Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 4

Friday 27th November 2026

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Christmas may be fast approaching, but we have certainly not slowed down! Today's INSET day provided valuable professional development opportunities across the school. Teachers took part in training on **Talk for Writing**, focusing on approaches to further develop children's confidence and skills as writers. Our support staff explored best practice in supporting children with reading, helping to ensure that every child receives the highest quality support possible. Meanwhile, members of our Early Years team completed updated **Paediatric First Aid** training.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 4, 5 and 6 class assemblies. These performances were a wonderful celebration of the learning that has taken place this term, and the children did a fantastic job sharing their achievements with such confidence and enthusiasm. A huge thank you must also go to all the staff whose hard work, planning and dedication made these assemblies such a success.

It was also a pleasure to welcome so many families into school for our **Open Classrooms** event on Wednesday. During last year's parent survey, many families told us they would like more opportunities to come into school and see their child's learning firsthand. We were delighted to provide this opportunity and hope you enjoyed looking through books, celebrating successes and seeing the progress your children have made this term.

Our Reception and Nursery children enjoyed a **fantastic finish** to their topic work this week by dressing up as important members of the community. The costumes were brilliant, and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing what they had learned about the different people who help us in our everyday lives.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 6 children who took part in **Bikeability** this week. They represented the school brilliantly, developing important cycling skills and learning how to stay safe when riding on the roads. Well done to everyone who took part. 🚴 👏

Christmas Performances 2026

We are pleased to let you know that all families have now had the opportunity to request tickets for our Christmas performances.

As a result, we are now able to offer **additional tickets** beyond the original allocation of **two tickets per child**. If you would like to order extra tickets, please contact the school office and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Additional tickets will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability.

Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 94.5%

Reception: 99.1%

Year 1: 92.0%

Year 2: 96.3%

Year 3: 92.5%

Year 4: 95.0%

Year 5: 90.8%

Year 6: 95.3%





SchoolPing & Arbor Communications Update

From **January**, all school communications will move from **SchoolPing** to **Arbor**.

This change is necessary because SchoolPing is closing and is no longer available for some parents to download or access. Until the end of term 2, we will continue to use SchoolPing where possible while we gradually transition to Arbor.

Moving all communications to Arbor will make things simpler for families, as many parents already use Arbor to manage school dinners and payments. It will also help reduce the cost of running multiple systems.

Do You Have Access to Arbor?

Most parents should already be able to access Arbor through the **Arbor Parent App** or **Parent Portal**.

If you do not have access:

- Download the Arbor Parent App from your app store.
- Use the email address held by the school.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to set up your account.

If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

What Will Change?

From 1st January 2027:

- School messages will be sent through Arbor.
- Notifications will appear on your phone (if enabled).
- Messages can also be viewed through the Arbor Parent Portal.
- Important letters, reminders and updates will all be shared via Arbor.

We encourage all families to check they can access Arbor before January to ensure they continue to receive school communications. Thank you for your support as we make this transition.



Tudor Topic Learning

A huge well done to Bertie and Byron, who were proud to show me the fantastic Tudor houses they created at home as part of their topic learning. The attention to detail, creativity and effort that went into both models was outstanding.

It was lovely to see the boys so enthusiastic about their learning and keen to share their finished work. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication. 👏🏽🏠⭐



A huge congratulations to one of our parents, who has recently completed an incredible fundraising challenge by running for **24 hours along Seaford seafront**, covering an amazing **176km in a single pair of Crocs!**

Jay took on this challenge to raise money and awareness for **Men's Minds Matter**, a charity that supports men's mental health. So far, he has raised **over £4,000**.

If you would like to support Jay's fundraising efforts, please visit his fundraising page: **https://www.goodhub.com/go/mens-minds-matter-245450**



Key Dates

Term 2

1st December – School Choir @ Brighton Dome

9th December – EYFS Nativity (9:30am)

11th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity (9:30am / 1:15pm)

14th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance (9:30am / 1:45pm)

15th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance (9:30am / 1:45pm)

16th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

18th December – End of term

Term Dates (2026 – 2027)

Term 2

Monday 2nd Nov – Friday 18th Dec

Term 3

Monday 4th Jan – Friday 12th Feb

Term 4

Monday 22nd Feb – Thursday 25th Mar

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Thursday 22nd July