



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our pupils on what has been a truly successful and memorable year.

The children have much to be proud of. They have achieved excellent academic outcomes, demonstrated outstanding effort and resilience, and represented our school with pride in a wide range of activities. Our sporting successes have been particularly impressive, including the fantastic achievement of winning the County Netball Cup. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on the stage or within the wider community, our pupils have consistently risen to every challenge and showcased the very best of our school values.

This year has been filled with wonderful learning opportunities. From educational visits and residential experiences to visitors in school, performances, productions and special events, the children have benefited from a rich and varied curriculum. We have also greatly appreciated the involvement of parents and families, whose support has helped to enhance so many of these experiences. Together, we have created opportunities that will leave lasting memories for our children.

One of the most striking features of this year has been the strength of our school community. The partnership between school and home has shone through in so many ways. By working together, supporting one another and always keeping our children at the heart of what we do, we have enabled them to thrive both academically and personally. Thank you for the trust, encouragement and commitment you have shown throughout the year.

I would also like to thank parents for your support during the recent period of exceptionally hot weather. Your understanding and assistance with water bottles, sun hats and keeping children prepared for the heat has been greatly appreciated.

To our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to your new schools. You leave us with many wonderful memories, and we are incredibly proud of all you have achieved during your time here. We know that you will be a huge credit to your new schools and we look forward to hearing about your future successes. We also extend our very best wishes to any other pupils and families who are leaving us this summer. Thank you for being part of our school community, and we wish you happiness and success in the future.

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

As always at this time of year, we have some staffing changes to acknowledge:

We say goodbye to Mrs Mitchell as she retires and leaves the teaching profession after a fulfilling and impactful career spanning many decades. Throughout her career, she has influenced and inspired countless children and families, and we thank her for her tremendous dedication and service.

We would also like to thank Mrs Hills for all she has contributed this year as a Teaching Assistant. Her support for both pupils and staff has been greatly valued, and we wish her every success for the future.

Our very best wishes go to Mrs Penny (née Miss Foster-John) as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her family every happiness as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

We also wish Mrs Miller all the very best as she begins her well-earned retirement after many years of dedicated teaching at our school. Whilst she is stepping away from her teaching role, we are delighted that she will continue to support us with our music events, ensuring that her passion and expertise remain part of our school community.

We say goodbye to Mrs Davis from the school office and thank her for all of her hard work and support. We wish her every success in the next stage of her journey.

Looking ahead to September, we are pleased to welcome Mr Barnard as our new Inclusion Leader and Mrs Hook, who will be teaching in Hen Class. We look forward to them joining our team and becoming part of our school community.

I am sure you will join me in wishing everyone who is leaving us the very best of luck for the future.

There are also a couple of name changes to look out for in September! Miss Walker is getting married over the summer and will return as Mrs Maddock, and Mrs Laycock will be known as Ms Rand.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Governing Body for their commitment, dedication and the time they voluntarily give in support of our school. Their guidance and challenge play an important role in helping the school continue to grow and improve.

A huge thank you also goes to F@B for their tireless efforts in organising so many enjoyable events throughout the year. Not only do these events bring our community together, but they also raise valuable funds that directly benefit the children and the opportunities available to them.

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

I would like to thank our wonderful staff team. They work tirelessly every day to ensure that every child receives the very best educational experience we can provide. Their dedication, professionalism and care for the children are at the heart of everything we do.

My final thanks go to the children themselves. They are a credit to both their families and our school. Throughout this year they have represented the school magnificently, embraced every opportunity and made us immensely proud.

I wish you all a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

With best wishes,

Mr Morrissey

Welcome to our 'From our Governors' section

Many of the decisions that shape school life happen behind the scenes, so each term we'll share a brief update about the work of the Governing Board. We hope this helps build the link between the governors and the parents.

The Governing Board is made up of volunteers from a range of backgrounds, including parents, staff, the church and the local community. You can find out more about each of us on the school website. We provide strategic support and challenge by working alongside the headteacher and senior team, helping to ensure the school remains a safe and inspiring place where every child can thrive.

As we approach the end of the term, the Governors want to take a moment to say a big thank you to all of our wonderful families who donate on a regular basis to its Fund - which we mark on Broadwater Day every year - which in turn supports the school in a variety of ways.

We want to send a special shout-out to the parents of our leaving pupils who have been supporting the Governor's Fund via a monthly Standing Order. If you wish to carry on donating, thank you - your generosity makes a world of difference to our school community. If you do not wish to continue then, as a reminder, because Standing Orders are managed directly by you and your bank, the school cannot cancel them on your behalf so please don't forget to log into your online banking to pause or cancel your recurring payment so you aren't charged unexpectedly in the future.

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

For all of our returning families, please rest assured that your ongoing support continues to do amazing things for our pupils, and we are so thankful for your continued generosity.

The donations made on Broadwater Day are managed by the Governing Board on behalf of the school. We oversee how these funds are allocated to ensure they have the greatest possible impact. Thank you to everyone that continues to support this tradition.

The board has separate committees, and here's an update from each:

Curriculum

Governors received a presentation on the new Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) policy, considering its implementation and how the school is communicating the policy with parents.

Resources

The committee undertook a detailed review of the school's finances to ensure resources continue to be managed carefully, responsibly and in the best interests of pupils.

Communications & Community

The committee reviewed planning and promotion for Broadwater Day 2026/27 and considered the school's communications with families whose children will be leaving Broadwater at the end of this academic year.

Staffing & Pupil

Update to follow in the next newsletter.

Pay & Review

Update to follow in the next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of our Broadwater community. We look forward to sharing more about our work in future newsletters.

The Governing Body

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

Another sensational year of PE and Sport at Broadwater!

It has been another incredibly successful year of Sport and PE at Broadwater.

Broadwater has, once again, been recognised for the outstanding commitment to school sport by retaining the highest possible accolades in both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 award schemes.

Read more about the awards here

<https://qualitystartaward.weebly.com/>

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/about/school-games-mark/>

In the Key Stage 1 Quality Start award, we achieved the highest possible grade of **Platinum Plus** for the 8th consecutive year.

And also for the 8th year running, in the Key Stage 2 School games mark scheme, we achieved **Platinum** – also the highest possible ranking.

Clubs

285 children (77%) in years 1-6 took part in extra-curricular sports clubs including: Athletics, basketball, cricket, dance, dodgeball, girls football, gymnastics, handball, mixed football, multiskills, multisports, netball, rounders, running and Zumba. Many of those 285 children took part in more than one club with 839 places being taken in sports clubs across the year!

A massive thank you to all staff that have given up their time to run a club which continue to allow us to provide these opportunities for all.

Competitions

276 children (75%) in years 1-6 represented Broadwater in sports competitions including: cricket, cross country, dance, dodgeball, girls football, gymnastics, handball, indoor athletics, mixed football, multiskills and multisports (covering a wide range of activities,) netball, outdoor athletics, rounders, rugby, table tennis.

- We took part in 48 competitions of which 13 were festival style events.
- Of the 35 competitive events, we achieved team or individual gold in 14 events and top 3 finishes and/or medals on 31 occasions!

Top 3 finishes in: Y3-4 Indoor Athletics, Y3-4 Athletics Skills, Y4&6 Cross Country, Y4 Football, Y4 Girls Football, Y4 Handball, Y4 Golf at local and partnership level, Y5 Netball, Y5 Cricket, Y5/6 Table Tennis, Y5/6 Girls Football, Y5-6 Athletics Skills, Y5/6 Multiskills, Y5-6 Indoor Athletics, Y5-6 Outdoor athletics, Y6 Football, Y6 Girls Cross country Partnership finals, Y6 Netball Champions at local, partnership and county level!

Overall

348 children have taken part in clubs and/or competitions this year. That is 95% of the entire school! **This is the highest figure EVER – matching last year. WOW!!**

We would like to thank Mr Lund for his hard work and dedication in providing such a wide range of opportunities for so many children and for organising the numerous competitions and fixtures throughout the year.

Diary Dates 2025-2026

July

Mon 20 July – Y6 Leavers Party (7.00-9.00pm)

Tues 21 July – Y6 Leavers' Service at St. Mary's (Y6 parents only)

Tues 21 July – Last Day of school

Weds 22 July – INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

September 2026

Tues 1 Sept – INSET DAY (no school for children)

Weds 2 Sept – INSET DAY (no school for children)

Thurs 3 Sept – First Day of Term

Thurs 10 Sept – KS1 Information Evening for Parents (5pm)

Thurs 10 Sept – KS2 Information Evening for Parents (6pm)

Tues 15 Sept – Y5 Swimming lessons begin (see letter for info.)

Weds 16 Sept – Y5 Gaveston Hall Activity Day

Mon 21 Sept – Clubs start

Fri 25 Sept – Flu Vaccinations

Fri 25 Sept – Y2 Trip to Arundel Castle

Fri 25 Sept – Harvest Assembly in school (led by Y3)

Sun 27 Sept – EY Fresher's Tea Party at St. Mary's (3-4pm)

Activities that have been taking place....

EARLY YEARS



It has been such a busy term for Early Years, our farm trip, sports day and of course the heat. We have had so much fun and to celebrate Hen class returning the most Healthy Eating entries we were rewarded with an extra sports session. The children chose to play football trying to recreate the World cup and of course enjoying the adventure trail and other playground games. Well done Ducks and Hens on your final full week in Early Years.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 1

Year 1 had a wonderful time on their trips to Arundel Wetland Centre as part of their "Down in the Garden" topic. We spent time on a bug hunt exploring habitats and identifying insects. We took part in pond dipping and enjoyed the local surroundings, walking on the reedbed boardwalk.



YEAR 2

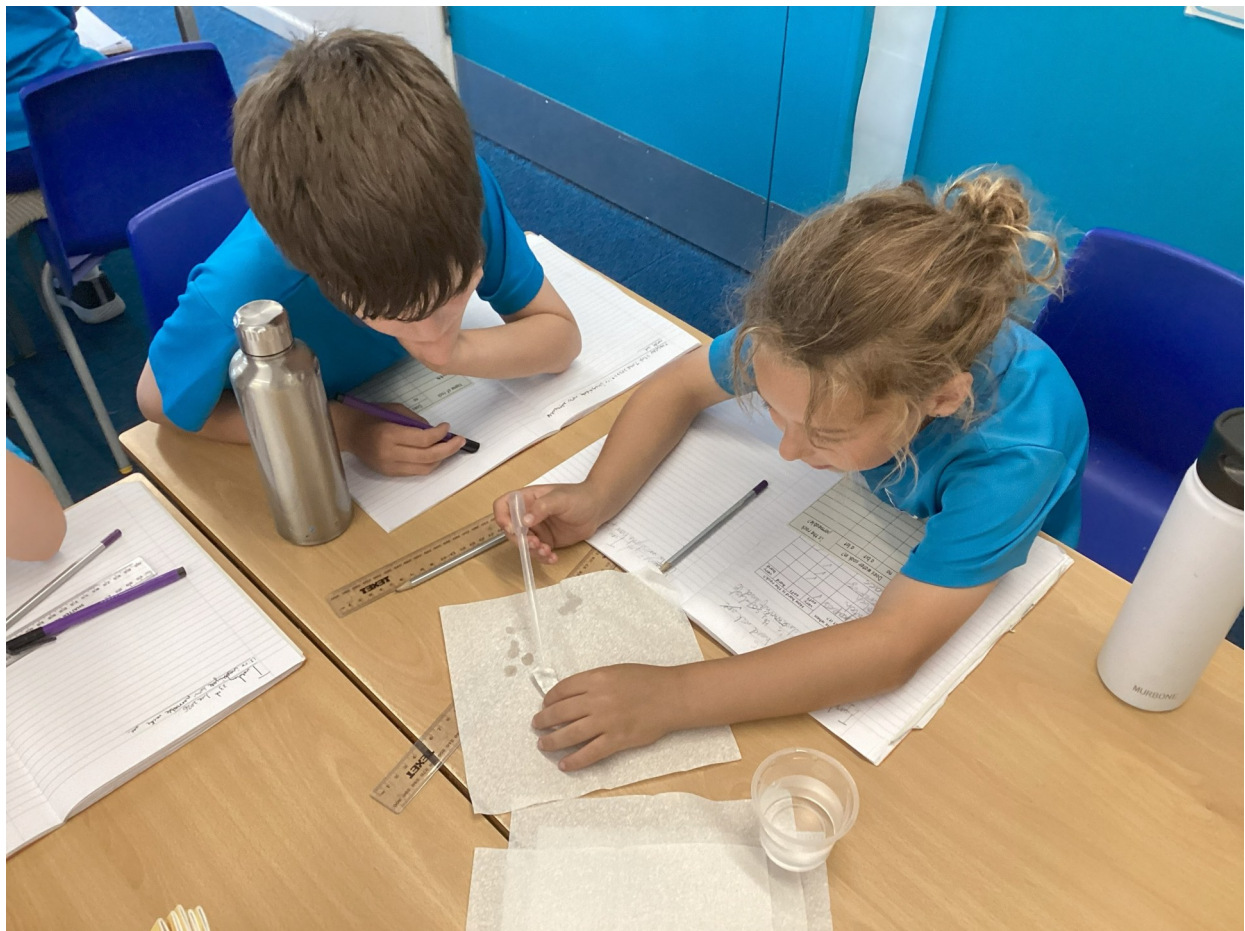
Year Two had a fantastic day sewing! Earlier in the week, we had planned our design for a mermaid purse and tested different ways of joining felt. We decided that sewing was the most effective method and thoroughly enjoyed creating our mermaid purses!



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 3

This term in science, we have been learning about rocks! We got to look at and hold different types of rocks such as slate, marble and sandstone. We tested to see how hard the rocks were and whether they were permeable or impermeable.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 4

Year 4 had a fantastic day learning the art of Japanese Taiko drumming. They learnt some new rhythms to create some powerful musical pieces!



Year 4 celebrated the end of the learning on 'Around the world in 80 days' by coming into school dressed as their favourite character! They watched the film and compared this to the book they read earlier in the term. They then retold the story in groups to the year group.



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 5

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 5 Enterprise sale on Thursday. As part of our topic, 'Let's Make a Difference,' the children have enjoyed designing and making products, all of which had to include a recycled element. There was a great sense of excitement at the sale and as a year group, they managed to raise £250.73 to be shared between two charities, 'Friends of Mombasa' and 'Amplifying Voices'.



Science Fun with Colour!

We were delighted to welcome a teacher from our Bohunt school, who led some exciting science experiments all about colour. We explored what happens when Skittles are placed in a circle on a plate and water is added, watching the colours spread out to create beautiful patterns. We also investigated chromatography using filter paper and water, discovering that some pen colours are made up of several different colours. It was amazing to see the green ink separate and reveal blue as it travelled up the paper. We had lots of fun while learning about the science behind colour!



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 6

As we come to the end of the final term, and the end of our Year 6's time at Broadwater, we have been busy with many 'leavers' activities in July.

Our main focus this week has been performing our production of The Lion King Jr. You may have heard us rehearsing or even come to see the show. Both casts did an outstanding job, performing with such enthusiasm and joy. What amazing talent we have in our year group! They really did themselves- and us- proud!

We look forward to the final two days next week to say goodbye to the Year 6 children and we wish them every success for starting high school!



Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 6



Year 6 fabulous production of The Lion King Jr



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YEAR 6



SPORTS REPORT

July 6th and 7th – Sports Days

We had a very busy couple of days this week as 4 separate sports day events took place. The children competed in some very exciting individual and team races, as well as completing a circuit of activities followed by the longer distance running and the Key stage 2 children battling in the tug-of-war events.

Activities included football, target throwing, high jump, dribbling, throwing and catching skills, sack race, bouncy hopper, agility relay and beanbag throwing.

Thank you to all the families and friends who came to support the events and created a great atmosphere.

Every coloured team took a victory and the overall results for the whole school were incredibly close!

Results

Early Years – 1st Orange(yellow) 22, 2nd Red 20, 3rd Green 17, 4th Blue 13

Year 1&2 – 1st Yellow 39, 2nd Blue 38, 3rd Red 35, 4th Green 29

Year 3&4 – 1st Blue 44, 2nd Green 38, 3rd Red 37, 4th Yellow 34

Year 5&6 – Joint 1st Red 40 & Green 40, 3rd Blue 35, 4th Yellow 34

Overall – 1st Red 132, 2nd Blue 130, 3rd Yellow 129, 4th Green 124



Thursday 2nd July – Year 5&6 Multi-skills Athletics

Year 6 Champions and gold medals, Year 5 3rd place

We played host as 6 teams took on a series of athletics focused multi-skills activities. The children scored points for performances in frisbee, bouncy hooper, sack race, coconut shy, long jump, high jump, slalom/hurdles, javelin and finally the team shuttle relay.

Both of our teams showed great quality to finish in top 3 positions with year 6 taking the overall victory and gold medals!



Thursday 9th July – Year 3&4 Multi-skills Athletics

Green 3rd, Blue 4th, Red 8th.

The final competition of the year and this time 8 teams in attendance. Very similar activities to the year 5 and 6 competition with children again scoring points for performances in bouncy hooper, sack race, coconut shy, long jump, high jump, slalom/hurdles, and javelin. There was also the addition of beanbag target throwing and the egg and spoon relay. All the teams completed their afternoon with the shuttle relay running on the track.

We put together 3 teams of 24 children and they showed superb energy levels and enthusiasm as they battled the activities as well as the ferocious heat!



F@B NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the planning, setting up, running stalls and taking down of the Summer Fair, and thank you to those of you that attended. Thank you to all the teachers and T.A.'s that helped on stalls and thank you to Mr Morrissey for dressing up as a bunny and being chased by a Hawk! It was a great afternoon. Total raised so far £2,533.18 at the Summer Fair.

The school year is coming to an end, and we would like to thank everyone that has been involved with F@B throughout this past year from the Christmas and Summer Fairs, the discos, our first Easter word hunt, non-uniform day and our newest edition coffee van at Sports Day.

This year F@B helped pay towards the cost of the Adventure trail flooring, new goals in the playground, travelling panto and are currently working with school for wet play activities, a playground boom box and more.

If you are interested in joining F@B please pop along to any of our meetings, get in contact you don't have to attend every single meeting, if you would just like to volunteer at events that's okay too, our AGM will be early September, if you are interested in a main role or a background role please get in contact and we can forward our constitution and our roles to you.

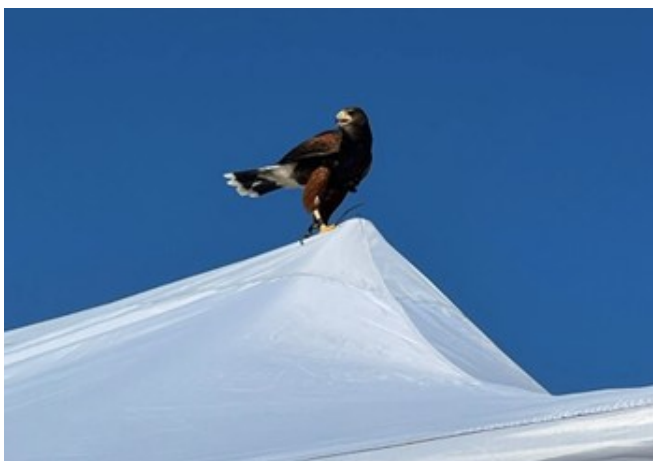
Dates for your diary

Autumn Disco - 9th Oct 2026

Christmas Fair - 4th Dec 2026 5.30-7.30pm

Spring Disco – 12th March 2027

Summer Fair 25th - June 2027 3.30-5.30pm



Other news....

In the very short time we have been partnered with Trelfa's Travels, Broadwater School has made £269.12 just by parents/staff booking with them.

This comes at no extra cost to you but is a really easy way to help raise funds for the school.

With this year's summer holiday nearly here, you might be thinking about your get-away for next year.

Contact Trelfa's Travels for a friendly chat to book your holiday and help raise funds for the school.

www.trelfastravels.notjusttravel.com

Email: kathryn.trelfa@notjusttravel.com

Tel: 07507 113 881



Reminders

School uniform reminder From Autumn Term 2026

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 or sweatshirt cardigan with logo** (embroidered in royal blue and white)
- **White short-sleeved polo shirt with or without logo** (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 or without logo** (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 2026/27

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026

INSET DAYS TUESDAY 1ST AND WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

INSET DAY FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026

(Half Term holiday: Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026)

SPRING TERM 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 - Thursday 25th March 2027

INSET DAY MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2027

(Half Term holiday: Monday 15th February 2027 - Friday 19th February 2027)

SUMMER TERM 2027

Monday 12th April 2027 - Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET DAY WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2027

(Half Term holiday: Monday 31st May 2027 - Friday 4th June 2027)

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