



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your commitment in attending our Parents' Evenings before half term. Your partnership and engagement make such a difference to the children, and we are truly grateful for the time you give.

We have been enjoying some lovely sunny weather this week, which has brought an added sense of energy and positivity around the school. It has also been a wonderful backdrop to some of the enriching experiences taking place recently. From Young Voices at the O2, to the Year 1 trip to Amberley, and Year 6's visit to Newhaven Fort, the children have been immersed in opportunities that add real depth and breadth to their learning. A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who helped make these experiences possible—we simply couldn't do it without your support.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our Spring Concert, always a highlight of the term and a special moment for our school community to come together to celebrate the musical talents and effort of our pupils.

I would also like to share some very positive news around attendance. Our whole-school attendance so far this year stands at **96.2%**. For comparison, this places us 30th out of 226 schools in West Sussex for this year so far. This is fantastic and a clear reflection of our shared commitment to the importance of good attendance for children's progress and achievement. Thank you for continuing to support your children in being at school every day.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a continued bright start to the half term.

Mr Morrissey

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

Diary Dates 2025-2026

March

Mon 2 – Fri 6 Mar – Y6 Bikeability week

Mon 2 Mar – Y2 Rainbow Theatre Workshop (Great Fire of London)

Tues 3 Mar – Y5 STEM Workshop (Science)

Thurs 5 Mar – WORLD BOOK DAY

Thurs 5 Mar – Y2 Visiting Author in School

Tues 10 Mar – Y1 'Bike Day'

Thur 12 Mar – Y1 Phonics Mtg for parents (2.50pm)

Fri 13 Mar – School F@B Discos

Weds 18 Mar – Spring concert to Parents (2pm & 6pm)

Fri 20 Mar – Spring term clubs end

Thurs 26 Mar – Y4 Trip to Drusillas Animal Park

Thurs 26 Mar – EY Easter Breakfast

Thurs 26 Mar – Y3 Robot Mechanical Workshop

Mon 30 March - Fri 10th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

Thank you

School Council are delighted to announce that, together, we have raised **£313.65** for **Chestnut Tree House** and **St Barnabas House**.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who donated delicious cakes and to all who contributed to these wonderful charities. Your support will make a real difference to the children and adults who rely on



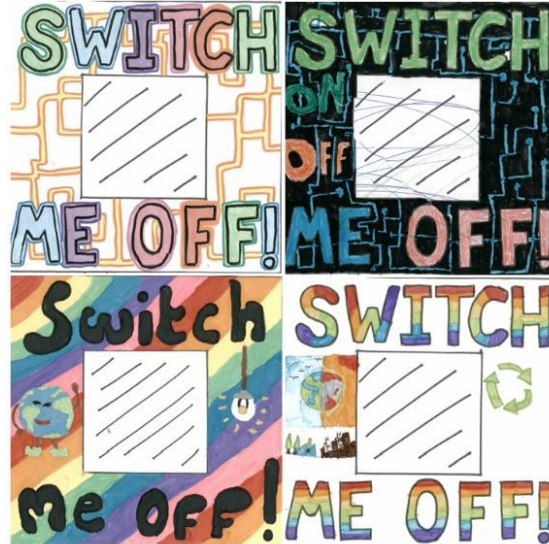
Activities that have been taking place....



Eco Council



Last half term Eco Council decided they wanted to help the school cut our electricity usage. We decided to run a competition to design a special poster to go around our light switches and remind us to switch them off! This week Eco Council came together to judge the entries and, although it was hard to choose, we are pleased to announce that Leon, Jaxson, Lilah and Isobel were our winners! We loved your bold designs and the messages they portrayed. Thank you to everyone who entered and well done again to our four winners.



Broadwater Young Voices



The Broadwater Young Voices from Year 5 and 6 have been working hard since September learning a selection of songs and dances. On Monday, they headed to London with much excitement where had the chance to put all their hard work into practice. They had the amazing experience of singing with over 8000 other children in the O2. They spent the afternoon rehearsing and then in the evening, performed to parents and families. They were also treated to performances by various professional artists.

Activities that have been taking place....

EARLY YEARS

Ducks and Hens arrived at school to find their classrooms in darkness on Monday morning, we began our new topic...Under the ground!

We spent the morning digging in soil to find out what can be found under the ground. We found lots of things!

The following day we had great fun digging for worms on the school field and got a bit muddy doing so. We found lots of worms and each class has made a wormery, for our new pets to live in.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 1

Year 1 were treated to bright sunshine for their adventure to Amberley Working Museum. To enhance our current Move It topic we constructed a cartwheel, rode the narrow gauge railway and an open top vintage double decker bus. It was a wonderful day exploring transport from the past and asking questions like "how did people ride a penny farthing?".



YEAR 2

Year Two have enjoyed starting their new topic on **The Great Fire of London**. They went on a hunt around the school to discover more about famous landmarks in London, such as Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. They learnt lots of facts about these places and wrote some riddles.



YEAR 2

We have also started learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666. In art, we have begun painting fiery backgrounds. We had to create flame shapes and add layers of colour.



YEAR 3

In science, Year 3 have been learning all about electricity. To finish our topic, we had a STEM workshop where we had to work in teams to make our very own circuits! We got to see some amazing demonstrations of what electricity and technology can do. We came away inspired to become future scientists, technicians, engineers and mathematicians!



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 4

As part of their computing unit, Year 4 learnt how to use CAD to design and create their own rainforest houses. They learnt about the key features of these houses, designed them in pairs and built them from a 3D net!



Year 4 had a great time trying some items from the Sedar plate this week to secure their understanding of Passover and Judaism! They tasted the items, discussed their symbolism and then compared them to things they have tried before. It was great to see so many children showing a deep understanding of the items, and reflecting on the story of Passover!

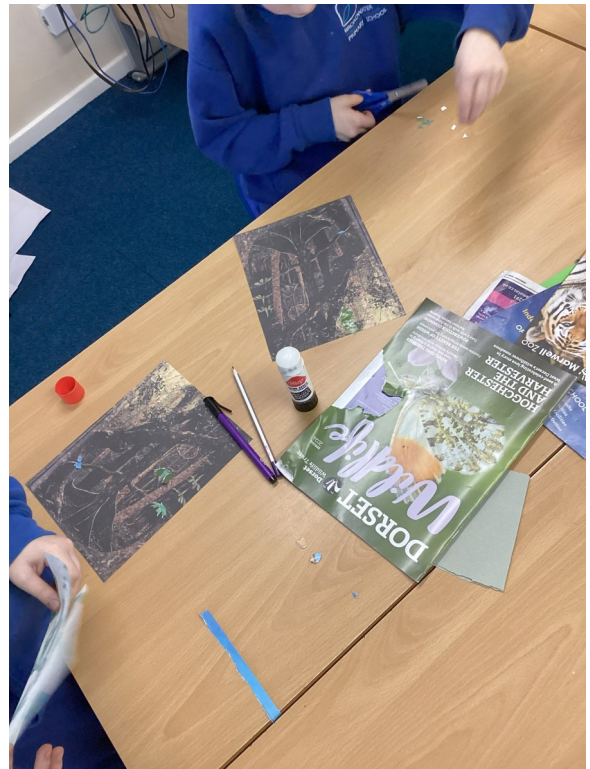


YEAR 4

Year 4 made their own bean burgers as part of their Food Technology learning!



Taking inspiration from Jeannie Baker's book 'Where the Forest meets the sea', Year 4 have used different materials to create their own collages over the pictures from the book. They thought about tone and texture to be able to create accurate collages over the top.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 5

In Year 5, we investigated what makes craters bigger by carrying out a fair test. First, we talked about how a fair test means changing only one variable while keeping everything else the same. To explore this, we discussed two different methods. In one test, we could change the size of the ball but dropped each one from the same height. In the other, we used the same ball but dropped it from different heights.

Our findings were very interesting! We discovered that bigger balls made bigger craters, even when dropped from the same height. We also found that the higher we dropped the ball, the larger the crater became because the ball hit the surface with more force.



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!



YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to Newhaven Fort, where they explored its rich history and discovered more about what life was like during World War II. The children enjoyed exploring the artefacts in an interactive workshop; researching information for their projects back at school using the exhibitions, and enjoying the interactive displays, which brought their learning to life in an exciting and memorable way. Highlights included trying out the air-raid shelter experience and walking through an immersive exhibition which was set up like a scene from the blitz. The trip was a brilliant opportunity for Year 6 to deepen their understanding of Britain's wartime past while enjoying a fun-filled day out.



2nd February – Y6 Cross country Partnership finals

Team Champions! Victoria individual gold!

Following their excellent performance at the Worthing schools event back in October, the year 6 girls teams, as well as James as an individual for the year 6 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 6 girls took a stunning victory and the gold medals. James finished in an excellent 36th in the boys race.

There were noteworthy individual performances from Victoria who romped to victory and the individual gold medal, Sienna who came 12th and Florence who came 16th.

Those 3 girls next go on to the county event in March.



4th February – Year 2 Indoor Athletics – 4th out of 8

A first taste of indoor athletics action for our year 2 children and they competed in relay races, long jump, speed bounce, basketball and shuttlecock throws. They performed with great skill and enthusiasm and finished in a very respectable 4th place out of the 8 teams.



24th February – Year 5 Football Tournament – 5th out of 12

A solid showing from our year 5 boys as they battled their way to 2 wins, 2 draws and just a single defeat in the group stage. Unfortunately, that placed them 3rd in the group and they missed out on a semi-final spot on goal difference. Instead, they played a 5th/6th place playoff game against TAB and secured an excellent 2-0 win to finish the tournament on a high.



24th February – Year 6 Netball Tournament – Champions!

Success yet again for our incredible netball team. They cruised through the group stage with 4 wins out of 4 games. They then defeated TAB 4-0 in the semi-final before another dominant display led to a 2-0 victory against Durrington in the final and the gold medals around their necks again.



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 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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