



Bosham Primary School

Headteacher: Mr. Richmond

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

What an exciting few weeks we have had at school! Our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Book Fest, where they celebrated the joy and magic of reading. A highlight of the event was listening to the visiting authors talk about their books. The children were fascinated to hear about how stories are created, where authors find inspiration for their characters, and what it takes to become a writer. They listened beautifully, asked thoughtful questions, and left feeling excited and inspired to read and write their own stories.



It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm for books continue in the classroom, with many children eager to share their favourite stories and discuss the exciting ideas they discovered during Book Fest. We hope this experience has encouraged a lifelong love of reading and storytelling.

We also enjoyed a very special Harvest Festival celebration. The children took part with great enthusiasm and reflected on the importance of being thankful and helping others within our community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Father Martin for joining us and leading our

Harvest Festival celebration. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your generous harvest donations. Your kindness and support will help make a real difference to those in need, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity. Your kind donations will be shared between The Chichester food bank and The One Church food bank.

Wayfarers enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Roman Palace, where they explored and discovered what life was like in Roman times. The visit brought their learning to life and provided many exciting opportunities for hands-on experiences.

Catamarans had a hugely successful Evacuee Day. The children embraced their roles with great enthusiasm, stepping back in time to experience what life may have been like for children during the war. Their engagement and positive attitudes made the day a memorable.

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We were also delighted to welcome the theatre company Makebeth into school this week. The children became part of the performance as the story unfolded, creating a wonderful range of props including owls, newts, masks and a tree, amongst many other imaginative creations. Their creativity and participation helped bring the story to life and made for a truly interactive experience.

Sunbeams enjoyed their first overnight residential at CYE. The children showed great courage and enthusiasm as they took part in a variety of exciting activities, including sailing, rafting and tunnelling. It was a wonderful opportunity to develop independence,, teamwork, resilience and confidence, all returning with lots of fantastic memories to share.

Staffing update

We are very sad to share the news that Mrs Mayor has decided to temporarily leave her position in Year Two at the end of this half term. This has not been an easy decision for Mrs Mayor but she feels that this is the right decision at this time for her family. We will be recruiting a teaching assistant to support Mrs Black after half term. Mrs. Mayor's Lego club will continue with another member of staff while she is away.

ISS lunches

We would like to thank you for your patience with the new school dinners and the different issues we are having with our new provider. While the quality of the food is much better there are a few consistent issues we have raised with our new providers.

- The time it is taking to serve the dinners.
- Portion control.
- Some expected aspects of the lunch not always being available, e.g. bread.
- Too many choices for deserts (as this slows down service significantly).

Please can we also remind you to order lunches for your child. This week many children have queued up for lunch but an order had not been placed. If you require a link to access the App please contact the school office.

We have today had a meeting with our Local Team leader, Julie Bleathman, to discuss these issues and how they can improve. As a consequence of this, from next week they will be providing an extra member of staff to support during lunches to ensure that they provide the service we expect for our children. We have also already spoken to West Sussex County Council and many of the local headteachers and they report that these issues are not unique to our school. Nonetheless we will be continuing to demand that these areas improve. Thank you for your patience.

If you have a concern regarding the lunches please email the ISS representative for Chichester who is Julie Bleathman on Julie.bleathman@uk.issworld.com .

Squishies

Many of our children enjoy playing with squishies, sometimes known as "squidgies", both at home and with friends. Recent media reports, including coverage by BBC News, have highlighted important messages about these popular sensory toys: their benefits when used correctly and the safety concerns surrounding counterfeit products and dangerous online trends.



How parents can keep children safe

- If your child owns a squishy toy, we recommend:
- Purchasing only from reputable retailers.
- Checking for UKCA or CE safety markings and clear manufacturer information.
- Inspecting toys regularly for tears, leaks, damage or unusual odours.
- Discarding any squishy that becomes sticky, breaks open or appears worn.
- Reminding children never to heat, freeze, microwave or alter their toys.
- Discussing online safety and encouraging children not to copy viral social media trends.
- Supervising younger children, particularly if toys contain small parts or fillings.

Football Team



On Monday our Sunbeams (Y5) and Catamaran (Y6) Boys took on Chidham and Thorney in a local football game. While we did not win the event we played hard, scored some goals and had some excellent performance. Well done boys.

New Club coming after half term Introduction to boxing skills and technique.

We are excited to let you know that Mr Partridge (a DBS checked parent) will starting a new club at our school. The club will be offered to Y3 – Y6 and it will run on a Wednesday after school. The club will run for 6 weeks at a cost of £18.00 for the half term. Please look out for further details on MCAS next week.

Can You Help

We are looking donations of safe, trade materials to enhance play provision and create exciting play opportunities for our children. If you are in a trade where you can provide any of these items, we would be most grateful.

Items such as pipes, tubing, cable reels, guttering, offcuts of timber, pallets, tyres, crates, tarpaulins and other clean safe materials would be gratefully received.

Thank you in advance for helping up transform playtimes for our children.



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Dates – Autumn Term 2026

Monday 12 – Friday 16 October	Catamarans to Hindleap Warren
Friday 16 October	Lasers and Wayfarers to Chichester Cinema
Wednesday 21 October	Open Morning for children starting school in September 2027 09:30 – 10:30
Thursday 22 October	Oppys stay and play 08:30 – parents/carers invited into the classroom
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half term
Monday 2 November	Children return to school
Tuesday 3 November	Oppys writing workshop – 17:00
Thursday 5 November	Oppys stay and play – 08:30 – parents/carers invited into the classroom Oppys writing workshop – 14:30
Tuesday 10 November	Parents evening – booking system live on MCAS
Thursday 12 November	Parents evening – booking system live on MCAS
Wednesday 18 November	Catamarans – school nurse heights & weight
Thursday 19 November	Open Morning for children starting school in September 2027 09:30 – 10:30
Monday 23 November	Maths fluency workshop 14:30 – 17:30 – parents/carers invited
Tuesday 24 November	Last swimming session this term
Wednesday 25 November	Rock Steady concert – 14:30 – parents/carers invited
Tuesday 1 – Wednesday 2 December	Toppers and Fevas Nativity – more information to follow
Friday 4 December	Christmas Fair after school
Monday 7 – Thursday 10 December	Catamarans – Bikeability -please remember to complete the online link sent home
Friday 11 December	Sunbeams – Bikeability - please remember to complete the online link sent home
Thursday 10 December	Christmas Jumper Day and Pantomime visiting the school
Tuesday 15 December	Christingle assembly within school time (children and staff only)
Thursday 17 December	ISS Christmas lunch
Friday 18 December	10:00 Church Service @ Holy Trinity Church - whole school to attend – parents and carers invited Further information will follow
Friday 18 December	Last day of the Autumn Term

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Bosham Primary School Clubs for the Autumn Term 2026

Day	Club	Times	Year	Provider	Cost per term & booking info
	Netball	07:45 – 08:30	Y3 – Y6	DBS Checked parents	07/09/26 – 30/11/26 – 12 Weeks £3.00 per session = £36.00 Product item on MCAS shortly (16 spaces)
Monday	Spanish Club	15:15 – 16:15	TBC	Mariposa	Awaiting Flyer
	Lego Club	15:15 – 16:15		Mrs Mayor	07/09/26 – 30/11/26 – 12 Weeks £3.00 per session = £36.00 Product item on MCAS shortly (16 spaces)
Tuesday	I love Art	15:15 – 16:15	YR – Y6	Mrs Greenwood	08/09 – 20/10 – 7 weeks iheartartclub@gmail.com
	Street Dance	15:15 – 16:15	YR – Y6	HellCats	08/09 – 20/10 – 7 weeks https://portal.iclasspro.com/hellcatscheerleaders/camp-details/207
Wednesday	Magical Maths	15:15 – 16:15	Y1 – Y2 Y3 – Y6	Magical Maths	www.magicalmathsclub.com or phone 02392 983505 16/09 – 20/10 – 6 weeks £51.00 in total
Thursday	Hockey	07:40 – 08:30	Y4 – Y6	Chichester Hockey Club	03/09 – 22/10/26 £40 for 8 Weeks Email – jpkynes6@gmail.com
	KS1 Football club	15:15 – 16:15	Y2 & Y3 (Y1 to be invited in the Spring Term)	Mr Gard & Mr Saines (DBS checked parents)	10/09/26 – 15/10/26 – 6 weeks £5.00 per session = £30.00 (14 children) Product item on MCAS shortly
	Mindfulness Colouring Club	15:15 – 16:15	YR – Y6	Miss McGuinness	10/09/26 – 30/11/26 – 12 Weeks £3.00 per session = £36.00 Product item on MCAS shortly (16 spaces)
	KS2 Football club	15:15 – 16:15	Y4 – Y6	Mr Garner & a member of staff	10/09/26 – 15/10/26 – 6 weeks £5.00 per session = £30.00 (14 children) Product item on MCAS shortly
	Young Voices	Details to follow in the Autumn Term			
Friday	Hockey	15:15 – 16:15	Y1 – Y3	Chichester Hockey Club	04/09 – 23/10/26 £40 for 8 Weeks Email – jpkynes6@gmail.com

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