



BTPS News – Wednesday 23 September 2026

From the Headteacher

I hope your child has settled well into the new school year and has made a positive start. We know, however, that transitions and new beginnings are not always straightforward for every child. If there are any concerns or barriers affecting your child's success in these early weeks, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher. We are committed to ensuring that every child thrives this year and value working in partnership with parents and carers to make this happen.

Parent-teacher meetings take place during this first half term, providing an important opportunity to build strong relationships from the outset and to discuss your child's start to the year. These meetings also allow us to identify any areas where additional support may be beneficial, helping to lay the foundations for a successful year ahead.

Three other headlines from me ahead of the rest of this week's news:

Lunches – As many of you are aware, the implementation of the new school lunches contract across West Sussex has been extremely challenging. All schools have navigated varying issues around food supply, service quality, and the technology that underpins the order system. School staff and leaders are working alongside the catering team each day to see all children receive a warm, healthy meal. We are also liaising with other Headteachers and West Sussex leaders to see rapid progress in the delivery of school lunches. That said, this is not about any individuals: our cook is amazing and has worked tirelessly to limit the impact of the issues being faced.

A new face in the leadership of the school - You may well have seen Mr Kingcome on the school gate in recent weeks. He has joined us this term as 'Associate Leader of Teaching and Learning' to support me in leading our development as a school in the year ahead. His expertise as a leader has seen transformation in the schools he has worked in and I am delighted that he will work alongside the class teachers and leaders this year to hone the work we are doing to inspire our children in their learning. If you're unsure what he looks like, just look out for the exceptionally positive and smiling man around the school!

A new school website – It was one of the first things you told me when I joined the school (and one of the first frustrations I felt before joining the school!). I hope our mobile-friendly new website will better serve you and be a better window into our school for our community. Our new website can be found here: <https://bishoptufnell.school/>

Mr Chamberlin

In this week's newsletter:

- **From the Headteacher – New school website:** <https://bishoptufnell.school/>
- **Notices – After School Club – Bookings now LIVE**
- **Notices – Harvest invitation**

Notices

Meet the Teacher slides – It was great to see so many parents at our recent meet the teacher sessions. You can find the slides on the curriculum page of our website - <https://bishoptufnell.school/curriculum-learning>. If you have any questions about what was shared, please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

After School Club bookings now LIVE - We are excited to announce that from Monday 12th October we will be taking over from JC Sports and running our own after school club. The club will be staffed and run by the school. We have appointed a team to run the club who are busy putting everything in place and planning the sessions for the children.

We aim to make the club flexible and accessible for parents with a number of different booking options each day:

From 3:15pm

3:15-4:15pm: £5

3:15-5pm: £9

3:15-6pm: £15 - this session includes food

From 4:15pm - to enable children to join after attending an after-school club (after school clubs are still booked directly with external providers)

4:15 – 5pm: £4

4:15-6pm: £10 - this session includes food

Booking is made directly with the school via the 'clubs' section of the MCAS app. All sessions must be booked at least 2 working days before they take place and are available to book now.

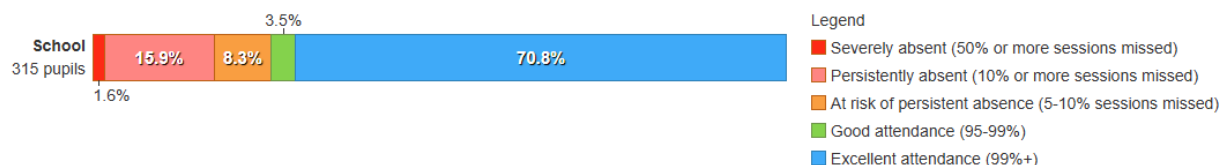
We have registered to take tax free childcare and are awaiting our registration number. If you would like to pay in this way then please email the office and we will reserve you a space and let you know once we are able to accept payment.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Wed 23 – Fri 25 Sep	Year 6 Residential Trip to CYE
Wed 30 Sep	*Y2 Starfish Forest School
Tues 6 Oct	10am – Year 1 & Year 2 Harvest Assembly in School (Parents invited)
Wed 7 Oct	9.15-11.30am - Year 3 – Year 6 Harvest Service at St Mary's (Parents invited)
Wed 7 Oct	*Y3 Oyster Forest School
<i>*Due to the clash with Harvest, we may look to swap forest school dates. This will be communicated to parents by the end of this week if so.</i>	
<i>Full dates will be shared in the next newsletter including Parent-Teacher meetings</i>	

Working together this year – When school and families work together, children benefit. In person discussions are always best, but if you can't catch your child's teacher or wish to communicate electronically, we have seen early success with our revised communication approach of emailing the school office rather than staff directly. If you haven't received a response to a direct email, please email the school office and the systems we have set up to manage this should see prompt and effective communication.

Learning Updates



Attendance – Mr Benham, Mrs Delambily, Mrs Le Roux, and Mr Chamberlin are all part of the attendance team who work to see every child in school. We have seen 70.8% of children will excellent attendance so far this year, which is 8% higher than this time last year. So well done all those making sure your children are here every day! However, too many children in Bishop Tufnell do not attend school often enough and this negatively affects their learning, their friendships and their happiness. 48 children have missed more than one school day already this year. Our attendance team will be working alongside families to make sure all our children are here. You are not alone; please do ask if we can support in any way.

Clubs in focus – There is still time to book onto one of our enrichment clubs for this term. When asking a group of children about their favourite club so far this year, it was a very strong consensus - 'Skateboarding club!'. Whatever your child's interests, we hope there will be something for everyone in our club offer over the course of the year.

Y6 residential – Do think of our Year 6s this week as they tunnel, kayak, sail, and climb their way through their residential trip. It is always a highlight of their primary years and this mini heatwave will certainly help! Year 5 parents, we will let you know about next year's trip very soon.

Community News



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

**AGES
5-11
YRS**



DATES & LOCATIONS
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