



## Newsletter

01.05.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies because I have not seen many of you this week, I have been away from school quite a bit over recent days attending a number of meetings. It is always reassuring to know that when I am not here I leave behind a wonderful team and that the school remains such a calm, productive and positive place. Exactly the way it should be!

Many of the conversations I have been engaged with this week have a similar theme. Ofsted and the new framework is often the subject of conversation alongside the recent white paper which proposes to tackle some of the challenges associated with provision for special educational needs within schools. There is little doubt that schools are facing challenging times and while I am often able to reflect how relatively privileged we are here in Barns Green I am also mindful not to be complacent. Over the next few weeks we will be reflecting once again on these key issues as we finalise our school plans for the next academic year.

We remain committed to ensuring that we meet challenges head on with determination and professionalism to ensure that we are providing the quality of education that will inspire our children to achieve highly, be prepared for their next steps and make a meaningful contribution to society in the future.

We will keep you informed of future plans and please do continue to work in partnership with ourselves. We really are interested in your thoughts and ideas.

In the meantime the following attachment is a helpful parent guide to the new Ofsted inspections and report cards in their own words...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g>

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Newbold

### Attendance update

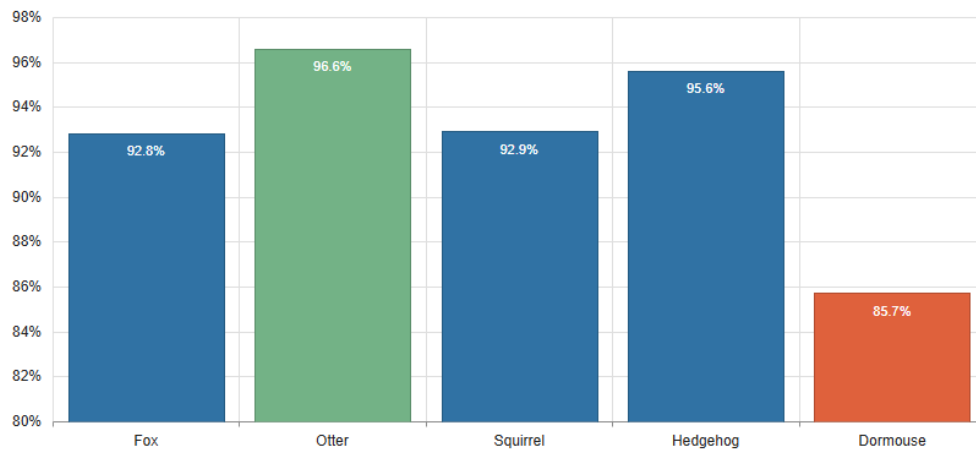
It's great to see our attendance improving and once again reaching 94% Let's see if we can continue to build upon this trend over this term. With the better weather I am sure we can!

The graph below demonstrates average attendance for each class. Ideally, we need to be aiming for at least 95% for each class group.

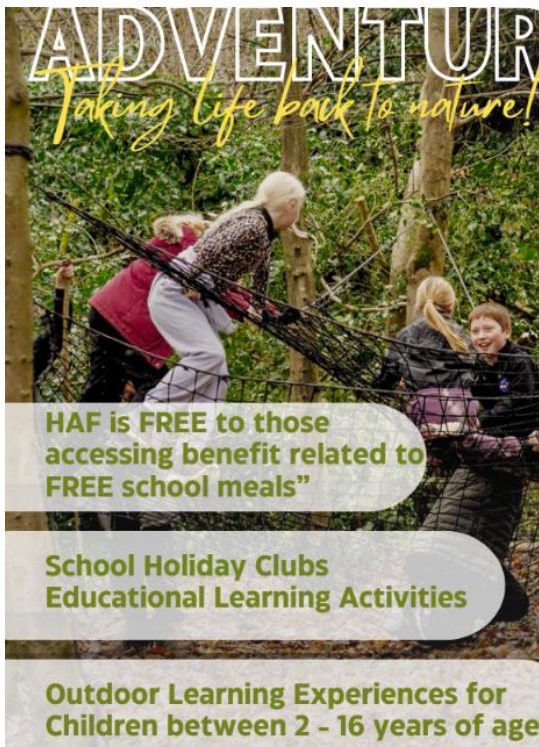
All educational research demonstrates the importance of a good start to school and excellent transition provision at the end of Year 6. Unfortunately, attendance in these key areas appears to be lower than we would like to see it. This is somewhat counter intuitive... I feel confident that we can make further improvements to ensure that children are able to make the most of every opportunity!

Tutor Group ▾

Attendance ▾ ↗



## HAF



## Lost Property

The lost property will be in out on a table in the foyer next week. Anything not claimed by the end of the week will be given to the PTA, recycled or given to charity.

## Drop and Read

The drop and read sessions on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May have been cancelled due to the cricket sessions on these days. We will be rescheduling these for other days. Please look out for the new dates.

## Flute/ Clarinet/ Saxophone/ Recorder lessons

There are a limited number of spaces available for woodwind lessons in school. The Recorder is suitable for Y1+, the Flute for Y2+, the Clarinet for Y3+ and the Saxophone for Y4+.

For information on cost, instrument hire, financial support (50% & 100% bursaries available) and to apply for lessons visit <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-lessons/>

For further information contact Mr Nick Chalk at [nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

### Dates

#### May

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am – CANCELLED

Chance to Shine cricket

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Performing Arts at Christ's Hospital for selected Year 5 children

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am – CANCELLED

Chance to Shine cricket

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

#### June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Chance to Shine cricket

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – PGL residential for Yr 5 and 6 children

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (afternoon)

#### July

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog trip to West Wittering

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Break up for summer holidays

#### September

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>- INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>-Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Yr 6 Bikeability – Level 1 and 2

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability