exploring guidance from Young Minds.

Three Bridges Primary School

Reception Open Day

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they will be starting reception in primary school from **September 2027**.

You can start applying for a school place from Monday 5th October 2026 when the applications open. The application process closes on 15th January 2027.

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

DATE:	**TIME:**
5th November 2026	from 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm
18th November 2026	from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
7th January 2027	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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Individual Photos

The dates for our upcoming school photographs:

Wednesday 18th November 2026 Individual Photographs

Thursday 19th November 2026
Sibling Photographs

For sibling photographs, parents and carers will need to bring their children into school at **8:00am** to ensure they are ready for their photos.
You are welcome to attend either site library for the photographs.





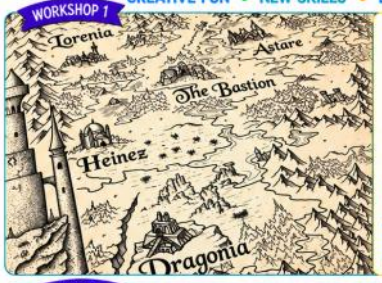
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MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 2026 10AM – 3PM

£30 PER WORKSHOP PER CHILD



HALLOWEEN ART ADVENTURES

Mayhem ensues in this exciting Halloween themed workshop where we learn techniques with oil pastels, create friendly monsters, explore tonal properties, bring friendly ghosts to life with only one colour and settle to a relaxing still life of multicoloured pumpkins.

FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER 2026 10AM – 3PM

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Parent Support Groups

Autumn Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
8th Sep / 6th Oct / 3rd Nov / 1st Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
22nd Sep / 20th Oct / 17th Nov / 15th Dec

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 - 9pm
10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 10th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
16th Sep / 21st Oct / 18th Nov / 16th Dec

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
15th Sep / 13th Oct / 10th Nov / 8th Dec

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
24th Sep / 22nd Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

If you would like more information about Umbrellas or the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact our outreach team.

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Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered in-person and online

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

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OCTOBER HALF TERM FUN

Unit 79/80, Upper Mall, County Mall

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER
Splat!

A fun-filled physical comedy about art.
£5 per child (ages 3-7)
£2.50 per adult
11am & 2pm





THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER
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£2.50 per adult
11am & 2pm

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Bereavement Support in Sussex

For when a child is grieving or a child dies

Child Bereavement UK offers FREE digital grief support, available when you need it.

We help:
- Children and young people bereaved before their 26th birthday
- Parents and carers when a child has died, or is expected to die, before their 26th birthday

Talk with a Bereavement Specialist
No appointment. No waiting list. Just support when you need it. Speak with a Bereavement Specialist from **Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm** (excluding bank holidays). Reach out on:

Call: 0800 02 888 40
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Text / WhatsApp: 07418 341 800
Live chat at: childbereavementuk.org

Information and resources
Free information, guides, tools and advice to help children, young people, parents and professionals understand grief and feel less alone.
Visit **childbereavementuk.org** or **talkgrief.org** (for 13 to 25-year-olds).

One-to-one and group support
For those who need additional help, our specialists can assess individual needs and offer one-to-one or group support where appropriate.

Support for everyone
Our services are inclusive and available across the UK. We will endeavour to provide interpreters, including BSL interpreters, where possible.

Support is available to pick up when you need it, pause when you don't, and come back whenever you choose. You don't have to grieve alone.

Child Bereavement UK

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PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE - CRAWLEY

FREE!



A 6 week course for parents/carers to gain knowledge and understanding around supporting your child/ren & young people's mental health, offering a safe space to reflect and gain peer support along the way.

Topics covered include; 5 ways to well-being, self esteem, anxiety, emotional regulation, communication, parenting styles, attachment, teenage brain re-wiring and parental self-compassion.

This course is open to any parent/carer of a child aged 5-18 living or attending school in West Sussex and able to commit to the 6 sessions.

DATES
Thursday 5th November
Thursday 12th November
Thursday 19th November
Thursday 26th November
Thursday 3rd December
Thursday 10th December

LOCATION
Crawley Community Action,
The Orchard,
1-2 Gleneagles Court
Brighton Road,
Crawley
RH10 6AD

TIME
10am - 12.30pm weekly

Refreshments provided

To secure your place or for more information, please email:
parentingsupport @westsussexmind.org

Family Learning Crawley

How to Support Your Child with KS2 Maths
10:00am - 11:30am
Tuesdays, 10th November - 8th December | Crawley Library
Gain confidence in supporting your child with key KS2 maths skills.

Sing, Say, Play
10:00am - 11:30am
Thursdays, 5th November - 10th December | Tilgate Community Centre
Join us for fun songs, rhymes, stories and play activities to help support your child's learning and development.

Roar and Explore
10:00am - 11:30am
Fridays, 6th November - 11th December | Broadfield Library
Discover, play and learn together through fun activities, stories and adventures.

Supporting Wellbeing in Family Life
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Fridays, 6th November - 11th December | Broadfield Library
Learn practical ways to strengthen emotional wellbeing, build resilience and create a positive, supportive home environment for your family.

All of our sessions are free, booking is required.

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Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027?
Apply online!
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If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.
You can apply online from Monday 7 September 2026.
If you would like further advice or information, phone: 03330 142 903.
Deadline: Saturday 31 October 2026
Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.


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Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?
If so they are eligible to start school in September 2027
Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.
You can apply online from Monday 5 October 2026.
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Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027
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Dates for your diary—Autumn term 2026

November 2026

2.11.26	Termly Learning Conferences—Year 6
	Flu Spray 9am - Upper site, after 12pm - Lower site
5.11.26	Open morning for new parents
5.11.26	Guy Fawkes
11.11.26	Remembrance Day
13.11.26	Children in Need—wear spots. Anti-Bullying week
	National Recycling week. Geography Awareness week
17.11.26	Open morning for new parents
18.11.26	Individual Photographs
19.11.26	Sibling Photographs
23.11.26	Stay & Learn – EYFS. Computer Science week

December 2026

2.12.26	**Silver Birch class Nativity @ 2pm**
3.12.26	**Juniper class Nativity @ 2pm**
4.12.26	**Chestnut class Nativity @ 2pm**
7.12.26	**Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am. Apple class performance @ 2pm**
8.12.26	**Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am. Cherry class performance @ 2pm**
9.12.26	**Pear class performance—11am and 2pm**
10.12.26	Christmas jumper Day
11.12.26	Staff Panto!
13.12.26	TBPS has got talent!
15.12.26	Christmas lunch and party afternoon
17.12.26	**KS2 Christmas Singalong—Y3/4 @ 9:15am & Y5/6 @ 2.45pm**
18.12.26	**INSET day—school closed for children**

Back to school on Monday 4th January...see the next page for more dates!

Dates for your diary—Spring and Summer 2027

In a recent survey, parents/carers asked for dates in advance so here are the key dates for the rest of the year. These will be updated monthly and added to the Class Dojo calendar, for your information.

	January 2027
4.1.27	Back to school!
7.1.27	Open morning for new parents
22.1.27	Stay & Learn*
	February 2027
1.2.27—5.2.27	KS1 Termly Learning conferences
8.2.27—12.2.27	KS2 Termly Learning conferences
9.2.27	Silver Coin Challenge
	15.2.27—19.2.27 Half Term
26.2.27	Stay & Learn*
	March 2027
1.3.27—5.3.27	EYFS Termly Learning conferences
4.3.27	World Book Day
5.3.27	Mothers' Day shop
9.2.27	Let's Dance at the Hawth
22.3.27	Downs Syndrome Awareness Day—Lots of socks!
25.3.27	TBPS has got talent!
	26.3.27—11.4.27 Easter Holidays
	April 2027
12.4.27	Start if summer term—back to school
23.4.27	Stay & Learn*
	May 2027
3.5.27	Bank Holiday—school closed
9.5.27—13.5.27	Year 6 test week
28.5.27	Stay & Learn*
	31.5.27—4.6.27 Half Term
	June 2027
7.6.27—18.6.27	Year 4 Multiplication check
14.1.27—25.6.27	Year 1 Phonics screening check
18.6.27	Fathers' Day shop
24.6.27	Sports Morning lower site
25.6.27	Sports Morning upper site
	July 2027
1.7.27	Reserve Sports morning
2.7.27	Reserve Sports morning
9.7.27	Stay & Learn. Summer Fair
12.7.27	End of Year Reports. Year 6 leavers' party
14.7.27	Year 6 performance to parents/carers @ 9.15am and 4.30pm
15.7.27	TBPS has got Talent!
16.7.27	Year 6 Leavers' assembly. Family picnic @ 12:45. End of school year.

19.7.27-21.7.27 INSET days—school closed to children

Stay and Learn—subject themes to be confirmed*

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Brownings Farm

Year 5	Sycamore Class	4th March	15th March	22nd March
Year 5	Cedar Class	8th March	17th March	24th March
Year 5	Cypress Class	10th March	18th March	25th March

Year 1	Silver Birch	12th April	21st April	
Year 1	Chestnut	14th April	22nd April	
Year 1	Juniper	15th April	26th April	

Year R	Apple	28th April	5th May	10th May
Year R	Cherry	29th April	6th May	12th May

Year 6	Ash	17th May	26th May	9th June
Year 6	Larch	19th May	27th May	10th June
Year 6	Yew	24th May	7th June	14th June





Year 6 - Swimming Dates 2026-2027

Swimming Lessons - every Thursday

Ash - Autumn Term
Larch - Spring Term
Yew - Summer Term

Parents/carers will receive a letter in advance, explaining arrangements and confirming dates