



BROADWATER  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Donkeys and sheep! Angels and stars! And even a wandering group of Aliens! Nativity characters have filled the school these last few weeks. And what a season of wonderful performances we have had from our Early years and Key Stage 1 children. It was wonderful to have so many of you join us to see your children shine!

Our Christmas season in school concludes with our Service in St Mary's church on Friday followed in the afternoon by our fabulous year 6 leading us in a Carol sing along in the hall at the end of the day – mince pies and hot drinks provided by St Mary's Church. Do please stay and enjoy.

Across these last few weeks, through our Advent assemblies, we have reflected with the children on what the true 'essence' of Christmas is. There have been so many wonderful ideas from the children about what makes Christmas special for them and if they were to bottle it up into an 'essence' what they would include. It was heart-warming to hear so many suggesting spending time with family, friends and giving to others as the key ingredients to Christmas. In this vein, as a school community, you have continued to generously support our Reverse Advent Calendar project which goes to help the Worthing Foodbank this Christmas. All the donations are collected this Friday. Thank you.

A massive thank you for the huge amount of work that F@B put into the preparation of the fantastic Christmas Fayre we enjoyed earlier in the month. It was a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season together. Thank you for all the additional volunteers who helped out on the day.



And now, 2024 draws to a close. It has been a full year. Reflecting back on all that has occurred this year, one thing continues to shine out – whatever the challenge, whatever the opportunity, the Broadwater School community always showed its strength, integrity and goodwill. This is an amazing school community and you are an amazing support for your children and us as a school. We could not do it without you – so a massive thank you for the hours spent supporting your children, a huge thank you to the many of you who volunteer your time to help with trips, readers and special project days but most importantly special thanks to all of you for taking the time out of your busy days to join together with us at our many school events across the year.

I wish you all a wonderful time with your families, friends and loved ones over the Christmas break. We look forward to another wonderfully exciting year of learning in 2025.

God Bless and Happy Christmas,

Mr Morrissey

### **Staff News**

We say goodbye to Miss Pallant at the end of the term as she moves onto a new exciting job. We wish her all the best.

We welcome Mrs Lawes into the early years team.

And we send our Congratulations to Miss McHugh, who is getting married over the Christmas Break and will return to school in January as Mrs Dinch.

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

## Diary Dates 2025

### December

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Service at St. Mary’s church (for pupils only)

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Carols / refreshments in the hall (3.15-4.00pm)

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January - SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK**

### January 2025

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM**

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y6 SATs & Lodgehill overview mtg for parents (5.30pm)

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y1 Curriculum News Mtg for Parents (2.50pm)

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Curriculum News Mtg for Parents (2.50pm)

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – EY Maths & Curriculum Meetings for Parents (6pm)

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – (repeat) EY Maths & Curriculum Meetings for Parents (9am)

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 Trip to South Downs Planetarium**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – School clubs start**

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Duck Class visit to Worthing Fire Station**

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Hen Class visit to Worthing Fire Station**

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Y5 & Y6 attending ‘Young Voices 2025’ event at O2**

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan (9.00am) – Kestrel Class-led Assembly**

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – EY Chinese New Year (dress up day)**

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan (9.00am) – Dove Class-led Assembly**

### February

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Internet Safety Day**

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 Outing to Bohunt (Musical)**

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – EY fab finish ‘Super Hero’ costume making**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb (9.00am) – Toucan Class-led Assembly**

**17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Half term break**

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Consultation Evenings**

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 6 Trip to Newhaven Fort**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Consultation Evenings**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb (9.00am) – Robin Class-led Assembly**

# Activities that have been taking place....

## YEAR R

Our final week of term consisted of our first nativity! We hope you enjoyed watching. We are very proud of all Ducks and Hens  
Merry Christmas



## YEAR I



As part of our topic all about the woods, we looked at the artist Andy Goldsworthy who produces sculptures using natural materials. We used woodland treasures to create our own abstract art.



## YEAR 2

To celebrate the end of our topic we held a Knight Day! We all dressed up in costumes and completed lots of knight activities. We made shortcrust pastry and chopped apples to make apple tart. We learnt a medieval dance and held a banquet in the afternoon where we met King James who knighted us. What a



## YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day African drumming for their 'Fab Finish'. They learnt different beats, songs and took part in call and responses. Everyone enjoyed it!



## YEAR 4

Year 4 enjoyed performing to you all in their violin concert this term. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



## YEAR 5



In year 5, the children have worked hard to design and make canopic jars. They ensured they smoothed the modroc and carefully made the features for the head, depending on the Egyptian god they were depicting. Next, they painted them in authentic colours and finally, added the detail using black marker pen.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been out and about spreading some Christmas cheer with our carol singing in the community this week. We visited and sang for the residents of four local care homes and entertained the guests of the 'Tea Time' group at St Mary's church. It was lovely to see the children sing so enthusiastically and watch them chat with some of the older people.



## **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Y4 Dodgeball festival – P6 W5 L1**

The final events of the year took place at Durrington High school with the year 4 children competing in the dodgeball festival on the Tuesday. It was an extremely high-paced, intense competition and our team performed incredibly well. They won 5 out of their 6 matches with some dominant displays.



## **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 festival – P6 W3 L3**

The year 5 children then competed on the Thursday and they had a great time. The intensity ramped up even further with the older children and there were some brutal hits. Another excellent performance from our team as they competed against a majority of year 6 children.



## Updates & Reminders

# Thank you

### **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**

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 2024**

Monday 2nd September 2024 - 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 2025**

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 –Tuesday 22nd July 2025

(INSET:21st and 22nd July 2025)

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

## **AUTUMN TERM 2025**

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

## **SPRING TERM 2026**

Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

Half term holiday Monday 16th February 2024 - Friday 20th February 2024

## **SUMMER TERM 2026**

Monday 13th April 2026 – Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Half term holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

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