



BROADWATER  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It has been wonderful to see the sunshine on our return and to feel the positive energy it brings across the school. The warmer weather has meant that pupils have been able to enjoy more time on the field during lunchtimes, as well as making the most of outdoor PE lessons. It has been lovely to see so many happy, active children making the most of the space we have.

There is some *egg-citing* news in our Early Years classes, where the children are enthusiastically following the hatching of chicks and ducklings as part of their topic learning. This hands-on experience has captured their curiosity and imagination, and is already prompting lots of thoughtful questions and discussion.

The term is certainly off to a busy start, with educational visits already taking place. Both Year 2 and Year 6 have enjoyed successful trips, enriching their learning and providing memorable experiences beyond the classroom. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who made these visits possible.

We are also incredibly proud of our Year 6 netball team, who are now County Netball Champions! The team represented the school with determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship, throughout all competitions, comprehensively winning every match on their way to the finals, triumphing over schools from across East and West Sussex!

As the weather continues to improve, thank you all for ensuring all school jumpers and cardigans are clearly named. With children frequently taking layers off during warmer days, this really helps lost items find their way back to their rightful owners.

We have an exciting term ahead, filled with engaging topics, special events and further trips to look forward to. Please do check the school calendar on our website for upcoming dates and times, including Sports Day events later in the summer—these are always wonderful occasions and we very much look forward to welcoming you. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we head into a very busy and enjoyable Summer Term together.

Warm regards,

Mr Morrissey

Head Teacher

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

## Diary Dates 2025-2026

### 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**

### June

Tues 2 June – School class photos

Weds 3 June – Y6 Final info mtg for parents re. Lodgehill

Mon 8 – Fri 12 June – Healthy Eating Week

Thurs 11 June – Y2 Legacy Games (at Durrington Junior School)

Thurs 11 June – EY (Sept 2026) Induction Evening 6.00-7.00pm

Fri 12 June – Hen Class-led Assembly (9.00am)

Fri 12 June – Non Uniform Day (F@B Fair donations)

Mon 15 June – Y5 (Girls) Taster Day at Davison (optional)

Weds 17 June – EY Trip to Farms (Coombes/Lancing College)

Weds 17 – Fri 19 June – Y6 Residential Trip (Lodgehill)

Fri 19 June – Y3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm

# Activities that have been taking place....



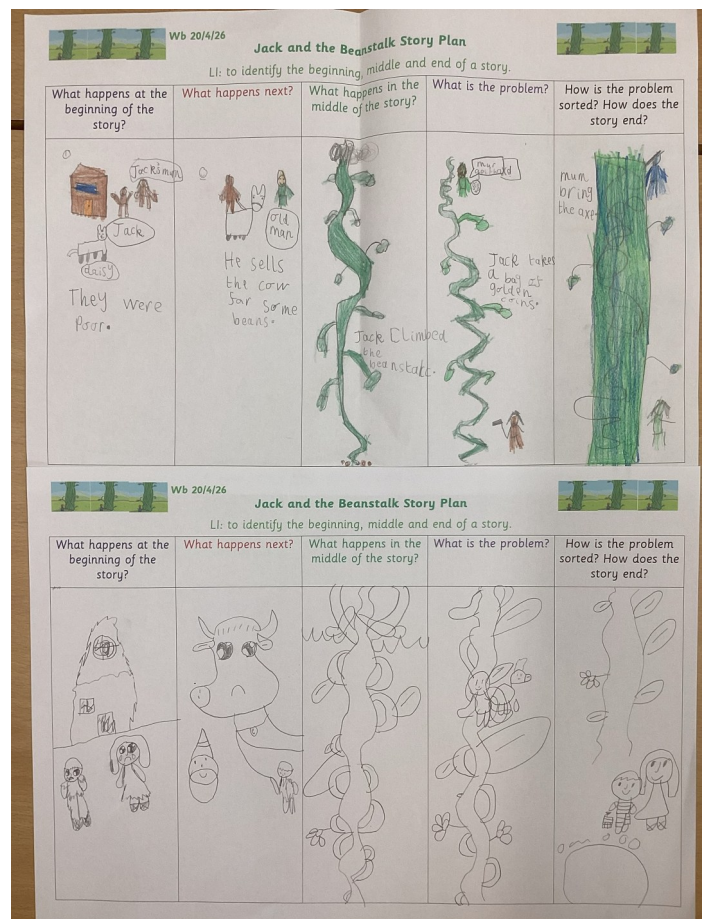
## EARLY YEARS



Ducks and Hens have had a lot of fun down in Early Years these past few days. To give you a much awaited updated... Hen class have 5 chicks and Ducks have 5 little ducklings to enjoy for them to love and take care of.

## YEAR 1

Year 1 began the week exploring items from a popular fairy tale. There was a cow, a pair of large leather boots, 3 magic beans, a golden goose egg and a map to an ancient land. They decided it was Jack and the Beanstalk and since then, they have been reading different versions and creating riddles about the characters. Today they have drawn story plans, including choosing how their story will end, how will the giant meet his demise? Or will it be a tale of reparation and forgiveness, a true "Happily ever after"?



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## YEAR 2

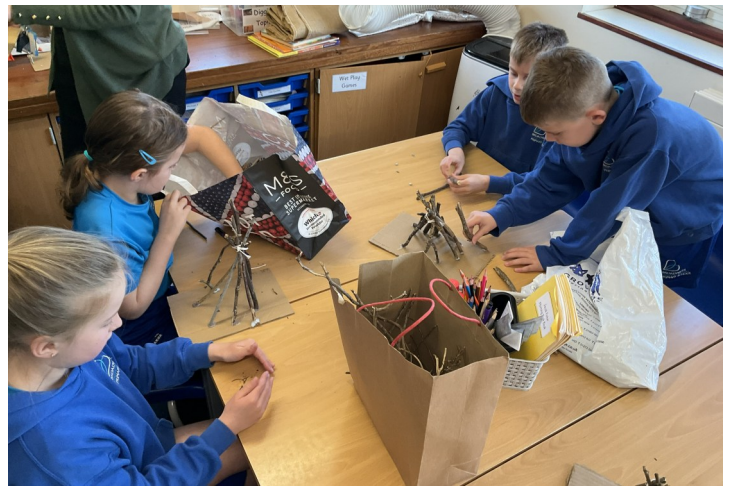
Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Brighton SeaLife Centre last Monday! We saw many different sea creatures and explored a rock pool habitat. We also enjoyed a talk about sharks and turtles. What a great day!



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## YEAR 3

Year 3 have loved learning all about our new topic - The Stone Age! When the children came in on the first day, we learnt about the types of houses Stone Age people would have had to build. Using natural resources, the children worked in pairs to make their very own Stone Age shelters!



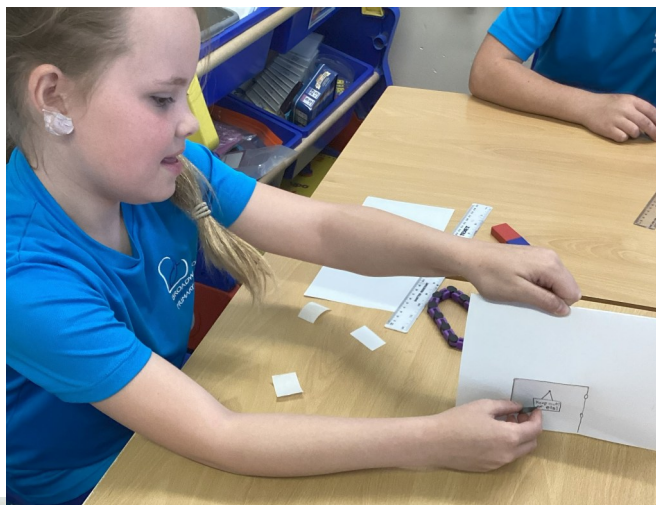
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## YEAR 4

Year 4 had their first science lesson on magnets. They carried out different investigations and were surprised at how strong some of the magnets were. They asked their own questions and carried out their own investigations to find out the answers.



Year 4 explored how they can use magnets for useful reasons. They investigated how to create their own locks using materials given to them. They realised they could use a paperclip and magnet to make a working lock for a door!



# Activities that have been taking place...

## YEAR 4

Taking inspiration from David Hockney and Etel Adnan, Year 4 sketched and painted a landscape using bright colours and patterns.



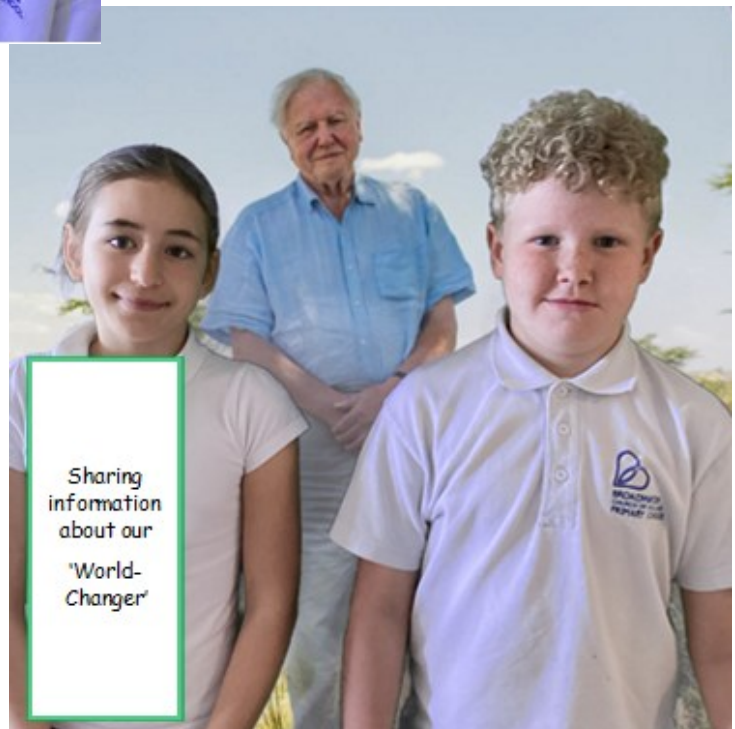
Year 4 had a brilliant time making their own vegetable curry. They learnt how to peel and cut vegetables safely.



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## YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have been researching different people who have made a positive difference in our world. These included David Attenborough, Greta Thunberg, Andrew Turton and Pete Ceglinski (inventors of the 'Seabin') and Saalumurada Thimmakka, one of the green heroes who planted hundreds of trees over many miles and was nicknamed 'Mother of the trees.' Using their research, they confidently presented what they found out to the class.



# Activities that have been taking place....

## YEAR 6

Year 6 had a brilliant day up at Highdown Hill to introduce their new topic for the Summer term - Adventures on the Downs. They found out about the life and legends of a mysterious miller called John Olliver, whose tomb is situated up on the hill. The children also admired the breath-taking views from the top of the hill and used maps to annotate key landmarks. The final activity involved the children creating detailed sketches of the flora native to Highdown Hill. Whilst doing this, the year group were lucky enough to see some of the extraordinary wildlife such as the blue adonis butterfly and birds of prey such as a pair of red kites! It was a fantastic trip which has inspired Year 6 at the start of our topic.



## **15<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 Football – 3<sup>rd</sup> in group**

Our year 2 boys had their first experience of a school football tournament as they went to Orchards and competed with 15 other teams. In their group of 4 teams, they managed an excellent 2-0 win against Homefield, but defeats to Springfield and TAB meant a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the group and they didn't advance to the quarter-final stage. They also played 2 friendly matches during the event so got a lot of action and had a great time.



## **16<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 Netball Partnership Finals – Champions and through to County finals!**

Having won the local competition, the team had qualified to play in the partnership finals against teams from the Littlehampton, Shoreham and Angmering areas who had been successful in their own local events.

With 9 teams in attendance, a round robin competition took place with every school playing each other in 1 big group.

The girls lived up to the hype as they won 7 of their 8 matches and had a draw against Homefield. So, another invincible campaign culminating in gold medals.

A place in the county finals was also secured and strong belief that something special might happen...

## 22nd – Year 1 Cricket Skills Festival

It was a wonderful morning of cricket action at Durrington High School as we had been given the opportunity to take 30 of our year 1 children along to the skills festival.

The children batted, bowled and fielded their way around the circuit of activities with skill, enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour.

They had a wonderful time and were thoroughly worn out by the end!



## 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 6 Netball County Finals – County Champions!!!

Off we all went, bright and early, to The Triangle in Burgess Hill to meet the top 10 schools in the county. The competition was split into 2 pools and the girls started with a dominant 8-0 win against Our Lady Queen of Heaven (Crawley).

Much tighter games followed with 4-3 and 7-4 victories against Windmills (Mid Sussex) and North Mundham (West Sussex West) respectively. An 11-0 win against Plaistow & Kirdford (Horsham) completed a perfect group stage.

The semi final against Estcots (Mid Sussex) was over by half time as a 4-0 lead remained unchanged.

The final was against St Nicholas & St Mary (Southern) who had come through the partnership finals with us and the opening exchanges were fairly even. However, the girls found their very best form when it truly mattered and powered to an incredible 8-2 win to become the County Champions!

This really is a remarkable feat – to our knowledge the first Broadwater team in any sport to ever be crowned county champions.

Many congratulations girls – it was genuinely an honour and a privilege to witness the unstoppable Broadwater netballing machine in action!



## **28<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 Golf (2 teams) – 2<sup>nd</sup> and silver medals and 8<sup>th</sup>**

We took 2 teams of super keen young golfers to Homefield and competed in a tournament made up of 9 teams. The children chipped and putted their way expertly round the various challenges with accuracy and control of power the key to success. The blue team discovered how frustrating golf can be with no end of agonising misses but they stuck at it incredibly well. The white team managed to find a little more consistency and were rewarded with a second place finish, silver medals and will take part in the partnership finals next week!





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# SUMMER FAIR

Hot & Cold  
Food

Stalls &  
Entertainment

Fun &  
Games

Raffle with  
Cash Prizes

Huxley Birds  
of Prey  
Flying Display

# Broadwater Coffee

Friday 26th June 3:30 to 5:30



# 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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