



Barns Green Primary School

Newsletter

27.03.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our last newsletter of the term. Whilst it has been a short term it has been packed full of opportunities and achievements. I know everyone is ready for the Easter break and I would like to especially thank the school staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment across the course of the term. At times it is easy to take the opportunities on offer for granted and everyone works so hard!

I do hope you enjoyed seeing your children's work and speaking with teachers at the parent teacher consultations this week and hope that the break will allow you to process next steps ready to hit the ground running in April.

To avoid doubling up and to maximise use of time you will note that the children are not coming home with a written report this term. In what we believe will be a positive change you will instead receive a full formal written report of your child's progress and attainment in July.

I hope you all enjoy the break and I wish everyone a very happy Easter with lots of Easter Eggs!

Mrs Newbold



School Uniform

Please ensure children return to school smart in the correct school uniform after the break. This includes wearing black school shoes. Trainers are not acceptable on non-PE days and socks should be plain white, grey or black only.

Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery or nail varnish.

We are proud of our school and proud to have a uniform that looks smart and represents our school values of community, respect and responsibility.

Taking Part

I politely remind everyone that being chosen to represent the school is an honour. Unfortunately, recently we have not been able to participate in several events due to team members deciding that they don't wish to participate after all. This appears to be supported at home.

Whilst we understand that some children may feel nervous, please do encourage children to support their peers and our school community.

Opportunity is a wonderful thing, something we are proud to offer here at school. At times stepping out of your comfort zone is a valuable and enriching experience!

Thank you to parents for your support with this.

Christ's Hospital Cross County

On Tuesday 24th March, 10 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in our first ever Horsham Schools Cross Country event. This was held at Christ's Hospital school and 14 schools across Horsham took part.

The children did incredibly well and placed very highly in both races. I was immensely proud of their determination, attitude, and speed! Well done to all involved.

I am looking forward to us taking part in more running events in the future.

Mrs MacDonald



Well Done!!

Well done to everyone in year 5 who attended events at Christ's Hospital including Monday's Choral workshop and Wednesday's Maths challenge. These are enriching opportunities to work with and compete against children from a wide variety of schools across West Sussex.



Easter Egg Hunt

A special thank you to everyone who took part in organising the annual Easter Egg Hunt this week.

It would have been so sad for the children if this event had not been able to take place.

I really do hope that you will all support those committed volunteers who are determined to carry on supporting the school through the new Friends Association and that this moves from strength to strength over the coming months.

Mrs Newbold

Simon Viney Sevens Tournament

Barns Green Primary School has entered two tag rugby teams for the Simon Viney Sevens on 17th May 2026 on the village green.

This is one of the big community events of the year and each team usually sets up a base where spectators can enjoy a picnic and socialise. In order for our children to be able to run rings round the opposition, we have organised training sessions for any KS2 pupil who would like to take part, on Tuesday lunchtimes at school, to run from after Easter until the tournament.

Jim Martin, a Barns Green Rugby club veteran and retired PE teacher, has kindly agreed to run the fun training sessions. If your child would like to take part, please send a complete change of PE kit to school on Tuesdays and if they have football/rugby boots, send those too. Otherwise, trainers will do.

Please put 14th April in your diary (the first training session) as well as the following Tuesdays and Sunday 17th May for the tournament itself.

Fox Class Trip

This week Fox Class celebrated the end of their science topic with a fabulous trip. The children were able to share their knowledge on classification, adaptation and evolution through some wonderful activities such as crabbing and stream dipping. We were told many times throughout the day how polite, engaging and friendly our children were.

Mrs Knight



Woodwind Lessons at Barns Green Primary School – from Nick Chalk (West Sussex Music)

I am pleased to inform you that there are a limited number of spaces available for woodwind lessons (recorder, flute, clarinet and saxophone).

Instruments on offer - The recorder is available to pupils in year 1 or older, the flute to years 2 or older, the clarinet to years 3/4 or older (adult front teeth needed) and the Saxophone to year 4 or older.

Lesson options and cost - Weekly 20-30 minute lessons take place in small groups*, or individually. The cost for group lessons* is **£9.90** per lesson (approx. £27.23 a month if paid by monthly directed debit), or £16.30 per lesson for individual 20 minute lessons.

Instrument hire is also available through West Sussex Music at **£36.40** a term (Recorders can be purchased online for under £10).

Financial support - Financial support is available in certain circumstances to partly or fully fund lessons and instrument hire. For more information and to discuss what options may be available to you please get in touch or visit <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/bursary/>.

Apply for lessons -If you would like to **apply for lessons** you can do so on our website at: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-lessons/>

If you have any questions please **email me** at nick.chalk@westsussexmusic.co.uk

**Please note that group lessons are subject to a suitable group (at least two children in a group) being available,*

Year 5 Families – Christ's Hospital invitation

Dear Parent/Carer

Christ's Hospital is a remarkable day and boarding school for students aged 11–18, known for combining academic ambition with a deep belief in opportunity for all. Named Independent School of the Year 2024/2025, we welcome students from all backgrounds, with around 650 of our 830 students receiving financial assistance.

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Morning on Saturday 25 April, a wonderful opportunity to discover what makes Christ's Hospital such an inspiring place to learn.

During the morning, you will have the chance to:

- Meet Matthew Judd, Head of Christ's Hospital
- Hear directly from students about life at the school
- Enjoy a student-led tour of our remarkable campus
- Experience our iconic Band Parade, a vibrant tradition that brings the whole school together

To book your place, please click here >>> [Book an open morning - Christ's Hospital](#)

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Christ's Hospital.



Building Resilience – Parent workshops



These workshops are suitable for the families of children in all year groups and we welcome family members of children who have specific concerns about their child's resilience, as well as those just wanting to find out more.

Broad aims of the workshops:

- To discuss what resilience is and why it is important for wellbeing.
- To understand different risk and protective factors for children and young people.
- To discuss practical strategies to help build resilience.
- To introduce the Resilience Framework.

Workshop 1 9-11am on 10th June 2026

Workshop 2 9-11am on 24th June 2026

Hosted by:



The Street, Slinfold, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 0RR.

Commitment is to BOTH workshops please as the second builds upon the first.

Please will be issued on a first come first serve basis. Please email ccollins@slinfold.w-sussex.sch.uk to confirm your attendance.

Dates

April

Monday 13th – Children back in school

Tuesday 14th – SATS parent workshop for Year 6 in Fox Class 3.20pm

Friends of BG fundraising meeting in hall 3.20pm – all parents/carers welcome

Thursday 16th – Swimming lessons start for Yr 3+4

Thursday 23rd – World Cricket Day

May

Wednesday 6th – KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald (details to follow)

Tuesday 12th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Friday 22nd – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

June

Monday 1st – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2nd – Children back in school

Sunday 7th – Wednesday 10th – PGL residential for Yr 5 and 6 children

Tuesday 9th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

July

Tuesday 14th – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Wednesday 22nd – Break up for summer holidays

September

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

Thursday 24th – Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability