

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Golf/frisbee festival

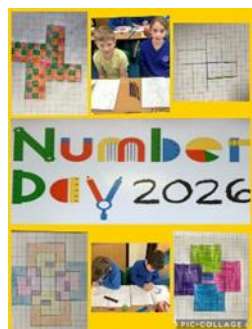
A sunny day at The Bridge on Wednesday was the venue for the golf and frisbee festival for year 3 and 4. The children tried out some new sports and mastered new skills to take part in the different golf and frisbee activities. Well done to all who those who took part and enjoyed taking part.

Mrs Davies
Curriculum



This week's photos include;

Year 1 children practising their mouse skills to draw a picture in the computing suite, Year 2 learning about coins including buying items from a polar shop and Year 4 enjoying their perimeter treasure hunt.



Number Day 2026

Today was National Number Day 2026 and throughout the school the children enjoyed a variety of mathematical tasks and activities.



House Bench Ball Tournament

Last Friday, we enjoyed another thrilling House Bench Ball tournament, with 56 children from Years 3–6 taking part. The group stage was full of tightly contested matches, many decided by a single point. After all the games were played, Unicorns topped the group, Centaurs finished 2nd, Phoenix came 3rd, and Dragons 4th. The knockout rounds brought even more excitement. Centaurs and Unicorns progressed through their semi-finals to set up a superb final showdown. The final proved to be a fantastic contest, with Centaurs narrowly defeating Unicorns 3–2 to become the champions. In the 3rd place play-off, Dragons secured victory over Phoenix. Throughout the afternoon, there was outstanding teamwork, determination, and excellent sporting behaviour on display. A huge well done to everyone who took part!



Book Sale

The Reading Ambassadors have been working behind the scenes to remove and sort all our surplus books from the library during our recent reorganisation. This culminated in them running a fantastic book sale on Monday, where we raised over £320! We also managed to donate around 17 bags/boxes of books to Nymans second hand bookshop, so do pop in when you are visiting as there are plenty more bargains to be had!

The money will be used by the ambassadors to choose new and relevant books for their classrooms/the library to support our National Year of Reading 2026 focus. Thank you to all those who have donated books/attended the sale. *Mrs Reeves*



Safeguarding – parking



Thank you for your support in keeping our school entrances safe. We appreciate everyone who has been avoiding the yellow zig-zag lines, as these areas must remain clear to help children cross safely.

Please also be mindful of double parking, even for a moment. It reduces visibility, blocks other drivers, and can create unsafe situations for pupils and families. Your cooperation really helps make drop-off and pick-up times safer for everyone. Thank you.

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Families can visit the [Best Start in Life website](#) to check if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme by clicking [here](#).



Many parents and carers do not realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds. Please remind families of these schemes so they can plan for the upcoming half terms and holidays.

Best Start in Life has a page of [frequently asked questions](#), which may be useful for parents and carers. You can also signpost parents and carers to follow the Family Information Service (FIS) [Facebook page](#). The FIS shares useful information on help paying for childcare and other topics that may be useful to families.

Useful links and additional information:

- [Tax Free Childcare support for summer holiday activities](#)
- [Guidance on getting Tax-Free Childcare](#)
- [The Family Information Service's Facebook page](#)
- [Help paying for childcare web page](#)
- [The Family Information Service website](#) helps parents search for childcare

ND Navigation Roadshow



Are you a parent of a child or young person waiting on an assessment for ADHD or Autism? Are you struggling to find information or access support?

Come and meet our ND Support Workers for information, advice and signposting at one of the following locations:

10am - 12pm
23rd January

**The Child Development Centre
Crawley Hospital, West Green**

10am-12pm
4th February

**Chichester Family Hub
St James Road**

10am - 12pm
18th March

**Umbrellas - Horsham
Horsham Family Hub**

Bookable time slots available

For further information and to book a slot please email:
nd-admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk



Umbrellas Parent Support Groups

Support from fellow parent-carers is one of the most effective ways in which parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities build resilience and emotional wellbeing. Parents also say their most valuable source of information, support and advice is other parent-carers. To help parents build networks of mutual support Reaching Families run a parent support group in **Horsham**.

Known as Umbrellas, the groups provide an informative, supportive, relaxed and non-judgemental environment within which parents can swap life experiences, share hints and tips, seek advice and share information and resources.

Thanks to lottery funding Umbrellas groups also benefit from a small fund which parent members can use to commission, plan and participate in activities that promote health & wellbeing, e.g head/shoulder massages, resilience workshops, mindfulness, group picnics, etc. Click on the poster for the website link.

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
12 th February	23 rd February
19 th February	2 nd March
26 th February	9 th March
5 th March	16 th March
12 th March	23 rd March

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Wednesday 11 th February	Y5/6 Swimming Gala
Friday 13th February	Parent Consults appointments booking opens
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February	Choir to O2 for Young Voices
Thursday 5th March	Y6 trip to Amberley
Tuesday 10 th March	Parent consultations
Thursday 12 th March	Parent Consultations

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,

Ian Holmes-Headteacher