



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Donkeys, sheep, angels and stars! Over the past few weeks, our school has been alive with festive cheer and wonderful performances from our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. It was such a joy to see so many of you join us and watch your children shine on stage.

And at the other end of the school, our Year 6 pupils have also been spreading joy beyond the school gates. As local choristers, they have sung at eight different venues this Christmas, bringing cheer and festive spirit to the older generation in our community. Their voices and kindness have truly embodied the essence of Christmas.

Throughout Advent, our assemblies have encouraged the children to reflect on what gift-giving is really about. Their ideas were inspiring—reminding us that the greatest gifts aren't wrapped in paper but found in love, kindness, and joy. These values have shone brightly in our school community this season.

As we reach the end of our Christmas celebrations in school, we look forward to our Service at St Mary's Church on Friday, followed by our fabulous Year 6 leading a carol sing-along in the hall—complete with mince pies and hot drinks kindly provided by St Mary's. Please do stay and enjoy this special time together.

A heartfelt thank you for your generous support of our Reverse Advent Calendar project for Worthing Foodbank. Your contributions will make a real difference this Christmas.

And a massive thank you to F@B for the incredible effort behind our Christmas Fair. It was a fantastic way to start the season, and it simply wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of every volunteer who gave their time and energy to make it such a success. Your commitment truly made this event magical for our children and families.

As 2025 draws to a close, we pause to reflect on all that this year has brought. It has been a year full of learning, laughter, and challenges met with resilience. Through every opportunity and obstacle, one thing has remained constant—the strength, integrity, and goodwill of the Broadwater School community. You are an incredible support for your children and for us as a school, and we could not do it without you. Thank you for the countless hours spent supporting your children, for volunteering on trips, reading with pupils, helping on special project days, and—most importantly—for taking time out of your busy lives to join us at school events throughout the year. These moments of togetherness are what make our community so special.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited for another year of growth, discovery, and shared experiences. Until then, I wish you a joyful Christmas and a wonderful time with family, friends, and loved ones.

God bless, and Happy Christmas.

Mr Morrissey

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

Staffing update

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mrs Corcoran and wish her all the best as she moves on to her new job. Mrs Corcoran has been at Broadwater for a number of years now, and we will miss her.

Miss Hoskins begins her maternity leave in January and we send her with all our best wishes.

Diary Dates 2025-2026

January 2026

Mon 5 Jan – INSET Day (no school for pupils)

Tues 6 Jan – First day of the Spring term

Weds 7 Jan – Y1 Curriculum Mtg for Parents (2.50pm)

Thurs 8 Jan – Y2 Curriculum Mtg for Parents (2.50pm)

Thurs 8 Jan – Y6 Parents Mtg re. SATs (5.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 8 Jan – EY Parents Mtg re. Maths & Curriculum (6.00pm)

Fri 9 Jan – EY Parents Mtg re. Maths & Curriculum (9.00am)

Fri 9 Jan – Y5 Trip to Southdowns Planetarium, Chichester

Mon 12 Jan – Spring term clubs start

Weds 14 Jan – Duck & Hen class visit to Worthing Fire Station (morning)

Fri 16 Jan – Robin Class-led Assembly (9.00am)

Fri 23 Jan – Macaw Class-led Assembly (9.00am)

Fri 30 Jan – Puffin Class-led Assembly (9.00am)

Activities that have been taking place....



At the end of November, we were visited by the West Sussex mobile library van. Some children from each class got to climb aboard and help select some new books for their class libraries from the school library service. It was very exciting. Look out for some new books in our school library coming soon too!



YEAR R

Our final week of term has been exciting and busy. Hens and Ducks worked very hard, learning lines and songs for their first nativity! We hope you enjoyed watching. We are very proud of you all!

Merry Christmas!



Activities that have been taking place....



YEAR 1



Year One discovered a fun and simple way to understand how instructions work—by making stickman characters! They worked in partners and followed a set of steps to create their own stickman, learning how important it is for instructions to be clear, ordered, and easy to follow.

Once their characters were complete, the children used this experience to write their own instructions. They practised using sequencing words like first, next, and lastly, and focused on giving precise, simple directions.

Here are a couple of our Stickman friends!



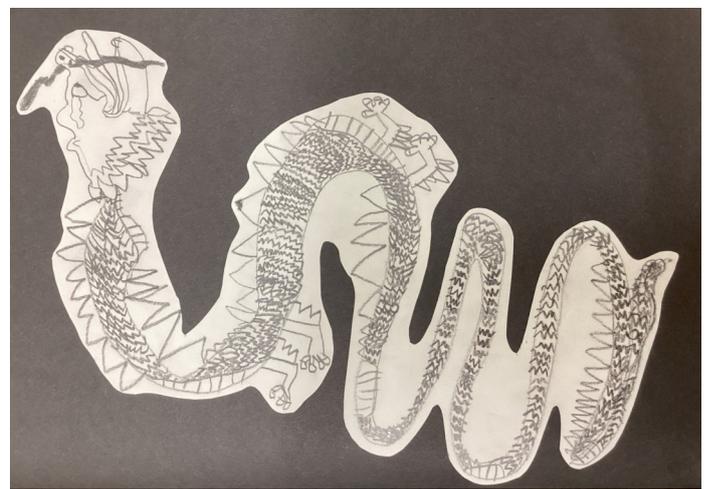
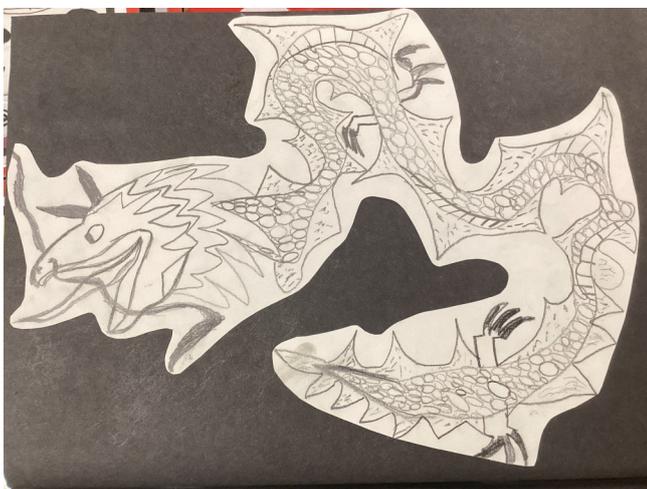
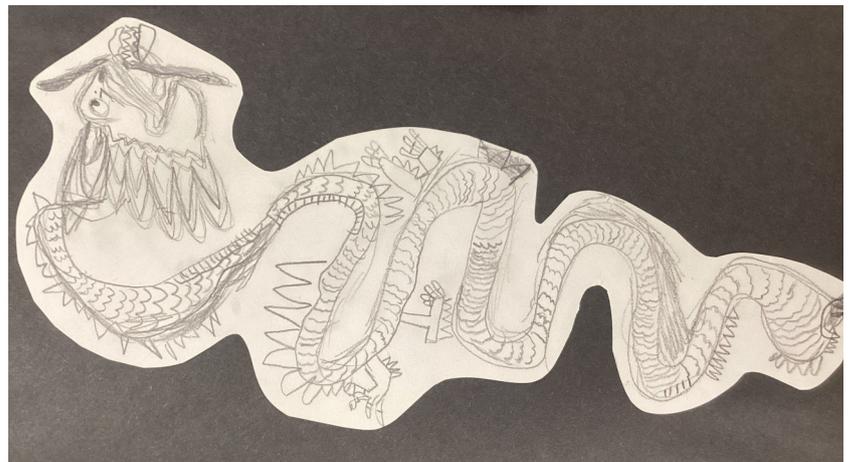


YEAR 2



To celebrate the end of our topic Year Two 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!

We also created some fantastic dragon art!



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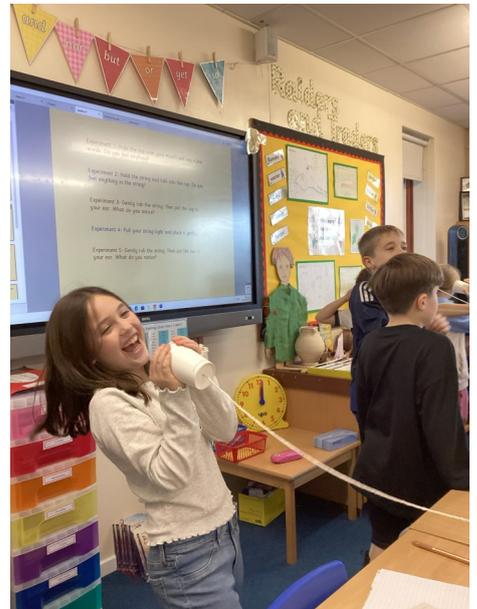
YEAR 3



Year 3 had a *drum-believable* day exploring African rhythms! They got the opportunity to try out lots of different drums and learned how to keep the beat together. The grand finale was a performance for parents, which everyone enjoyed. It was very LOUD!



YEAR 4



Year 4 have had a great time investigating how sound travels this week! They used paper cups to understand how sound waves move through objects, and how they can control the vibrations depending on how tight they pull the string, or with the volume of their voice!

YEAR 4

Year 4 had a great time making their own Viking log ships. They designed their own shields, sails and dragon heads/ tails to go onto these. They then tested them in water and made any fixes they needed to, to ensure it didn't sink!



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YEAR 4

After learning all about the Anglo Saxons, Year 4 made their own Saxon cakes. They learnt how to use the hob safely to do this. We all thought they tasted delicious!



YEAR 5



Year 5 had a fantastic time creating canopic jars as part of their Ancient Egypt topic. These jars were traditionally used to store organs for the afterlife. The children began by shaping their jars with mod-roc, then painted them in authentic colours, and finally added intricate details using pen.

YEAR 6



At the start of the month, PC Crane and PC Bushell, our youth neighbourhood police officers, visited Year 6 to support our RHE lessons. We learnt about the risks and dangers of drugs and alcohol as well as learning about drug classification. PC Crane also brought along some 'mock-drugs' for us to look at and some 'drunk' glasses which we got to try on. It was a really useful and informative session.



Year 6 have been fully in festive-mode this month. We have been out and about in the community, visiting local care homes and church groups to carol sing. We had a great time and loved chatting with some of the residents afterwards; it was lovely to spread a bit of Christmas cheer!

One of the care home staff commented: *"The children are a credit to the school and the staff. Our residents and staff absolutely loved their singing and the sign language too! It was so lovely that they came and spoke to our residents afterwards, the residents are still talking about them today."*





YEAR 6

We have also had our Winter Wonderland Fairground rides Design and Technology week in December. Each child designed and constructed an amazing winter-themed working scale model of either a carousel, Ferris-wheel or Chair-o-plane. We developed lots of cutting and joining techniques including using craft knives, glue guns and hacksaws. We are very proud of our finished models.





This week, the Junior School children were auditioning for 'Broadwater's Got Talent'. Everyone was astounded with the level of talent across the school! Each class then voted for an act they wanted to send through to the next round which took place as a live performance! The children put on a fantastic show with acts ranging from gymnastics to comedy. The School Council then had the difficult decision of voting for the winner of BGT 2025.

Their final verdict was **Beau** from Year 5. She put on a sensational dance performance inspired by Aladdin.



A huge thank you to all of our families who have donated towards our Reverse Advent toiletries appeal for Worthing Foodbank - look at the huge amount of donations! Richard and Wendy Marshall, who co-ordinate the Body Basics project at the Foodbank, were blown away by your generosity.

Thank you so much.

25th November – Year 3 Football Festival

We had 14 children making up 2 teams at a year 3 football festival. It was a lovely event allowing the children to experience match play in a non-pressure environment. No scores or results were kept and the event was purely for enjoyment. Homefield, TAB and Durrington all brought a couple of teams along to St Andrews meaning it was a non-stop afternoon of action!



4th December – Year 5/6 Dodgeball Festival

Some of our year 5 children represented the school in the all-action event that is the dodgeball festival. The team competed superbly and fortunately there were still more smiles than bruises by the end as they recorded a very respectable set of results with 2 wins, a draw and 2 defeats.



Adverts & Updates



Help Us Look the Part – Sponsor Our New Sports Kit!



At Broadwater CE Primary School, our students bring passion, teamwork, and determination to every game – whether it's football, netball, athletics, or any of the many sports we proudly compete in. They give their all on the field, and we believe they deserve to look as good as they play!

We're planning to refresh our team kits with a bold new design that reflects our school spirit and gives our teams the confidence to shine. A new kit isn't just about appearance – it boosts morale, strengthens pride, and helps us represent Broadwater with distinction at competitions and events.

Here's where you come in:

Would you or your business like to sponsor our new team kit? Sponsorship is a fantastic way to support local young people while showcasing your commitment to community, sport, and education. Your logo could feature on our kit, giving your brand visibility at matches, tournaments, and beyond.

Why partner with us?

- Promote your business to local families and the wider community
- Show your support for youth development and healthy lifestyles
- Create a lasting impact on our students' confidence and school pride

If you'd like to learn more or express interest, please contact our office on

office@broadwaterce.org or call 01903 235389

Let's team up to give our players the kit they deserve – and make your business part of every victory!



F@B News



A huge thank you to all families that attended, volunteered on stalls and that helped set up at the Christmas Fair . Thank you Father Christmas and the elves and all the teachers and TA's.

We managed to raise over £2500!

Reminders

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 plim-solls)
- **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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