



NEWSLETTER



Friday 9th October 2026

Monday	P.E. day Fox Class P.E. day Owl Class Music lessons for Year 1 and 2 and 5 and 6
Tuesday	P.E. day Squirrel Class Clergy Worship
Wednesday	Forest School afternoon: Fox Class P.E. day Owl Class FOOTBALL CLUB run by Mr Rogers for children signed up
Thursday	P.E. day Squirrel Class Y5/6 parents invited to the residential meeting* see below. Harvest Festival – remember your donations. Open Morning Tours at 9.30, 10, 10.30 and 11am
Friday	Year 3 and 4 going to Goodwood Farm on a partnership trip – remember your packed lunch!

Attendance and punctuality data

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised absence	Punctuality: Lates
Squirrel	95	0	1
Fox	98	0	1
Owl	97	0	1
Whole school	97	0	3

Residential Meeting Reminder

A reminder that our Residential Meeting will take place on **Thursday 15th October at 2.50pm**. This will be an opportunity for both children and parents to ask any questions about the trip and find out more about what to expect.

If you are unable to attend, please do not worry. The presentation slides will be shared with all families afterwards as a helpful aide-mémoire. **We would also like to remind families to ensure that all residential payments have been made.**

Harvest Festival

On **Thursday 15th October**, we will be holding our **Harvest Festival** in school. The children will come together as a community to celebrate and sing some of the harvest songs they have been learning.

As part of our celebration, we would be grateful for donations to support both the **Trussell Trust** and **My Sisters' House**. The Trussell Trust provides emergency food and practical support to people experiencing hardship, while My Sisters' House supports women and children affected by domestic abuse and helps them rebuild their lives.

Please send your child to school with one or two items from the lists below on Thursday 15th October. We kindly ask that donations are not brought into school before this date due to limited storage space.

Donations for the Trussell Trust:

- Bags for life
- Biscuits
- Chocolate
- Jam
- Nappies (Size 4)
- Shampoo
- Snacks (e.g. crisps, cereal bars)
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned tomatoes
- Toothbrushes
- Washing powder
- Washing-up liquid

Donations for My Sisters' House:

- Period products
- Soap
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste
- Hair care products
- Tote bags

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to the families who were able to join us for our Phonics and Early Reading information session. It was wonderful to share how we teach phonics in school. We hope the session helped to strengthen the home-school partnership in supporting children on their reading journey. A special thank you to Mrs Whittle for organising such a valuable event.

Year 5 and 6 Partnership Forest School morning

Despite the wet weather on Wednesday morning, our Year 5 and 6 children joined pupils from across the partnership for a visit to Levin Down. Throughout the morning, children were paired or grouped with pupils from other schools and challenged to get to know one another. Learning how to introduce yourself, start conversations and build new friendships are important life skills that can be challenging for both children and adults. Developing these skills now will help children feel more confident as they prepare for the move to secondary school and beyond.

The morning also provided excellent preparation for the residential, giving children the opportunity to develop new friendships and practise the independence and resilience that will help make the experience a success.

A final thank you to the staff from across the partnership schools whose support, encouragement and organisation ensured the morning was a success, even if it took a little while for everyone to dry out afterwards!



Worship This Week: Being thankful: Count your blessings!

In worship this week, we have been thinking about the importance of **counting our blessings** and taking time to recognise the many good things in our lives. As a response, each class is creating either an **A–Z of Blessings** or a list of **20 Blessings**, encouraging children to reflect on the people, experiences and opportunities they are grateful for.

This is a wonderful activity to try as a family at home or on a long car journey.

Here are some that the children might suggest, to start you off.....

A for Animals **B** for Books **C** for Community **D** for Door

When preparing this worship, I wondered what I would suggest for **Z**. I went with **Zips**. Imagine trying to fasten a raincoat, pack a suitcase or close a tent door without zips. Sometimes the greatest blessings are the everyday things we barely notice!

It can be so easy to focus on what we do not have or to compare ourselves to others. In today's world, social media can often present a picture of the "perfect" home, family, holiday or lifestyle, which can sometimes make us overlook the many blessings already around us.

 Golden Book

Congratulations to Gracie (Year 1) , who has shown fantastic resilience in her writing this week. She has demonstrated our school value of being responsible by taking ownership of her work and persevering with pride and determination. It has been wonderful to see her confidence grow as she recognises all that she has achieved. Keep up the fantastic work, Gracie!

Well done to Caitlin (Year 2), who has shown exceptional kindness and empathy this week. Noticing that a Reception child was feeling upset and overwhelmed, she thoughtfully invited her to join her in a quieter space. Caitlin demonstrated respect, responsibility and compassion, setting a wonderful example as an older member of Squirrel Class.

Congratulations to Dylan in Year 3, who has demonstrated our school value of being responsible through the care and kindness he has shown towards his learning partner. He has been a helpful and considerate member of the class and a positive role model to others.

Well done to Sophia G in Year 5, who has consistently demonstrated positive learning behaviours and a responsible attitude to her learning. She has quietly followed instructions, engaged fully in lessons and built positive relationships as a new member of our school community. Sophia has been a fantastic example to her classmates.

Have a wonderful weekend

Theresa Smyth and the Boxgrove Team