



Newsletter dates

18.09.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have very happily spent time in classes this week and it has been great to see the children so calm and engaged with learning throughout the school. It is of vital importance to us that our core curriculum values of creativity, inclusion, ambition and memorability shine through classroom provision.

This is our commitment here at school and we constantly reflect and support one another to achieve these goals. We continue to do this at the early stages of the year.

The very first priority on this years' school development plan is the following focus:

1. **Quality of Education–To continue to focus upon teaching and learning to ensure that all pupils regardless of background continue to thrive both academically and socially**

Within this is a plan to ensure that all teaching and learning continues to be very, very strong.

We have not set this priority because we have concerns. We have set this because as a school we very firmly believe that what goes on in the classroom is vitally important and we want to continue to develop and challenge ourselves.

All research indicates that, **"High-quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment."** EEF

We recognise that this needs to be in place for children to thrive here at school. Of course, this does not happen in isolation which is why I constantly talk about the partnership between home and school. Regular school attendance, regular reading, support with homework etc. are also vital ingredients giving children the very best start in life.

Have a great weekend.

Tracey Newbold

Run Barns Green

Run Barns Green: Join the Fun on 27th September!

The Barns Green Run is Just Around the Corner!

This week in assembly, the children took a step back in time to learn all about the history of the Barns Green Run. They discovered how this fantastic local event started and how it has grown over the years to become such an important tradition for our area.

Our fantastic staff will be out in full force supporting the event. We are thrilled to share that Mrs Knight will be tackling the 10k, while Mrs MacDonald will be taking on the 5k! The rest of the team will be cheering them on and helping out across the course.

We also want to see lots of children from the school taking part in the children's races. It is a fantastic opportunity for them to get involved, have fun, and represent our school. Whether your child is running, or you are coming along to cheer from the sidelines, we hope to see many of our school families sharing in the community spirit on the day!

Clubs and Wrap Around Care



Thank you to everyone who made the most of the taster sessions. Hopefully this will also translate into bookings. The better our numbers the more committed Premier Education will be to us. This is moving in the right direction!

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Attendance

Please do ensure children attend school each day unless they are very poorly. I kindly remind you not to arrange special days etc. during the school week. These impact upon how settled children feel at school and directly impact the progress that children make. They are disruptive to the child and their classmates.

The school is held accountable for our attendance figures. If I am honest our attendance figures are not as good as they should be and they are a key line of enquiry whenever we are scrutinised.

We need your help and your commitment!

There is no minute to waste and hopefully the nasty bug that has been doing the rounds is on its way out. Fingers crossed we can all enter Autumn fit and healthy with improving school attendance figures!

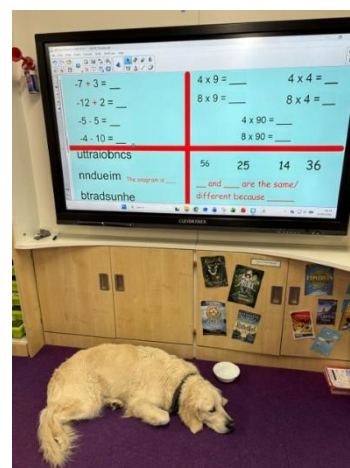
A Very Special Welcome to Pumpkin!

This week, we welcomed a very special new member to our team: Pumpkin, our school-dog-in-training!

Pumpkin had a wonderful first day getting to know our classrooms and routines. She spent a busy morning hanging out with Fox class, where she proved to be an excellent listener during lesson time.

The children showed fantastic respect, care, and gentle manners around Pumpkin, making her feel incredibly safe and welcome. This is just the beginning of an exciting journey, as Pumpkin will be working hard over the coming months towards becoming an official, fully certified school therapy dog. We look forward to seeing the positive impact, comfort, and joy she will bring to our school environment.

Mrs Knight



Stars of the Week and Reading leaves

A special well done to the following children for their superb start to the new school year!



Jeans For Jeans

Great to see everyone supporting this cause today, wonderful community spirit, thank you.

Please remember to donate if you have not done so already.

[Someone wonderful is fundraising for CGD Society](#)



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Family Learning

Our Adult Learning Service (ALS) offers a new free Family Learning programme focused on learning together. Family Learning helps adults understand how children learn and develop while building their own skills, confidence and knowledge. Some of the themes we deliver include;

- Early Years and starting school
- Supporting learning at home
- Understanding your child and family life
- Parenting teenagers
- Next steps: Understanding your learning and work journey



The Family Learning Programme deliver friendly, practical and enjoyable courses around West Sussex and online. Some of our sessions are for parents, grandparents, and carers only, while others give you the chance to learn alongside your child. Find out more about our upcoming courses by scanning the QR code below, or contacting:

- Website: westsussex.gov.uk/als
- Email: familylearning@westsussex.gov.uk
- Phone: 0330 222 4400
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Dates

September

Monday 21st-Wednesday 23rd – Yr 6 Bikeability – Level 1 and 2

Thursday 24th – Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability - please remember to sign up!

October

Thursday 22nd – Yellow photos – Individual and siblings

Friday 23rd – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

November

Monday 2nd – Children back in school

December

Friday 18th – Break up

January

Monday 4th – Children back in school

February

Thursday 11th – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

Friday 12th – INSET day (no children in school)

March

Thursday 25th – Break up

April

Monday 12th – Children back in school

May

Monday 3rd – Bank Holiday

Friday 28th – Break up for half-term

June

Monday 7th – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 8th – Children back in school

July

Friday 2nd July – INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 21st – Break up