



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This last month seems to have flown by, with so much happening in the life of the school. Our School council continues to lead on our Charitable events, and as a school we raised an amazing £368.41 for children in need. We also heard back from the Worthing Food bank that our Harvest donations totalled a phenomenal 365kg of food towards their much-needed supplies.

Next week sees the start of Advent. We will be able to celebrate the first 3 weeks of advent in school this year as we break up for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 20th December. Across our Wednesday Assemblies this half term the visiting Clergy have been talking to the children about the key Biblical characters and historical events leading up to Jesus' Birth through the framework of the Jesse Tree. As we enter Advent, the children will be reminded of the Church symbols of Advent and Christmas, in particular the advent wreath as we look forward in hope towards Christmas. Through Advent we are encouraging children to take part in the reverse advent calendar, the details of which have been passed to you separately. Again, this is something that supports those in need in the Worthing community.

We look forward to the F@B Christmas Fayre next week, the nativities from Early Years and Key Stage 1 and the many other exciting Christmas activities and events happening throughout December.

Mr Morrissey

Smart Watches

Just a heads up – in the new year we will be reviewing our policies around children being able to wear smart watches to school in light of new technologies that are appearing in the watches and the impact this could have on safeguarding. It is likely that there will be increased restrictions enforced around smart-watch use in school for this reason. We wanted to let you know before Christmas...

Parent Survey

Please find below a summary of the Parent survey. Thank you for your feedback, it is valued as we are always striving to deliver the best school experience possible for your children.

Responses to Parental Survey (taken during parents evening)

Year 1 to 6

Question No.	Question	% that agree or strongly agree with statement. (total responses: 376)
1	My child is happy at this school	99%
2	My child feels safe at this school	99%
3	My child makes good progress at this school	98%
4	My child is well looked after at this school	99.5%
5	My child is taught well at this school	99.5%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	99%
7	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	98%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	99%
9	The school is led and managed effectively	98%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	97%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress and attainment	99%

Early Years (Reception)

	Question	% that agree or strongly agree (total responses: 57)
1	My child is happy at this school	98%
2	My child feels safe at this school	98%
3	My child has settled in to school well	98%
4	This school has given me information that will help with my child's learning	100%
5	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	100%
6	I feel able to talk to adults in the school about my child	100%

(To keep up with all of the news please see the school website.)

Diary Dates 2024-2025

December

- Tues 3rd Dec – Y4 Violin Performance to parents (2.40pm)
- Weds 4th Dec – Y2 'Knight Day' (dress up)
- Thurs 5th Dec – Y3 African Drumming Workshop
- Thurs 5th Dec – Flu Vaccinations
- Thurs 5th Dec – Clubs finish for the term
- Fri 6th Dec – F@B Christmas Fair (5.30-7.30pm)
- Mon 9th Dec – Christmas Postboxes on display until 16th Dec
- Mon 9th Dec – Y6 Singing carols in the local community
- Weds 11th Dec – Infant Nativity dress rehearsal (9.30am)
- Weds 11th Dec – Infant Nativity to parents (2.15pm)
- Thurs 12th Dec - Infant Nativity to parents (9.15am)
- Thurs 12th Dec – Y6 Singing carols at St. Mary's Tea Time event
- Fri 13th Dec - Infant Nativity to parents (9.15am)
- Mon 16th Dec – EY Nativity dress rehearsal (10.45am)
- Mon 16th Dec – KS2 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- Tues 17th Dec – EY Nativity to parents (9.15am)
- Weds 18th Dec – KS1 Christmas Party (morning)
- Weds 18th Dec – Christmas Lunch (booked through Chartwells)
- Fri 20th Dec – Christmas Service at St. Mary's church (for pupils only)
- Fri 20th Dec – Christmas Carols / refreshments in the hall (3.15-4.00pm)

Fri 20th Dec – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January - SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 2025

- Mon 6th January 2025 – FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM**
- Fri 10th Jan – Y5 Trip to South Downs Planetarium
- Tues 14th Jan – Duck Class visit to Worthing Fire Station
- Weds 15th Jan – Hen Class visit to Worthing Fire Station
- Weds 22nd Jan – Y5 & Y6 attending 'Young Voices 2025' event at O2
- Fri 24th Jan (9.00am) – Kestrel Class-led Assembly
- Weds 29th Jan – EY Chinese New Year (dress up day)
- Fri 31st Jan (9.00am) – Dove Class-led Assembly

Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR R

Today we celebrated the end of our Topic - Once Upon a Rhyme. The children joined in our Nursery Rhyme parade and we celebrated by singing all the Nursery Rhymes of their characters.

We have enjoyed learning and reading Nursery rhymes and even made up our own versions.



YEAR 1



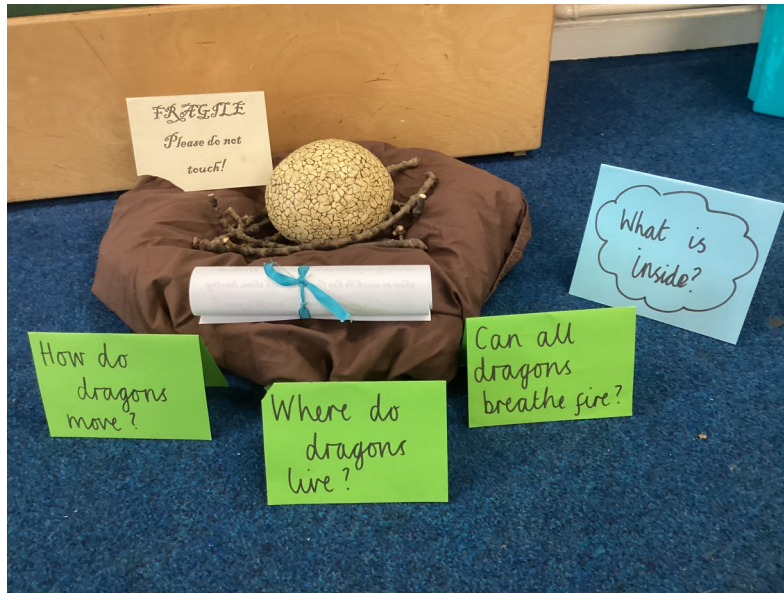
Year 1 met some special visitors as part of their topic 'Footsteps through the forest'. They have been learning lots about owls, so it was very exciting to meet an Eurasian Eagle Owl and a Northern White-faced Owl.

We even got to hold a little, friendly owl using a protective glove. We watched them fly gracefully around the school hall.



YEAR 2

Norris the Knight wrote to us again! He found an egg that was leftover from a dragon at Arundel Castle. We think there might be a baby dragon inside! We read a story called *The Egg* by MP Robertson. This inspired us to write questions about the egg. We also wrote instructions to teach the dragon how to fly. We can't wait to see if it hatches!



YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day weaving. We learnt about African artists and used different materials to weave an African-inspired pattern.



YEAR 4

Year 4 had a visit from the Vikings last week and were recruited to take part in a retelling of one of their ancient sagas! They sailed across the North Sea on their longboat, buried a Viking Warrior King at sea and took part in a highly-unusual Viking games! Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their morning with Rainbow Theatre and learnt a lot about these formidable raiders as part of their Raiders and Traders topic.



YEAR 5



Year 5 took on the exciting challenge of designing and building their own floodproof houses using recycled materials. With lots of creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving, they managed to successfully beat the flood!



YEAR 6



This term, year 6 enjoyed learning about the history of smuggling, led by visitors from the Novium Museum. During the workshop, the children learnt about the greatly feared 'Hawkhurst gang', famous for smuggling goods along the South coast. The children had the opportunity to handle historical artefacts to deepen their understanding of the processes used to transfer goods from coast to coast.



SPORTS REPORT

Wednesday 23rd October – Y4 Basketball – 3rd and 6th

We had two teams compete in the fast paced year 4 basketball tournament and all the children had a great time. They performed really well and their confidence and skills grew throughout the afternoon.



Thursday 24th October – Y6 Netball Shootout – 4th out of 10

The girls took part in the shootout competition and dominated their group as they won all 4 matches with relentless accuracy in their shooting.



Wednesday 6th November – Y5&6 Table Tennis skills festival

We sent 30 children along to Bohunt for a new table tennis event! The children went round in teams of 10 and scored points for completing different challenges that tested their hand-eye co-ordination as well as speed and accuracy. The children had a fantastic time and it was great to see



Thursday 7th November – Y6 Gymnastics – 7th

Some of our year 6 children went along to what is definitely one of the toughest events on the whole calendar. The children were tasked with coming up with their own routine which required incredible skill, balance and flexibility. They also needed to perform an extremely difficult vault. They



Thursday 14th November – Y3 Netball skills festival

A selection of our year 3 children went to Durrington High school to try a number of netball based activities. They were tested in their movement, agility, passing and shooting abilities. They had a great time and improved a lot as the afternoon progressed.



Wednesday 20th November – Y6 Football Tournament – 5th out of 9

The boys took part in an incredibly competitive tournament at St Andrews against 8 other schools where they only lost 1 game (1-0) to overall champions West Park. They defended superbly as a team throughout the tournament and Liam was outstanding in goal as he conceded just 1 single goal in the 8 games! However, goal scoring was proving more of a challenge at the other end of the pitch and led to FIVE goalless draws! Convincing wins against Homefield and Durrington set the platform but unfortunately too many draws cost the team a chance at a higher final placing.



Tuesday 26th November – Y5-6 Girls Football Tournament – 5th out of 9

It was the turn of the girls who went to the brand new facilities at Davison High school to take on the other Worthing schools.

The team played wonderfully throughout and were very unlucky to be knocked out of the main tournament phase on goal difference after recording 1 win and 3 draws from their 4 games. They followed up with another 2 victories in their subsequent games to finish the afternoon with an amazing record of played 6 won 3 drew 3 lost 0.

Even more remarkably, through the team's continual hard work and Emily's fantastic goalkeeping, the team did not concede a single goal in the entire afternoon/6 matches!!

Superb girls!



Updates & Reminders

PARKING

Thank you all for continuing to be considerate of our neighbours and the safety of the children. You will have noticed recently that parking wardens have been present at the start and end of the day more frequently following a request from the school. They are there to ensure the safety of the children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Each term we are collecting a large amount of unnamed school uniform. This also includes coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and other accessories.

Please label or write your child's name on these items so they can be returned to the owners.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

THE LAST DAY FOR CLUBS THIS TERM IS THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

In the event of rain on an outdoor club day - Please telephone after approx. 2.15pm by which time a decision would have been made and there will be a club's answerphone message which will let you know if any clubs have been cancelled. We will also follow up with a text message.

TERM DATES 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM

Last day of term is Friday 20th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025

(Half term holiday Monday 17th February 2024 - Friday 21st February 2024)

SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

INSET Days 21st and 22nd July 2025

Half Term holiday: Monday 26th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025

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