



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPT 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn has truly arrived, bringing with it a generous scattering of conkers and chestnuts beneath our favourite trees. The weather has been kind, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed making the most of their time outdoors.

As you'll see in the class updates below, our Topic learning is well underway. It's been a vibrant start to the year, with a number of exciting trips and visitors already enriching the children's experiences. Last week alone, Year 3 visited Marwell Zoo and Year 2 explored Arundel Castle. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have kindly volunteered to support these trips so early in the term — your help is greatly appreciated.

In our Monday assemblies, we've been exploring the theme of **Thankfulness**. Together, we've reflected on what it means to be thankful and generous, and how we can show appreciation not just in words, but through actions that inspire gratitude in others.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity shown during our recent collection for **Turning Tides** as part of our Harvest celebration this week. Their representatives were truly overwhelmed by the donations. Children in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to learn more about the charity's work in and around Worthing, and where your contributions will make a real difference to those in need.

Please do keep an eye on upcoming school events, particularly our first **Parents' Evenings** of the year — I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life. It's been a wonderful start to the year, and I look forward to all that's still to come.

Warm regards,
Mr Morrissey

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

Diary Dates 2025-2026

October

Weds 1 Oct – Y6 Trip to Shoreham Harbour (by train)

Weds 1 Oct – Y1 & Y2 Maths Meeting for Parents (5.30pm)

Weds 1 Oct – Y3 & Y4 Maths Meeting for Parents (6.15pm)

Thurs 2 Oct – Y5 & Y6 Maths Meeting for Parents (5.30pm)

Fri 3 Oct – BROADWATER DAY (non-uniform)

Mon 6 Oct – Individual & Sibling School Photos

Weds 8 Oct – Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Fri 10 Oct – Y6 Kestrel class-led assembly (9am)

Fri 10 Oct – F@B School Discos (Years 1-6)

Tues 14 Oct – Parents Evening (3.40-6.00pm)

Thurs 16 Oct – Parents Evening (4.30-7.30pm)

Fri 17 Oct – Y1 Surprise Visitors (see letter)

Mon 20 Oct – Flu Vaccinations for pupils

Thurs 23 Oct – EY Jam Tart Tea Party (2.15-3pm Hall)

Fri 24 Oct – Y5 Kingfisher class-led assembly (9am)

Fri 24 Oct – Y1 another Surprise Visitor (see letter)

Half Term break: Mon 27-Fri 31 October

Thank you

Thank you so much to all of our families for the generous food donations collected for Turning Tides. Moira, from the charity, collected the donations and was so grateful for all of the breakfast items that were donated. Thank you!



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR R

Ducks and Hens have comfortably settled into school life! We have started lots of exciting learning, all about ourselves and our families. We have also begun exploring the wider school community by attending Songs of Worship assemblies.



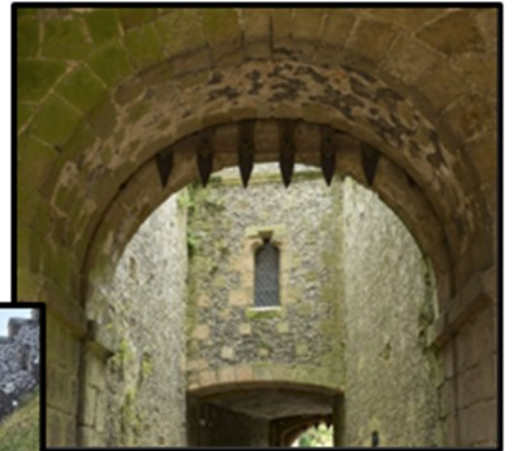
YEAR I

This week Year I made pancakes. We weighed, measured and mixed the batter before eating the cooked pancakes with tasty fruit.

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Arundel Castle last week! We were able to identify many different parts of the castle following our learning, including the motte, the keep, arrow loops, battlements, portcullis, gatehouse and barbican to name a few. We dressed up as knights as part of a workshop and explored the dungeon...!What a great day out!



YEAR 2



YEAR 3

Year 3 enjoyed their recent trip to Marwell Zoo as part of their Autumn topic Jambo Rafiki. They spotted lots of animals that live in Africa and thought about how they were suited to their habitats there. These included the majestic White Rhino! The children were also surprised to discover that penguins live in Africa!



YEAR 4



Year 4 have started their new science learning on the digestive system. They placed the organs where they thought they went on the human body. They then learnt about the functions of each organ. They are all excited to start their learning on this topic!

Year 4 had a brilliant opportunity to go and see the Worthing Symphony Orchestra (WSO) 'live' at the Assembly Hall. This not only got them excited to learn to play the violin this year, but other instruments too.

They definitely recognised some of the pieces played by the orchestra and joined in with a few pieces to add to the music.



We researched Celtic warriors and the Roman army and learnt specifically about their armour, weapons and how they fought. Toucan class took the role of the Romans, whilst Macaw class were the Celts. We made shields in class and met on the playground for a mock battle!



YEAR 5

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic day at Gaveston Hall where they took part in orienteering, shelter building and a river walk.

They learnt about the geographical vocabulary associated with rivers first hand. Nobody managed to keep their feet dry (adults or children) as we walked through the river.

The children also worked well in a team to build some impressive shelters as well as knowing how to use a map to complete an orienteering course.



YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting trip to Shoreham Harbour on Wednesday 1st October.

Having travelled by train, they were then taken on a tour of Shoreham Port, to find out about how the port has influenced the land use at the harbour and the important imports and exports that are transported to and from there.

Year 6 also visited Shoreham RNLI lifeboat station to find out about their vital work as a charity and what the donations they receive pay for.



23rd September - Year 6 Football Festival (no overall results)

We hosted this edition of the football festival and welcomed Vale, Goring, Heene and Downsbrook. Both our year 6 teams put in some very strong performances to win several of their games and kept supporting each other throughout.

The teams voted for Dylan and Max as their players' player of the tournament!



24th September - Year 1 rugby skills festival

The first event of the year for our younger children and 6 of them went to TAB Junior school to try their hand at various rugby skills stations. They engaged in passing, scoring, tagging, kicking and game play and they had a great time showing off their skills!



1st October - Year 3&4 Multiskills –Year 4 – 7th,Year 3 – 9th

Another event as hosts and this time a very busy afternoon with over 80 children representing 10 different teams. The children completed a series of skills activities involving, football, netball, hurdles, target throwing, dribbling, throwing and catching.

All our children performed very well on what was a very enjoyable (and exhausting!) afternoon.



2nd October –Year 5&6 Multiskills –Year 6 winners and gold medals, Year 5 – 5th

The following day was the turn of the year 5 and 6 children in a very similar circuit of activities. Again, they all showed great enthusiasm and went round the whole circuit with a smile on their faces. For year 6 those smiles got a little bit bigger when they were announced as winners!



Updates & Reminders

F@B Update

Following the recent F@B AGM, F@B were pleased to announce the newly elected committee members in earlier communications.

On behalf of all the children at Broadwater School, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank **Carlene Haman** for her dedication over the past year as Chair of the F@B committee. Her commitment, along with the efforts of those who worked closely with her, helped deliver a fantastic range of events that raised valuable funds for our children. Thank you for everything you've done.

School uniform reminder

A gentle reminder that **leggings are not part of our school uniform** and should not be worn. Below is a summary of our uniform expectations:

Standard Uniform:

- **Turquoise long-sleeved round-neck sweatshirt with logo** (embroidered in royal blue and white)
 - **White short-sleeved polo shirt with logo** (embroidered in royal blue and sapphire blue)
 - **Black trousers or knee-length black skirt**
 - **White or black tights or socks** (ankle or below the knee)
- Sensible low-heeled black shoes** (no trainers except for PE)

PE Kit:

- **Sapphire blue short-sleeved round-neck cooltech t-shirt with logo** (embroidered in royal blue and white)
- **Royal blue sports shorts with logo** (embroidered in sapphire blue and white)
- **Black gym shoes or trainers** (velcro fastening for younger children; no plimsolls)
- **Plain white sports socks**

For colder weather: royal blue tracksuit with logo - Hooded Jumper embroidered in sapphire blue and white with royal blue jogging bottoms or plain black jogging bottoms. *Plain royal blue or black sports 'skins' may be worn under shorts as an alternative to jogging bottoms.*

TERM DATES 2025/26

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)

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