



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of term and approach the joyous celebration of Easter, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for our school community. This term has been marked by fantastic sporting achievements, showcasing the dedication and talent of our students across a wide range of sports and activities. Their hard work and commitment in the classrooms has been equally impressive, reflecting their enthusiasm for learning.

We are also incredibly fortunate to have so many of you giving your time as volunteers for school trips and various classroom projects – sewing, cooking and DT to name a few. None of these enriching experiences would be possible without your unwavering support and involvement. Thank you.

This week, as part of our Prayer and Reflection week, all children have had the opportunity to engage with our prayer spaces, supported by our governors and clergy. It has been a time to reflect and pray for ourselves, others, our world and particularly for the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship- one of the charities the children chose to support this year.

We also recognise and respect the diverse religious beliefs and celebrations within our community that enrich our school environment and teaches our students the importance of understanding and valuing different perspectives.

Easter holds a special significance for our school community. It is more than just a holiday—it is a powerful reminder of hope, faith, and renewal. Whether you celebrate it through religious observance, joyful gatherings with family and friends, or quiet moments of reflection, Easter brings a message that resonates with all: new beginnings are always possible. It is a time to let go of the past, embrace the present, and look forward to the future with optimism.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter.

God Bless,

Mr Morrissey

EVENTS

This term, the Broadwater School Council has been working hard to make a positive impact on our community and school, making it an even better place. It was a pleasure to take part in a time capsule project for Merriman Grange luxury care home for the elderly. As a school, we decided which items best represent childhood in 2025. Some of the items we picked were a *Wicked* movie poster, fidgets, a *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book, a video game cover, and our special school logo.

Before we took part in the time capsule project, we had the privilege of raising money for Guild Care. Our theme was 'Glow for Guild Care,' where we wore bright-colored clothes and accessories. The whole school had the opportunity to decorate our own colorful money boxes, into which we placed our donations. We raised an amazing **£839** for Guild Care! Well done, everyone, for taking part!



Finally, we want to say a massive thank you to everyone who came to our spectacular Spring Concert. We truly hope you had a fantastic time and enjoyed the show! Your generous donations will be split between our school charity, *Friends of Mombasa*, which helps children in Mombasa access their right to education, and our wonderful school music department for new instruments. These will be used in whole-class music lessons with Mrs. Gibbins or in other group lessons across the school.

It's been a fabulous term for the whole school and community, and we can't wait to see what's coming up next!

SPRING CONCERT

Thank you to all the children who have shared their amazing talents and entertained us over the last couple of days in the Spring Concert. It was wonderful to see such an array of musical instruments played, as well as hearing some great singing and watching talented dance routines. Well done to everybody involved. You were all fantastic!



SPRING CONCERT



WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day at Broadwater CofE, the school was full of joy as everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters. It was amazing to see the creativity of the costumes, with many children and teachers dressing up as favourite characters from popular stories. Throughout the day, we took part in fun activities, such as book quizzes, 'battle of the books', riddles and book-related challenges. We took part in book buddies and read with a different year group, which made the day even more memorable. It was clear that everyone was enjoying the celebration of reading.



WORLD BOOK DAY



TIME TO DANCE



On Monday 24th March, Time to Dance club performed their high-energy piece 'We're all in this together' at the Worthing Pavillion! They opened up the show, and dazzled the audience with their teamwork, talent and infectious smiles! We are very proud of how they represented Broadwater.



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

Diary Dates 2025

April

Mon 31st March – Fri 4th April – The Big Walk & Wheel

Tues 1st Apr (2.30pm) – Y6 End of topic celebration

Weds 2nd Apr – Y4 Trip to Drusillas Animal Park

Thurs 3rd Apr – Early Years' Easter Breakfast

Fri 4th Apr – Last Day of Term

Mon 7th – Mon 21st Apr – Easter Holiday

Tues 22nd Apr – First day of the school summer term

Weds 23rd Apr – Y1 Curriculum News Mtg for parents (2.50pm)

Thurs 24th Apr – Visiting Author for KSI & EY

Thurs 24th Apr – School Council BOOK SALE in Playground

Thurs 24th Apr – Y2 Curriculum News Mtg for parents (2.50pm)

Fri 25th Apr – EY Curriculum News Mtg for parents (2.50pm)

Weds 30th Apr – Y6 Highdown Hill Trip

Weds 30th Apr (2.45 & 6.00pm) – Y4 Mtg for parents re. Multiplication chk

May

Thurs 1st May – Y1 (x30 children) Cricket Skills Festival

Fri 2nd May (9.00am) – Heron Class-led Assembly

Mon 5th May – BANK HOLIDAY

Fri 9th May (9.00am) – Swift Class-led Assembly

Mon 12 – Thurs 15 May – Y6 SATs Week

Fri 16th May (9.00am) – Duck Class-led Assembly

Mon 19th May – Y6 Trip to Paultons Park

Tues 20th May – Y5 KINGFISHER Trip to Ford Recycling Centre

Weds 21st May – Y5 HERON Trip to Ford Recycling Centre

Thurs 22nd May – Whole School CLASS PHOTOS

26-30 May – HALF TERM BREAK

Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR R

Early Years have had an exciting few weeks! We have been reading Oliver's Vegetables which lead us to making our own vegetable soup. We then moved on to The Enormous Turnip and have planted our own turnip seeds! Will a Duck or Hen grow their own Enormous Turnip?

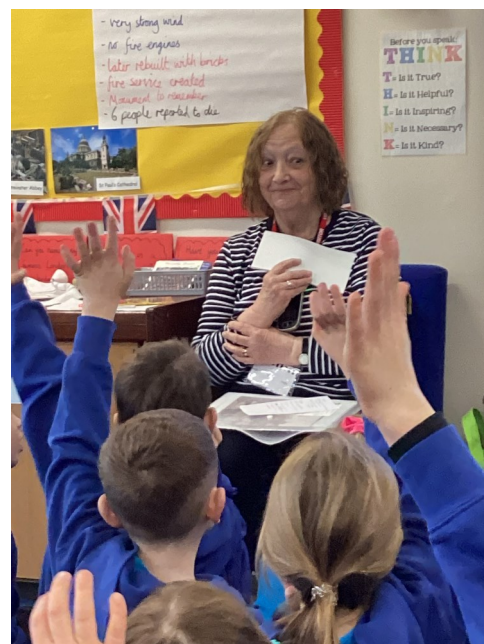
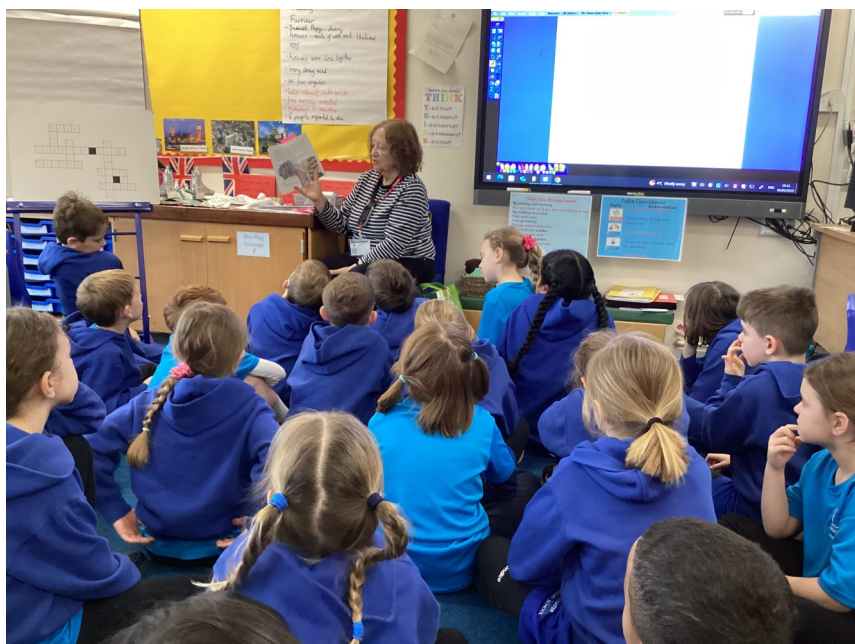


YEAR I

Year One have had lots of fun with the book 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. They worked in small groups and chose text from the story. They built a scene inspired by the words and used taught techniques to create a powerful photograph. They wanted the viewer to feel as if they could step in the picture and take part in the action. The results were amazing !



YEAR 2



Jill Atkins came to visit Year 2. She explained the process of writing a book and talked to us about The Great Fire of London. As well as a quiz, we also completed a crossword together and even got to see an example of a fire squirt. Later in the morning, some of us were able to buy some books from Jill which were signed by her too. What a great morning!



YEAR 3

Year 3 enjoyed creating circuits in Science to make their robot light up!

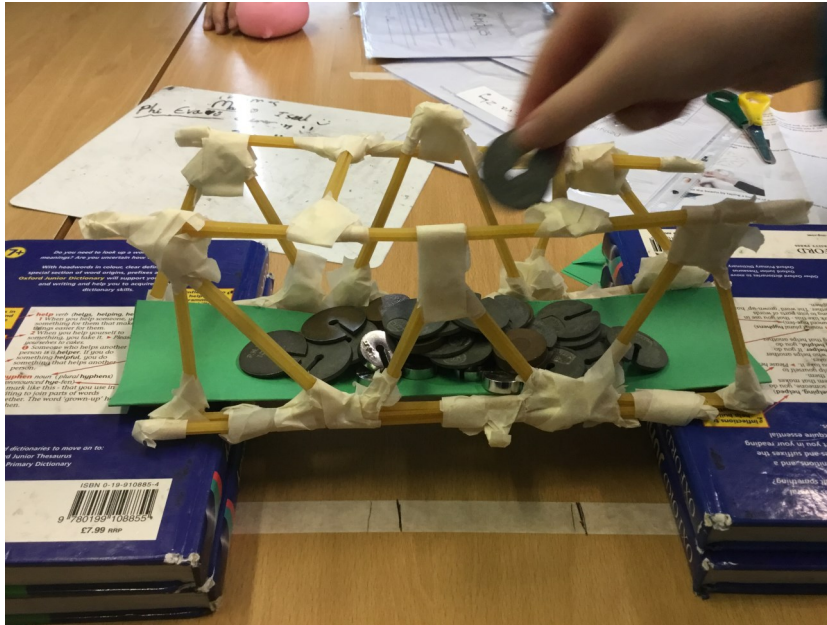


They had a super day making their own moving robot! Here are some of them.



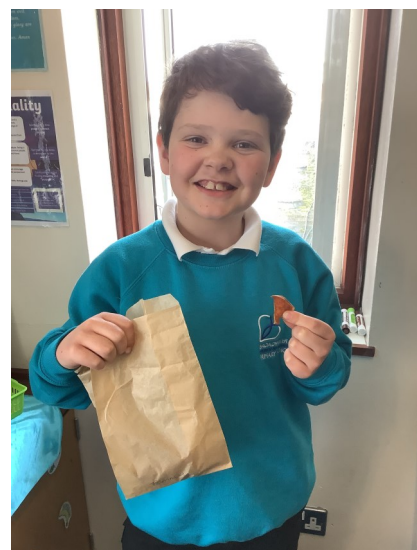
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been learning about different types of bridges and how to make the structure strong, so that they can eventually design their own bridge to cross the Amazon river. This week, they made spaghetti bridges to test out the effect of triangles! Thank you to all our parent helpers for your support.



YEAR 5

As part of their DT learning, Year 5 stepped into the shoes of astronauts and made their own space food! They began by researching how space food needs to be dry, lightweight, and easy to store. Then, they experimented with different ingredients and seasonings before selecting their final combination. Given a choice of carrots, parsnips, apples, beetroot, and sweet potato, they carefully seasoned their creations with cinnamon, chilli powder, chilli flakes, or pepper. A fantastic mix of science, creativity, and taste-testing!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have enjoyed getting in the kitchen this month as we have prepared and cooked meals which would have been popular during the Second World War. Food at this time was mainly vegetarian as meat was in short supply due to rationing and so the children chose from a variety of 'rationing recipes' to cook in groups.

Here are a few photos..... We used many cooking skills including weighing, peeling, chopping, sautéing, pastry making... and of course washing up!



SPORTS REPORT

Wednesday 29th January – Y4 Multi-sports festival

Some of our year 4 children went to Durrington High School to take on a series of different sports and friendly games against other schools. They had a fantastic time competing in dodgeball, kurling, badminton, golf and basketball. They had smiles on their faces throughout the whole event and represented the school perfectly!



Wednesday 5th February – Y2 Indoor Athletics – 4th

Eight of our younger athletes competed with 6 teams at Durrington High school in the year 2 indoor athletics. The children took part in relay running races, obstacles races, speed bounce, long jump and throwing events to score points for their team. They finished in a very respectable 4th place and had a great time throughout.



SPORTS REPORT

Friday 7th February – Cross country Partnership finals

Y5 girls 2nd, Y6 girls 6th, Victoria GOLD!

Following their magnificent performance at the Worthing schools event back in October, the year 5 and year 6 girls teams, as well as James as an individual for the year 5 boys event, qualified to the partnership finals at the picturesque setting of Windlesham house school.



There were 17 teams and in excess of 100 children in each race and all our children put in superb performances. The year 5 girls took a stunning second place overall and the year 6 girls a very impressive 6th.

There were noteworthy individual performances from Victoria who romped to victory and the gold medal, Sienna who came 15th and then Ava (11th) and Nora (12th) in the year 6 race. James finished in an excellent 21st.

Those four girls next go on to the county event in March.



Thursday 13th February – Y6 Football – 2 teams - 2nd and silver medals & 3rd

We played host to five other schools in the year 6 football tournament and had great success. One of our teams finished 3rd having won 2 games, drawn 3 and only lost a single game against our other team!

The other team recorded a fantastic 5 wins and 1 defeat to finish second, narrowly missing out on the gold medals. Both teams played extremely well and scored 14 goals between them, conceding just 5 goals in a total of 12 games. It was particularly pleasing to see the two teams supporting each other throughout the tournament despite being in competition with one another.



Thursday 13th February – Y5 netball – champions!

There were high hopes for our talented group of girls going to the year 5 netball tournament at Worthing College and they certainly delivered the goods!

5-0 hammerings against Homefield and Vale and a frustrating, goalless draw with TAB saw the girls finish top of their pool.

They cruised past Durrington (3-0) in the semi-finals before meeting Homefield again in the final. Another dominant 3-0 win saw the girls take the gold medals and the trophy!



Tuesday 18th March – Year 5/6 Netball – 3rd out of 9

Having brushed aside all the opposition in the year 5 competition, we felt it only right that the girls should truly test themselves in the competition open to year 5 and 6 children.

The other schools all brought along their year 6s including 2 boys each but our year 5 girls were not intimidated whatsoever. They recorded a highly impressive 4 wins against Homefield, TAB, Vale and West Park, 3 draws against Orchards, English Martyrs and Durrington and suffered just a single 1-0 defeat to eventual champions Goring.

SPORTS REPORT

Tuesday 25th February – Y5 Football – champions!

We played host again for the year 5 football tournament and the boys were in a ruthless mood!

They began with a 4-0 victory against Elm Grove and backed it up with a 5-0 win against Whytemead.

The most important game was likely to be against Goring and the team were at the very top of their game in another dominant display which resulted in a 3-0 victory.

The final game was the cherry on top as an 8-0 thumping against Heene meant the team had won all 4 games with 20 goals and Josh not conceding a single goal.

They were rewarded with the tournament win and the gold medals.



Thursday 6th March – Year 3&4 Indoor Athletics – 3rd

26 of our young athletes went to St Andrews for an extremely competitive athletics event involving running, jumping and throwing disciplines.

The children dominated the running events with an incredible 9 wins, 2 seconds and 7 third places across the 20 races.

Unfortunately, the consistency was not quite there with the throwing and jumping events and overall it meant a third place finish out of the 5 schools as we finished just a handful of points behind West Park and Homefield.

The children behaved immaculately throughout the afternoon and supported each other tremendously to ensure a great time was had by staff and students!



SPORTS REPORT

Monday 10th March – Year 5&6 Girls Football @Windlesham

A team – 5th out of 8, B team – 3rd out of 4

It was quite a luxurious afternoon out for 15 of our year 5 and 6 girls who went to Windlesham for a football tournament.

Our 2 teams were in different competitions and both competed extremely well in some very tough group games.

Both teams ended with their strongest performance and victories against Orchards (2-1) and Storrington (4-0) which included a birthday hat-trick for Aoife!



Thursday 20th March – Year 4 Gymnastics – 8th out of 11

Eight of our girls had worked hard to learn a floor routine and execute a vault as part of the gymnastics competition.

They performed beautifully and there were very few points separating 1st place through to 11th as all schools turned in some excellent displays.



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 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025

(Half term holiday Monday 17th February 2025- Friday 21st February 2025)

SUMMER TERM 2025

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

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025

INSET DAY WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPT

INSET DAY FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

(Half Term holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 - 31st October 2025)

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

INSET DAY MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

(Half Term holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026)

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 - Wednesday 22nd July 2026

INSET DAY MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2026

INSET DAY WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2026

(Half Term holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026)