



BTPS News – Friday 8 May 2026

From the Headteacher

It has been a whirlwind of a term so far with many events and some important shared moments. It was great to share so much with those parents who came to our recent parent session, I hope last week's video captured enough of it for all to feel in the know.

In a sentence: With a renewed clarity of vision under the headings – **B**elong, **I**nspire, **G**row – we are jumping into a **BIG** new chapter as a school, including changing how we use our buildings to bring us together so that we can provide a better education and experience of school for all our children.

This BIG refresh is not just in how we use our spaces but in how we work together, how we support children's behaviour, how we encourage excellent attendance: even the school's Governors are refreshing their approach to their strategic work.

Thank you for your offers of support with practical aspects of decorating and demoing in the weeks ahead. I was made aware of an issue with the form where you could only choose one date. To the 9 of you who had completed it before the issue was fixed, please do send a quick email with any other dates you would have chosen had it allowed you to!

Finally, as mentioned last week, [here is a link to an important survey](#) where we are seeking your feedback on key aspects of our school from the children's safety and wellbeing to inclusion and behaviour. Your answers will be instrumental in shaping how we move forward as a school into all that is ahead of us.

We have BIG plans, and it is so exciting to be working with you to realise them together.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Chamberlin

In this week's newsletter:

- Dates through to the end of June
- Refreshing our Communication
- Learning Updates - Eggcellent artists, wonderful Year 5 writing, and an encouragement from Mrs Cook and Miss Nagle

Notices

Date	Time	Event
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 May		Year 6 SATs week
Tues 12 May	9.00am	Cuttlefish (Y3/4) class assembly
Wed 13 May		Seahorse (Y1/2) forest school
Thurs 14 May		Y5 Trip – Magic Day @ FCC
Fri 22 May	3.15pm	School closes for Half Term break
Mon 1 June	8.30am	School reopens for Summer Term 2

Mon 1 June		Y4 multiplication tables checks start
Tues 2 – Thu 4 June	3.20pm	Book Fair in KS1 Hall (see below)
Wed 3 June		Catshark (Y6) forest school
Mon 8 June		Y1 phonics screening checks start
Tues 9 June		YR visitor – Police visit to EYFS
Wed 10 June		Stingray (Y6) forest school
Wed 17 June		Crab & Lobster (YR) forest school
Thurs 18 June		Y6 FCC welcome day
Fri 19 June	AM PM	School Sports Day (Parents invited) AM – YR, Y1, Y2 PM – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Mon 22 June	PM	Y6 Cathedral Leavers Service
Tues 23 June	6.00pm	New to Reception Parent Meeting
Wed 24 June		Crab & Lobster (YR) forest school
<i>July dates to follow later</i>		

Scholastic Book Fair 2nd – 4th June 2026

2026 is the National Year of Reading and we are delighted to be welcoming the Scholastic Book Fair into school from Tuesday 2nd June – Thursday 4th June. This will take place in the Key Stage 1 Hall between 3.20pm-4.00pm. This is a great opportunity to purchase some high-quality books for your children while supporting school. You can browse the books in advance via the website here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

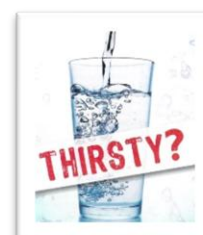
You can also nominate our school to be in with a chance of a large donation for our school library and a prize for yourself too – *click the banner below to find out more.*

Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library

Nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary with one of our five huge prizes. Plus, you could win a £100/€120 National Book Token for yourself!

Are you summer ready?

As we head into the summer months, please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle. A named sun hat is also great for break times and outdoor learning activities. Sun cream should be applied before school on particularly hot days.



Refreshing our Communication - School Website & Newsletter Feedback

Thank you for your recent feedback on our website and newsletter. We have begun building a new more mobile-friendly website which we hope captures more of the sense of joy of our school and is easy to navigate to the information you need. This should be launched by the end of term. We are also reviewing our internal systems to help us build a fortnightly newsletter which is more readable and again captures more of the learning and joys of the everyday.

In amongst other helpful ideas and thoughts, you also shared about wanting more notice for events and clarity ahead of time about things like non-uniform themes. All of this is being reviewed to be able to do this in a more timely, clear way. Thank you again for your feedback.



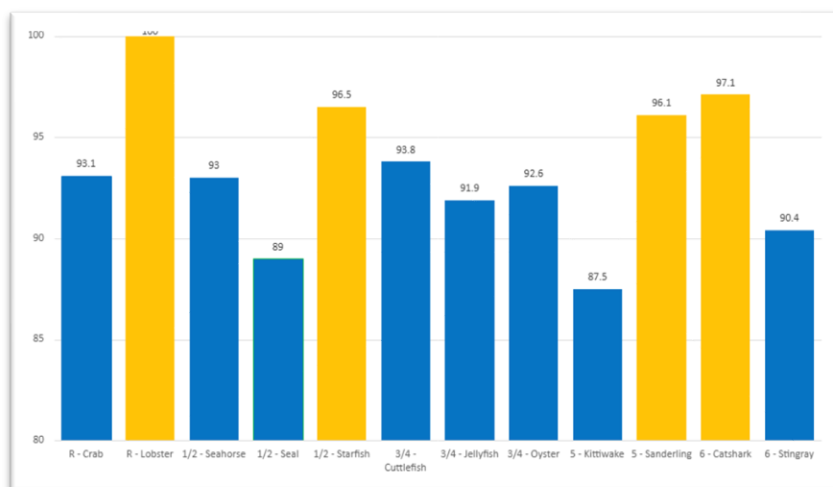
Disco success

Thank you to PoP for organising such a successful disco for the children yesterday. It takes a certain kind of brave to look after over 200 children as they dance, sing, and have fun with their friends; thank you for your support in enabling this experience for our children. The proceeds from the event will support some of the child-facing aspects of our BIG refresh project, enhancing the children's play in their new classrooms and outdoor spaces.

Attendance snapshot

After a great start to the term with attendance, the bank holiday has seen a number of holidays in our community and a significant drop in attendance in many classes. I understand the challenge of holiday costs but implore you to avoid taking holiday during term time. Well done to all those whose attendance continues to be excellent. Occasional illnesses happen of course so 100% attendance is an unrealistic aim but 161 children have excellent attendance so far this year (96% or above) which is our aim for every child.

Lobster class were this week's attendance winners with 100% attendance with Starfish, Sanderling and Catshark all earning 2 entries into this term's prize draw.

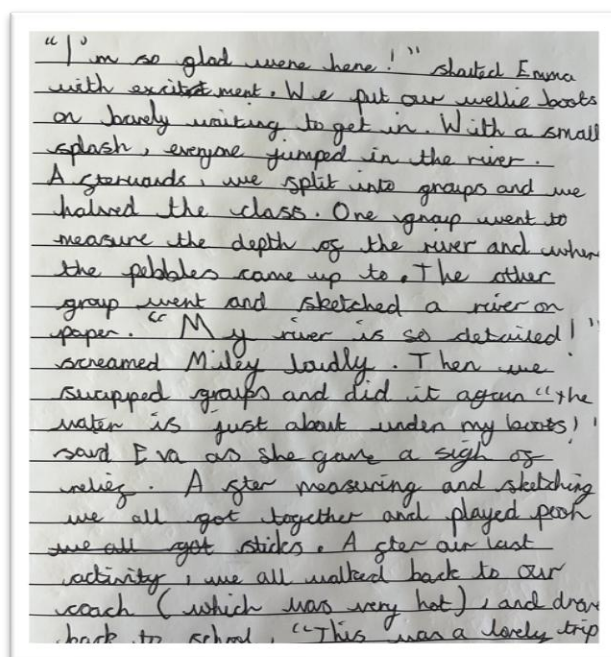


Learning Updates

Eggcellent Artists – Well done to Lowelle, Rosie, Esme, Alfie, Quinten, Lupine and Esmai for winning our recent art competition. Thank you to Whitlocks for sponsoring the competition and to Mr Wait from PoP for helping make it happen.



Wonderful Year 5 Writing - Following their recent trip, many of the Year 5 children have been proud to show Mr Chamberlin their writing. One excerpt from Rubie's part of an impressive class recount book.



An encouragement from Mrs Cook and Miss Nagle

Dear Year 6,

As all of our revision comes to an end today, just a reminder that the SATs next week are a measure of what you can do on one day. They do not show all of the important things we see in each and every one of you – your kindness, your many talents both in and out of school or your amazing personalities. So here is a little poem that sums it up:

Before what next week brings,
We need you to remember
These important things.
SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.
This weekend when you're at home,
Or tucked up in your bed.
Have a good laugh, read a good book,
Do not let a worry enter your head.
Remember to have a good breakfast
And a good night's sleep.
Get outside for a walk,
Make memories you can keep.
Then next week whilst sat at your desk,
With your pencil, ruler and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
That's because you are the best!

(Haydee Waldron-Jones 11/5/2018)

Miss Nagle and Mrs Cook

A shortcut to the parent survey – thank you for taking the time to share your views and helping to shape the future of our school for your children.

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When?

- Fri, 08 May - Fri, 26 Jun 2026
- 5-6pm

Where?

MIDDLETON CRICKET CLUB
3 Sea Lane, Bognor Regis,
PO22 7RH

Who's it for?

- Boys & Girls aged 5-8
- All abilities welcome - no experience needed!

What's included?

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