



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of another busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have shared as a school community. The weeks have been filled with energy, achievement, and moments that remind us just how special our school truly is.

One of the standout features of this term has been the success of a number of teams across the school, who achieved incredibly well against teams from across Worthing and beyond. They all have demonstrated outstanding commitment and teamwork, representing the school with determination and pride. Their achievements—alongside the efforts of all pupils in PE and extracurricular activities—speak volumes about the spirit and perseverance of our young people.

The Spring Concert was a celebration of all the wonderful musical, dance and performing talent we have across the school. It was a wonderful opportunity for well over a third of the children in the school to perform in the spotlight. We know how much commitment goes into growing and nurturing musical talent and skills and it was wonderful to see this all recognised.

That same dedication has been reflected in classrooms across the school. The children continue to impress us with their curiosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to challenge themselves in their learning. Their progress is a testament not only to their hard work, but also to the guidance of our staff and the support you provide at home.

I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to the many parents and carers who have volunteered their time this term. Whether supporting school trips or helping with activities such as cooking, sewing, and design technology, your involvement allows us to offer rich and memorable experiences that deeply enhance the children's education. We are truly grateful.

This week, our Prayer and Reflection activities have offered pupils a gentle space to pause and think. Centred around the theme of colour, the children have been encouraged to explore different emotions, ideas, and aspects of faith through a range of sensory and reflective prayer spaces. Guided by our governors and clergy, these moments of calm reflection have given pupils a chance to consider themselves, others, and the wider world in thoughtful and creative ways.

We are proud to be a community that embraces a wide variety of beliefs and traditions. The diversity within our school enriches our environment and helps our pupils grow in understanding, empathy, and respect for different perspectives.

As Easter approaches—a season that holds a special place within our school's Christian foundation—we are reminded of the themes of renewal, hope, and new beginnings. Whether this time is marked through worship, gathering with loved ones, or simply enjoying a peaceful break, its message of optimism and fresh starts is one we can all appreciate.

Wishing every one of you a joyful and restorative Easter.

Warm regards,

Mr Morrissey

Head Teacher

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

Diary Dates 2025-2026

April

Mon 13 Apr – First day of Summer Term

Weds 15 Apr – Y1 Curriculum Mtg for Parents (2.50pm)

Thurs 16 Apr – Y2 Curriculum Mtg for Parents (2.50pm)

Mon 20 Apr – Y2 Trip to Sea Life Centre

Tues 21 Apr – Y6 Trip to Highdown Hill

Weds 22 Apr – Y1 (x30) Cricket Festival @ Durrington High School

Mon 27 Apr – Summer Term Clubs start

May

Fri 1 May – Duck Class-led Assembly (9.00am)

Mon 4 May – BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)

Fri 8 May – Toucan Class-led Assembly (9.00am)

Weds 13 May – Y4 Visit to St. Mary's Broadwater

Fri 15 May – Dove Class-led Assembly (9.00am)

Mon 18 May – Y5 Heron Class Trip to Ford Recycling Centre

Tues 19 May – Y5 Kingfisher Class Trip to Ford Recycling Centre

Thurs 21 May – Y6 Trip to Paultons Park

Mon 25- Fri 29 May – HALF TERM BREAK

Activities that have been taking place....

Spring Concert 2026

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



Activities that have been taking place....

The Royal Ballet And Opera Live Dance Lesson

This week, the whole school took part in a live dance lesson delivered by The Royal Ballet And Opera! All children had the opportunity to learn new skills, and collaborate whilst re-telling parts of 'Alice's adventures in Wonderland.' The children took part brilliantly, and enjoyed getting creative through this experience!



Time to Dance

This week, Time To Dance club performed at the Worthing Pavilion alongside many other fantastic schools. Both groups did extraordinarily well, and blew away the audience with their skill, enthusiasm and passion for dance. Well done to all the children involved!



Activities that have been taking place....

EARLY YEARS

Early Years finished the term learning about the importance of the Easter story. We had an Easter breakfast to celebrate each other and our time together. Carl Cooper came from St Mary's church to read us a blessing. We had a lovely time. Happy Easter!



YEAR 1

Year One welcomed Mr Barnard in, to talk to us all about bikes. He rides track and road bikes and we were able to play 'spot the difference' between the two bikes he brought in. Did you know that track bikes only have one solid wheel without spokes because two solid wheels would make the bike dangerously fast to ride? Mr Barnard brought his cycling shoes, lights, helmet and best of all a medal he won last year in the National Duathlon Championship, which was really heavy.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic topic learning all about The Great Fire of London. As part of our topic, we made Tudor houses! First, we made some mock up paper houses. Then we made our own jinx frames from wood to create the house structure. We measured and cut the wood carefully. We looked at images of houses from 1666 to make ours look realistic!



YEAR 3

This term, we have learnt about pasta and the invention of Pasta machines! We had lots of fun making our own using the machines and worked hard to turn it into a range of different types of pasta.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fantastic morning building their very own robots! We explored many moving toys made by Stephen, our robot inventor, who then showed us how to make our very own moving machines! We then added details to our robots which really brought them to life.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 4

As part of Year 4's DT learning, they designed and created their own bridges for a rainforest tribe to cross the Amazon river. They considered how to make them strong and stable using corrugation and lamination techniques.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been on their exciting trip to Drusillas animal park as part of their Rainforest Rescue topic! They took part in a brilliant workshop, and had the chance to see so many fantastic animals! Well done Y4 for all of your hard work throughout this topic!



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 5

Year 5 had an exciting time in their STEM workshop, exploring the science behind bottle rockets! Pupils investigated how changing the amount of water inside a rocket affects how high it can travel. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young scientists to think like engineers and enjoy a thrilling, high-flying learning experience.



As part of their DT this term, year 5 have been thinking about food that would be eaten in space. They tasted and evaluated some samples to find their favourite fruit or vegetable and flavouring. They then designed and made their own space snack. They learnt to use a knife safely to cut thin slices, added their flavouring and cooked them slowly in the oven.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been enjoying their Bikeability cycle training this week in the sunshine. We even spotted Where's Wally on a bike on World Book Day! We have had brilliant feedback about the children from the instructors- well done year 6.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 6

Year 6 ended their 'When the Siren Sounds' topic in style with a VE-Day-style party this week! Parents and carers were invited in to share the children's work in their topic books and their D&T sewing projects which involved the design and construction of a 'make-do-and-mend' teddy bear. The Year 6 children also entertained the crowd with their group 1940s-style dances that they had choreographed in their PE lessons.



3rd March – Year 3&4 Indoor Athletics – 2nd

Another incredibly busy afternoon as our year 3 and 4 children had their turn at the 44 events comprising of the various relay running, throwing and jumping events. Our children performed particularly well in the obstacle relay races and the jumping events leading to an excellent 2nd position overall.



5th March – Year 6 Netball Qualifier – Champions and through to partnership finals

Just a week on from the previous triumph and our year 6 netballers were at it again. A different tournament format this time with 8 teams and everyone playing everyone in a round robin group format. The team recorded some huge victories but were left frustrated against Homefield as the game ended goalless. In the end, both Homefield and Broadwater recorded 6 wins and a draw from their 7 games. However, goal difference was not close as we finished the tournament having scored 27 and conceded 0! So, it was the gold



9th March – Year 5&6 Windlesham Girls Football – A team 2nd and silver medals, B team 3rd

A glorious afternoon of coffee, cake and excellent football was on offer for those in attendance at Windlesham House School. The 'A' team were in a tournament of 14 teams split across 3 groups and the girls put in some powerful displays to draw 0-0 with Orchards, defeat Farlington 3-0 and then claim a crucial 1-0 victory against Lancing Prep Worthing. This sent them into the semi-finals where they convincingly brushed aside Lancing Prep Hove 2-0. A rematch with Orchards in the final unfortunately ended with a 0-2 loss with the Orchards GK the star of the show. But superb silver medals were very well earned and received.

The 'B' team were in a separate competition played as a 5-team round robin. The girls put in a tremendous effort throughout every game and after the initial first game 1-2 loss to Orchards, followed up with competitive draws with TAB and St Christophers, and got the victory their performances deserved with a 1-0 score-line against Windlesham. A very respectable 3rd place out of the 5 teams.



18th March – Year 4 Gymnastics – 8th

The team went to Davison to compete in the gymnastics competition. The children had been learning and practicing a floor routine as well as a vault. They showed great concentration and confidence throughout and the positive attitude and support of each other was fantastic. Though the overall team position was not as high as the children wanted, they all achieved at least the bronze standard ribbon for individual displays.



19th March – Year 6 Football – 5th out of 13

It was a tricky start as the boys suffered 1-0 defeats to very strong Durrington and West Park teams (who went on to finish 1st and 2nd overall.) However, the team showed great determination to bounce back with 3-0 and 2-1 victories against St Marys and Hawthorns and a 0-0 with Vale left the team placed in a solid 3rd place in the group.

This led to a 5th place playoff game against Heene who had finished 3rd in their group. A Crushing 4-1 win was an excellent way to sign off the afternoon and the boys were happy with a more than respectable 5th place finish out of the 13 teams.



Year 4 Girls Football Partnership Finals – 4th

The girls went to Angmering for the partnership finals having won the local competition in January.

It was a very high standard event with 8 teams playing each other in a round robin format. All 7 of our games were either drawn or decided by a single goal as the girls beat Seaside, Eastbrook and Buckingham Park, drew with Steyning and Summerlea and lost to Rustington and Orchards. Overall, this meant the girls finished in an excellent 4th place.



26th March – Year 5 Netball Tournament – 3rd

The team went to Worthing College and competed against 7 other schools in a round robin format. They started with 2-0 wins against St Marys and English Martyrs before drawing with Goring and suffering defeat to Heene. They responded in the most impressive manner with further victories against Homefield (1-0), Vale (3-0) and Durrington (1-0).

A brilliant set of results with 5 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeat and 29 points which was incredibly only enough for 3rd place as Goring (5-2-0) and Heene (6-0-1) accumulated 31 points. But nonetheless, an outstanding display from all our players.



SPORTS REPORT

26th March – County Cross Country – Girls team 3rd and bronze medals, Victoria individual Gold!

Victoria, Sienna and Florence travelled to Crawley to represent the Southern Area in the girls year 6 cross country County Finals!

Having already qualified through the partnership finals earlier in the term, the girls battled through a huge field of almost 200 competitors on a tough, muddy course. Victoria triumphed and won the race and all three girls' scores contributed to an overall 3rd place, and bronze medals, for the Southern Area girls team. An outstanding achievement: competing against runners from the whole of East and West Sussex. Well done, girls!



F@B News

Thank you everyone that has volunteered so far with all F@B events. We raised a fantastic £278 with the non-uniform day and the children had a great time participating in the Easter Hunt, all the children were so well behaved it was great seeing their smiles running a round looking for letters and searching for colourful eggs.



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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