



BTPS News – Friday 12 June 2026

From the Headteacher

Over the past two weeks, our school community has been buzzing with activity and achievement. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this such a positive and productive period for our children. We have captured a flavour of what we have been up to in the 'Learning Updates' section below.

My other quick message is looking ahead to September (Year 6 parents, feel free to skip this bit!). The school staff are busy preparing for September and I expect it to be a positive step in this new chapter for our school.

You already know about us coming together into one part of our buildings, but we are also reviewing our class structures to reduce the number of mixed age classes wherever possible. Whilst children can still be very successful in mixed age classes, it is preferable to teach children within their standalone age group. I heard this from you when I joined the school last September, and it is my commitment to look to do this whenever possible. The staff are working to see where this is possible for September 2026 and I will share these details with you in the coming weeks along with all the practicalities of September to help you and your child to prepare confidently for the new year.

Thank you for your continued support as we look ahead to a busy final part of the school year. I look forward to seeing many of you for our sports day events next Friday.

Mr Chamberlin

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- **Notices - Sports Day next Friday (9am for EYFS and KS1; 1pm for KS2)**
 - **Notices - Wraparound care could be changing – [seeking your views](#)**
 - **Learning Updates – So much to celebrate this half term already**
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Notices

Date	Time	Event (Year 6 events in yellow)
Wed 17 June		Crab & Lobster (YR) forest school
Thurs 18 June		Y6 FCC welcome day
Fri 19 June	9-10.45am 1-3.15pm	School Sports Day (Parents invited) AM – YR, Y1, Y2 PM – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Mon 22 June	9.15am-3.35pm	Y6 Cathedral Leavers Service (Drop and Pick up at Bognor Station)
Tues 23 June	6.00pm	New to Reception Parent Meeting
Wed 24 June		Crab & Lobster (YR) forest school
Wed 1 July		Y6 transition day
Tues 7 July		End of Year Reports to Parents
Tues 7 July Wed 8 July	1.30pm 6pm	Y6 Leavers' Production
Fri 10 July		YR – Y5 transition session 1
Fri 10 July	9.15am	New reception coffee morning

Wed 15 July		YR – Y5 transition session 2
Thurs 16 July	5.30pm	Y6 Tufnellbury Festival
Fri 17 July	1.15pm	Y6 Tufnell Trophy Awards
Tues 21 July	3.15/20pm	School Closes for the Summer break
Thurs 3 Sept	8.30am	School Opens - New academic year begins

Wraparound care could be changing – We are in discussions with JC Sports and reviewing whether to bring our after-school club 'in-house'. We would greatly appreciate your feedback about whether there are any days you would use after school club if the arrangements and costs were different. [This short questionnaire](#) seeks your views on a three-tier price and which days you may possibly need it each week. No commitment, just helping us in our review. Thank you so much.

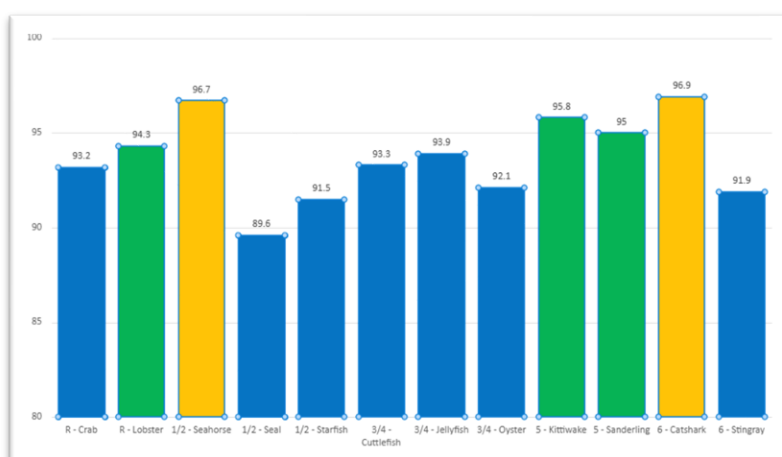
Parent Survey - Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent survey. A summary and reflection on the results will be shared in our next newsletter.

Scholastic Book Fair - Thank you to so many of you for coming to the book fair last week. A day shorter than planned when the company came and collected the books a day ahead of schedule, but we were pleased that so many children were able to find their next exciting read! Thank you for your support.

An incident at the road crossing - Many of you will be aware that there was an incident at the pedestrian crossing yesterday. I wanted to be sure to tell you that all is well as these sorts of things can be unsettling...and can be a cause of unhelpful speculation! Thank you to those who supported so promptly to ensure no one was hurt and everyone was able to get home safely. Particular thanks to Thomas's Mum and Mady's Dad, to Mrs Hepworth, Mrs Cook and Mr Johnson. Teachers will be reiterating how to use pedestrian crossings safely in those busy moments around school drop off and pick up.

Attendance update - It is difficult to write this section of the newsletter as there have been a continued number of holidays and absences since half term. 92.2% attendance over this past week continues to be well below what is expected. Please do reach out to your child's class teacher if you need any support in these final weeks of term, they would be happy to support.

Congratulations to Catshark and Seahorse classes for the best attendance this week.



Local authority review visits – As part of our commitment to excellence for our children, we invited advisers from the local authority to review our safeguarding practices and the work we do to support children with additional needs. They agreed with our self-evaluation and recognised that there is much happening in school which is helping our children to be safe and happy and flourishing

but that there is more to do in the months ahead in many aspects of our provision including for example around school attendance and reviewing our approach to supporting children's behaviour.

Learning Updates

Jubilate Service - We were delighted to hold our annual Jubilate Service, where the children had the opportunity to observe or take part in a Christian act of worship. The service provided a valuable opportunity for reflection for all children. Our thanks to Father John and Mrs Hutchins for leading and organising the service, and to the visitors from the Church who generously gave their time and support.

Science Week - Science Week has brought learning to life across the school, with children engaging in a wide range of practical investigations and hands-on activities. From exciting experiments to problem-solving challenges, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring scientific ideas in creative and engaging ways. Thank you to Miss Nagle for organising this.



National Assessments - Congratulations to all of our children who have recently completed their Phonics Screening Checks (Year 1 & 2) and Multiplication Tables Checks (Year 4). Whilst not the 'point' of their learning, they are good ways to identify how well the children have grasped their learning in these key milestone moments so that we can adapt our support or challenge accordingly. Outcomes of the assessments will be shared in your child's end of year report later in the term.

Teachers visit Chichester Cathedral – It is not just the children who have been busy since half term. The teachers went to Chichester Cathedral on Wednesday to join with the staff of West Wittering, Chidham and Arundel Primary Schools in exploring the potential enrichment opportunities that can be found there. We are reviewing our trip offer as part of the 'Inspire' aspect of our vision (the 'I' in BIG!).



Year 3 & 4 Visit Bognor Library - Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful trip to the library last week. We explored all of the different genre of books that were on offer, enjoyed reading a book in the 'book nook', found a new story book for our topic and enjoyed some fun in Hotham Park on the way back to the bus. We hope it inspires lots more trips to the library for the children!



Community News

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](#)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

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**Every Thursday during
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Turn over for colouring fun!



Volunteer with Scouts

Giving back will improve your wellbeing, equip you with skills for the future, and help you make a positive impact on the lives of young people.

1st Middleton-On-Sea Scout Group started in 1972 at a hut on Bishop Tufnell School Playing Field before moving to the current purpose built HQ just off Shrubbs Drive in 2000 after lots of fund raising and grants.

The group has always strived to offer a fun, active and engaging range of activities to young people from 6 years through to 14 and a half years.

Activities offered include:

- Beavers - crafts, games, model making, glueing and sticking.
- Cubs - basic navigation, campfires, simple pioneering and cooking.
- Scouts - camping, backwoods challenges, hiking, driving experiences, team building challenges, abseiling and climbing.

Activities are exceptional value for money. However for this to continue we need help from the community that we are part of.

We need adult help in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. All training and uniform is paid for and we really are a welcoming bunch of people!

Go on, give it a try, don't miss out, be part of our scout group!

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with us, or if your youngster might like to join the fun, please contact one of those listed below.



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