



BTPS News – Friday 16 October 2026

From the Headteacher

We have had a busy two weeks with our first sporting events, open morning for prospective parents, and yesterday's parent meeting. It was lovely to welcome so many of you yesterday and to speak to some of the changes of this new school year, as well as thinking particularly about our approach to behaviour, our curriculum and changes to teaching and learning expectations.

We were sorry to have had to postpone the evening event this week but have rescheduled for next Wednesday evening at 7pm (Wednesday 21st October). If you are available and keen to hear more, then you are very welcome to join us. Please come to the school office and we will start in the school hall at 7pm. It will last no more than 1 hour.

As on Thursday, we would like to offer you a tour of the school, though a dark empty building doesn't provide quite the same warm atmosphere as when the classrooms are full of children and the joyful energy they bring. We hope it is helpful nonetheless!

A reminder that we are closed for an INSET day next Friday. All other Autumn Term dates can be found below to help you to plan ahead.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Chamberlin

In this week's newsletter:

- **Reminder – School Closed this Friday**
- **Dates for your Diary – All Autumn dates to help you plan ahead**
- **Brand new After School Club now up and running**

Notices

Reminder – School Closed this Friday 23 October for INSET Day. We reopen after half term on Monday 2nd November.

After School Club is now our own! - We are pleased to now be running our own After School Club. We have worked to keep the cost to families low including various prices if you want shorter sessions or to join after a club. We are also able to accept tax free childcare vouchers. Simply book on the MCAS app.

Dates for your diary - All upcoming dates for the remainder of the term

Just so you know, our new school website captures upcoming events about half-way down the home page.

Date	Event
Wed 21 Oct	7pm - Parent Information Meeting
Wed 21 Oct	Y4 Cuttlefish Forest School POSTPONED (now 16 th December)
Fri 23 Oct	School Closed – INSET Day

Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct	School Closed – Half Term
Wed 4 Nov	YR Crab – Forest School
Wed 4 Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 6 Nov	9am Y6 Catshark – Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Fri 6 Nov	New to Rec 2027 - Open Morning
Fri 6 Nov	Open Afternoon for all Parents to come and see your children's books ahead of Parent Teacher Meetings
Sat 7 Nov	New to Rec 2027 – Open Morning
Wed 11 Nov	YR Lobster – Forest School
Wed 11 Nov	3.30pm Y5 Parent Meeting – Y6 residential 2027
Fri 13 Nov	Charity Event - Children in Need
Fri 13 Nov	PoP Bonfire and Fireworks Night
Tues 17 Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings – Booking link live after half term
Wed 18 Nov	Y5 Kittiwake – Forest School
Thurs 19 Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings – Booking link live after half term
Tues 24 Nov	New to Rec 2027 – Open Morning
Wed 25 Nov	Y5 Sanderling – Forest School
Fri 27 Nov	9am Y6 Stingray – Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Wed 2 Dec	Y6 Catshark – Forest School
Thurs 3 Dec	PoP Children's Christmas Disco
Wb 7 Dec	Nativity Performances – Exact dates TBC
Wed 9 Dec	Y6 Stingray – Forest School
Wed 16 Dec	Y4 Cuttlefish – Forest School
Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (Charity Event)

New School Governors – We have welcomed a number of new members to the school's Governing Board. Mr Tyson Stevens has joined as a Parent Governor following last term's elections (as the only nominee, there was no requirement to vote Mr Stevens in). Fr Brian Cunningham and Mrs Anita Walker have also joined the Governing Board as Foundation Governors. You can go to the [Governor page of our website](#) to find out more about the work of the Governors and a little more about those who have joined us.

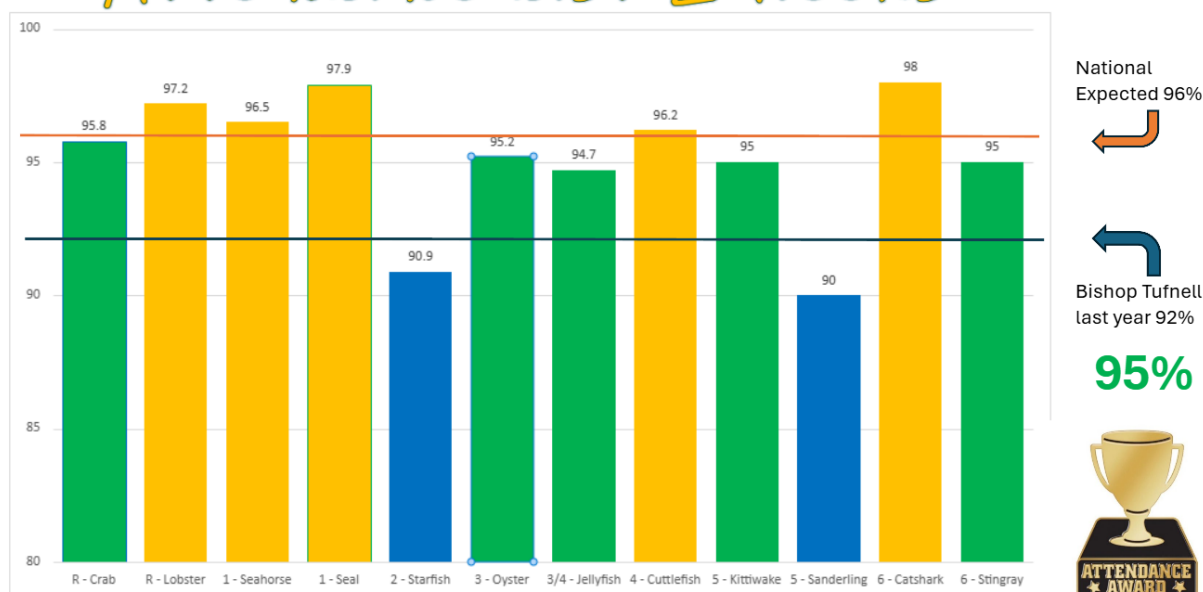
Learning Updates

Harvest Celebration – It was lovely to share in the harvest services with so many parents – even if the weather meant we couldn't get to Church to celebrate together. We hope this time has been one marked with thankfulness for all we have. You can always support those in need with donations at local supermarkets and can [find out more about UK Harvest here](#).



Pupil Leaders – Our pupil leaders for the term ahead are now all in post. With eco warriors, reading ambassadors, school councillors and more, there is so much that the children will be part of leading this year. The pupil-led clubs are once again a huge hit with 35 clubs running through lunch times each week this term. Children can see the schedule on the board in the hall and look out for the leaders in the hi viz jackets. Such a joy!

Attendance last 2 weeks



Attendance – Our attendance is consistently strong this term, with most classes well above our target of 94.2% and above last year’s 92%. Thank you for consistently supporting your children to attend school regularly. It is the first and most important step in their sense of belonging, their connections with others, and their academic success.

Community News

JOIN OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

A PLACE TO PLAY & HANG OUT

WHAT WE DO

- Creative arts & crafts
- Board games & group activities
- Reading time
- Lego
- Themed activities
- Outdoor play when available
- Free time with friends
- Snack
- Dinner from 5.15pm

So many more!

AGES 4-11

Our After School Club gives kids a welcoming place to spend the afternoon after school

MONDAY – FRIDAY | 3:15 PM – 6 PM

Stay and Play

Sat 17th Oct & 14th Nov
2-4pm Felpham Methodist Church

FREE activities for the whole family including:
Toddler toys, Family games and Quiz, Children's crafts

Fundraising Cafe

Felpham Methodist Church
Discovering God • Welcoming All • Serving the Community

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Books About Books!

Are you overdue some fun? Treat yourself to a brilliant book-themed storytime and check out our novel crafts!



Tuesday 27 October
10.30am - 11.30am
Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

West Sussex Library Service

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HOLIDAY HEROES
ACTIVITY CAMPS

**OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP
IN BOGNOR REGIS**

**AGES
5-11
YRS**



DATES & LOCATIONS
Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October
Bishop Tufnell CE Primary School, Felpham, Bognor Regis
We accept childcare vouchers

BOOK NOW: www.southcoastsports.org.uk

OCTOBER HALF TERM
Holiday
CLUBS
AT LODGE HILL

9AM - 4PM



TUESDAY 27TH & THURSDAY 29TH

£32
PER CHILD

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
LODGEHILL.ORG.UK

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL 23 - 31 October 2026

The annual Chichester Light Experience returns

Illuminating Art by Luxmuralis



Journey through four centuries of art at Chichester's ancient Cathedral this **October Half Term**:
CHICHESTERCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK/LIGHT

Including tickets for family and children!

Charity Number: 1205740



Be a chorister for the day!

Saturday 7 November 2026 | 1.30-4.30pm | Chichester Cathedral

Spend an afternoon finding out what it is like to be a cathedral chorister. Join us for a singing workshop, open-forum Q&A, a short service and tea.

We welcome children who enjoy music and are curious about the choir, as well as those who might want to explore the opportunity to join our choir school and become a chorister.

Who is this event for?

The open day is suitable for boys and girls in years 2, 3, and 4, accompanied by a parent or guardian. No musical experience is expected: we welcome children who are enthusiastic about singing and music.

Booking

To book a space or ask any questions about the event, please contact Chris George:

E: Chris.George@chichestercathedral.org.uk T: 01243 812488

For more information about the chorister life please contact Charles Harrison:

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JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY
HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE...

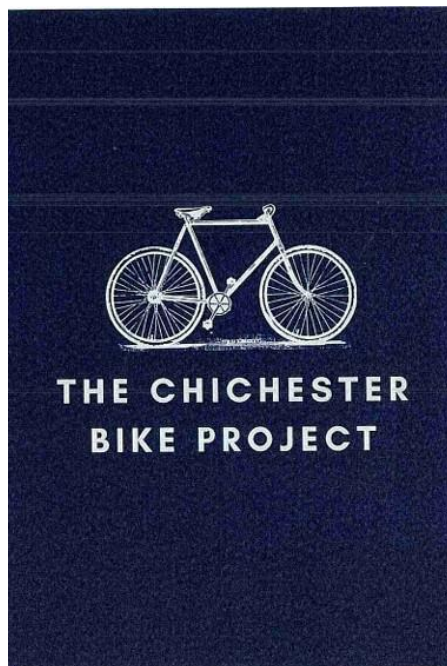
LODGE HILL'S SPOOKY STROLL

📅 24th – 26th October 2026
🕒 5pm – 8:30pm (last entry at 8pm)
💷 £15 per child | £6 per adult

Enjoy spooky fun for the whole family!

- Halloween Light-Up Trail
- Pumpkin Carving
- Biscuit Decorating
- Marshmallow Toasting
- Face Painting
- Sno-tubing
- Raffle & Tombola
- Food & Refreshments (charges apply)

👉 **Book now via our website!**



**Open Tuesday to Saturday
10am - 6pm**

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Bike Servicing & Repairs
Community Events

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good through bikes and people power!



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ADVENTURE

It's an amazing feeling. You tackle something completely different, a challenge that stretches you, cheered on by a whole new set of friends. And it changes everything...

Join Bognor Regis Sea Cadets and those amazing moments are what it's all about.

Break out of your bedroom, leave your screen behind and dive into a hundred and one new experiences. Rowing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, raft-building – you could even get to drive a powerboat!

There's also climbing, camping and survival skills, all kinds of sports and games, expeditions and Earthshot challenges too.

You'll learn stuff they don't teach you at school like knot tying, navigation and code breaking, and how to drill and lead a troop.

If you're aged 10-18, want to try something new, join Bognor Regis Sea Cadets. You'll learn skills that will help you progress in life and set you up for even greater adventure.

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