



BTPS News – Friday 17 July 2026

From the Headteacher

There will be a September special edition newsletter next week with all you will need for the new term, but for now plenty to glance over, be proud of, and get involved in if you would like to!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Chamberlin

In this week's newsletter:

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 - **Learning Update – Bishop Tufnell Achieve Top Award**
 - **Community News – A huge menu of summer activities on offer**
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Notices

Farewell to the Class of 2026 – It was a joy to come together with the parents and families of the Year 6 children today to congratulate the children on their achievements, their talents, and the people they are becoming. They leave with fond memories, strong friendships, and ready for all that is ahead of them. Their encouragement today was to 'shine like stars', bringing joy, and hope, and peace to the people around them in their secondary schools and beyond.



A picture of our Year 6 children at their recent leavers service in Chichester

Date	Time	Event
Mon 20 July	3.20pm	Charity 'Guess the Bear' by the PoP shop (50p)
Tues 21 July	3.15/20pm	School Closes for the Summer break
Thurs 3 Sept	8.30am	School Opens - New academic year begins

Bishop Tufnell CE Primary School						
2026-2027 School Calendar						
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SCHOOL CLOSED - HOLIDAYS & INSET DAYS SCHOOL DAYS ○ First and Last Day of Term						

School Reading Book Check Challenge – Please can we ask you to check in your house, car, under the sofa...the usual places!...for any school reading books to bring back into school. Thank you.

Wraparound care final call for input – We continue to be in discussions with JC Sports and reviewing whether to bring our after-school club 'in-house'. We have been successful in seeking funding to help to keep costs as low as possible if we do take over this provision. If you think you might be interested in using our after-school provision, we would love your input through [this short questionnaire](#). No commitment, just helping us in our review. Thank you.

Important Free School Meals Update - If your child currently receives FSM, their eligibility will be re-checked by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) before the new school year. Households that no longer meet the criteria will not automatically continue to receive FSM, from the 1st September 2026.

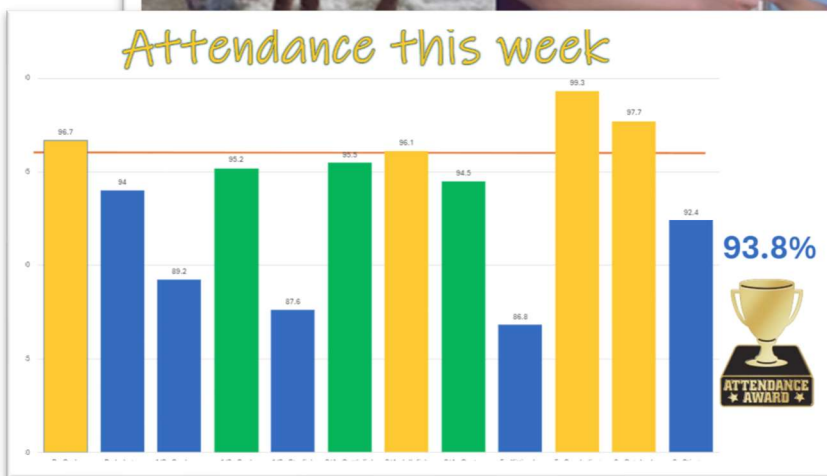
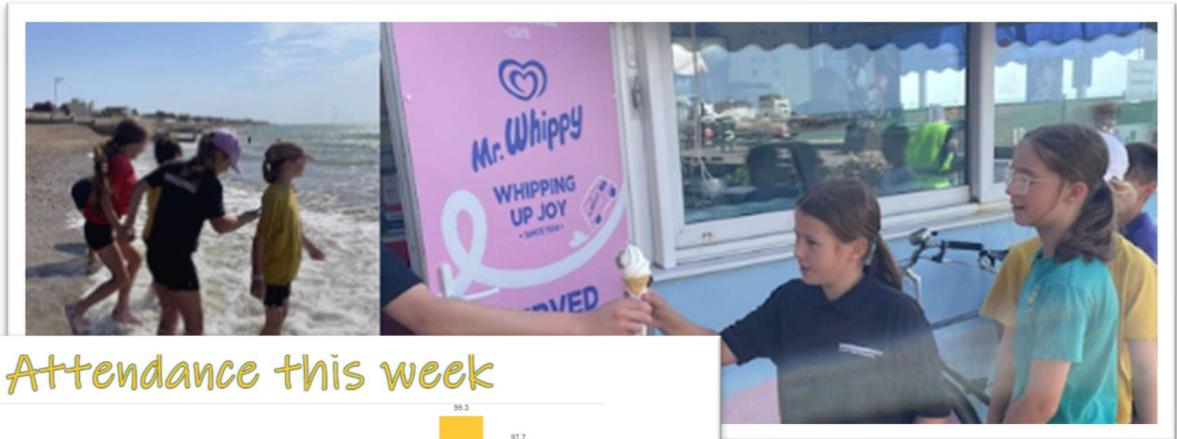
If you have previously applied for Free School Meals via the WSCC website and your details remain the same, you do not need to do anything else at the moment. If you have not previously applied, please apply by visiting <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

If your child will be in Years R, 1 or 2 in September then they will still be entitled to Universal Free School Meals, regardless of household income, this remains unchanged. However, if you think your child may qualify for targeted or expanded FSM then please do still apply using the link above.

Attendance update – A bumpy ride with attendance since May half term, not helped by the heatwave at the end of June of course. The past week has some some excellent attendance in many classes so well done for committing to seeing your child finish well this term and for resisting the temptation to take

them out of school early to go on holiday. We are making some further changes to our staffing to be able to engage more promptly with families where attendance is not on track in the hope we can start to move our school's approach to attendance forward and seeing all our children given the best chance to succeed. More details in September.

Congratulations to Sanderling class for top attendance this week. The Year 5 children also enjoyed their beach trip last week as the attendance winners last half term! A special mention to the Boat House Cafe who kindly provided the children with ice creams for just a few pence each.



Year 5 Attendance Reward at the Beach

Parent Survey – We will now be sharing the parent survey information and the school's actions in response to your feedback early on in September so that the information and actions are shared when it is most relevant and helpful. Thank you again for taking the time to share your feedback.

Learning Updates

Charity Guess the Name Challenge - As part of our big question in RE (*Are words more important than actions?*) the children in Year 3&4 want to raise money for charity. We have chosen a charity linked to our topic, secrets of the rainforest, and have chosen [Rainforest Trust UK](https://www.rainforesttrust.org.uk/). We would like to invite all children to come and try and guess the name of a special stuffed animal after school on Monday. We will be outside the POP shed. It will cost 50p for each name you want to guess (CASH ONLY) and we will announce the winner on Tuesday during our last worship together. In the event of multiple winners we will pick names from a hat. Good Luck.



The Year 3&4 Team

STEM Challenge at Chichester Free School – Three budding scientists recently attended a STEM challenge day at Chichester Free School. The children were excellent ambassadors of the school and enjoyed exploring some of the resources they can look forward to using when they go to secondary school.



Bishop Tufnell Achieve Top Award – We are delighted to have been awarded the top recognition for the Sports provision at our school. The Platinum Sports Mark is reserved for those schools who can demonstrate excellence of provision and opportunity and it is a great credit to the children for their engagement and leadership, and particularly to Mrs Cook who has led this provision so passionately since January of this year. Come on Team Tufnell!



Community News

Water safety

- Entering cold rivers, lakes and the sea to escape the heat can pose serious health risks. [Find out about cold water shock](#) and follow the [Float to Live](#) advice from RNLI.
- In an emergency at the coast, call 999 and ask for the [Coastguard](#). If you are deaf or have a speech impairment, send an emergency SMS.
- [Know the risks](#) at the coast and how to stay safe with advice from [ROSPA](#) and [West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service](#).
- Keep your family safe at home, beaches, rivers, and pools with [RLSS](#) resources for parents.
- Check the [weather, sea conditions and tide times](#) before you travel
- Do not enter the water if you've consumed alcohol or drugs, as they increase the risk of accidents, including drowning: [About Don't Drink and Drown](#)

HAF Bookings Live – If you are entitled to access the West Sussex Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, bookings are now open via [this link](#). More details can be found on their website: [Holiday Activities and Food programme - West Sussex County Council](#)

The logo for Community Grub Club, featuring a stylized apple and the text 'COMMUNITY GRUB CLUB'.

SATURDAY 18th JULY
10AM – 11AM
THE ST MARY'S FAMILY HUB
Bishop Tufnell School, Pennyfields,
PO22 6BN

Fresh food available that otherwise would go to waste.

- Good for the Community
- Good for the Environment

Donations if you can

A programme delivered by
UKHarvest with St Mary's, Felpham

ALL WELCOME

Half of any voluntary donations received go to UKHarvest, a registered charity, and half to St Mary's, Felpham, also a registered charity.

The logo for Active8 Minds, featuring a stylized figure and the text 'Active8 Minds Sport & childcare specialists'.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE

SEE WEBSITE FOR DATES, LOCATIONS & HAF FUNDED SPACES

- ✓ SPORTS ZONE
- ✓ ART AND CRAFTS
- ✓ WATER WARS
- ✓ NERF BATTLES

8-00AM - 5:00PM
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

A QR code that links to the HAF booking website.

07423 532123
bookings@active8minds-westsussex.co.uk
www.active8minds-westsussex.co.uk

Icons for Facebook and Instagram.



READ to the BEAT

Reading Rockstars

Plug in your mic, grab your guitar and step onstage for some superstar stories and rocking craft activities



Friday 31 July
11.00-12noon
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

GO ALL IN. Bognor Library
01243 382470
bognor.library@westsussex.gov.uk



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Chichester Forest SCHOOLS

WILD WEDNESDAYS!

Summer Holidays!

Drop-off session for ages 5-11
Wed 29 July, 5, 12, 19 August
Brandy Hole Copse, Chichester
10-3
£39 per child

info@chichesterforestschoools.com
01243 680270
chichesterforestschoools.com/bookings





 **CHICHESTER INTERNATIONAL FILMFESTIVAL**
OPEN AIR SCREENINGS IN PRIORY PARK

 A NEW HOPE EPISODE IV	 BABE	 JURASSIC PARK
Friday 7 August - 7.45pm	Saturday 8 August - 5pm	Sunday 9 August - 4.30pm

ALSO SHOWING PRETTY WOMAN AND SONG SUNG BLUE

Find out more and book at chichesterfilmfestival.co.uk

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SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST!

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 FULL-DAY HOLIDAY CAMPS
SUMMER TAKEOVER

Ages: 4-12
Times: 8:30am-4:30pm

Dates: Across the summer holidays
(23rd July-28th August)

WHAT IT IS:
 Inflatables, archery, football, dodgeball, team games, arts & crafts and tonnes more — a full day of non-stop fun where they'll make new friends and go home happily worn out!


BOOK NOW!
 Run by JC Sports
Ofsted inspected, Strong Standard 2020

LITTLEHAMPTON SPORTS FAIR
 Held at **LBSC**



Supported by Littlehampton Town Council, this Sports Fair features local clubs and organisations, and brings our active community together. 🏆

Come along — there's even a prize draw! 🎁

5pm — 8pm, FREE entry
Weds 19th August
 LBSC Bar lounge, Sparks Court

Book your club for free, grab some refreshments, or take advantage of the free on-site parking that's available.
 Got any other questions? Call Nick Cochrane on 07853 145204.


HOLIDAY HEROES
 ACTIVITY CAMPS

JOIN OUR ACTION PACKED SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS IN BOGNOR REGIS

AGES 5-11 YRS



DATES & LOCATIONS
 23 July - 6 August 2026: Bishop Tufnell CE Primary School
 10 August - 20 August : St Mary's RC Primary School
We accept childcare vouchers

BOOK NOW: www.southcoastsports.org.uk

FREE TO THOSE ACCESSING BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS. BOOK WITH YOUR HAF ID VIA THE WSCC WEBSITE

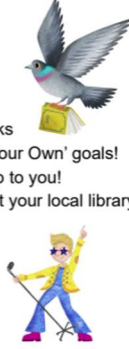


READ to the BEAT

Join thousands of children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
 in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 4 July.
 Watch our [Read to the Beat video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the [online registration form](#) at libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src.
- Tell library staff the **secret code word**.
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- **Collect rewards** for reading library books and completing 'Make the Challenge Your Own' goals!
- Read **any library books** you like - it's up to you!
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!





It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part.
Let's get reading!



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Learn & Perform
CREATE & PLAY

Summer Puppetry workshops at the Makerspace!

Exciting summer activities for children this August!

There's two fun-filled puppetry workshops on offer at the **Bognor Makerspace** this August. [Open to children aged 7-12](#), it's a chance for them to work with our professional tutors to develop craft, performing and teamwork skills, as well as having fun, making friends and building confidence.

Make a Puppet Play in a Week!

Monday 10th - Friday 14th August 9:00am - 3:30pm
Age: 7-12 year olds Cost: £150 per child

Work as a team to make a puppet play in a week! Make different puppets, learn simple stop motion animation, learn about theatre lighting and sound, and then put on a short play! Whether you prefer puppet making, backstage work, or performing (or want to try a bit of everything) we'll work together to put on a show for our friends and family.

Makerspace Puppet Club

Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th August 9:00am - 3:30pm
Age: 7-12 year olds Cost: £90 per child

Join us for fun creative workshops! Each day will focus on a different kind of puppet - hand puppets, string puppets and shadow puppetry - and we'll make puppets and props and then work together to make short puppet scenes.

You'll need comfortable clothes and a paa-cked lunch!

To reserve a place for your child, email info@bognormake.co.uk stating which course you are interested in plus provide full contact details. To find out more call Sarah on 01243 345239.

The Bognor Makerspace www.bognormake.co.uk
58-60 Longford Road, Bognor Regis

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Chichester Forest SCHOOLS

FREE*

HAF Summer 2026

Forest Activity Sessions

Ages 5-11
10:00 until 15:00

*Free places for children on benefit related Free School Meals 5-11yrs

The Secret Garden, Fishbourne

- Fri 24 July
- Mon 27 July
- Mon 3 Aug
- Mon 10 Aug
- Mon 17 Aug
- Mon 24 Aug

Lavant House Woods, Lavant

- Thurs 23 July
- Thurs 30 July
- Fri 31 July
- Thurs 6 Aug
- Fri 7 Aug
- Thurs 13 Aug
- Fri 14 Aug
- Thurs 20 Aug
- Fri 21 Aug
- Thurs 27 Aug

HAF Login

info@chichesterforestschoools.com

west sussex county council
westsussexwest School Sport Partnership

Summer holiday camps

Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers, coaches & School Games Organisers. Activities include:

Football, Tennis, Golf, Athletics, Striking & Fielding, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Please note activities may vary daily

Bookings open **Monday 1st June**. (limited places available)

Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00

School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 25-26)

Dates **Tuesday 21st July - Friday 24th July** (check your school inset days!)
& **Monday 17th - Thursday 20th August** (individual day bookings available)

£19.75 or £74 for all 4 days! - Includes Lunch!

All Free school meal pupils can access this provision for FREE, via HAF, check with West Sussex County Council for more information.

HAF places please book via the WSCC website:
www.westsussexwestssp.co.uk/summer-camp

HAF bookings via WSCC Paid Places bookings

Booking deadline week 1: **Sunday 19th June**
Booking deadline week 2: **Wednesday 12th August**

Email info@phoenixcentre.uk (we can assist with HAF bookings directly and paid places)

Tel 01243 872112 www.westsussexwestssp.co.uk/summer-camp

Westfloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD

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(CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFIT-ASSESSED FREE SCHOOL MEALS)

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SEND FAMILY DAYS - CHICHESTER

WILD BEACH, LITTLEHAMPTON

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