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23 November 2026

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Hi all
Last week, we took part in Anti-Bullying Week and kicked this off with Odd Socks Day. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors surveyed their classes about bullying and we will be looking at these in our next meeting.

Miss Oliver took some of our Year 2 children to Haywards Heath college for a net games activity. The children were brilliant ambassadors for our school and had a great time.

We had our school advisor in on Thursday morning. He was really impressed with how calm and purposeful the school felt and with the children's enthusiasm for learning. On Friday, it was 'Break a Rule Day', where the children were allowed to break a rule from the designated list. Thank you for all the rainbow donations for our Christmas Fair.

I had 'Hot chocolate with the Head' on Thursday afternoon and was joined by the lovely children below. It really is one of my favourite parts of the week!



This week is full steam ahead for our Christmas Fair on Saturday. Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are in full nativity rehearsals. We have an open morning on Wednesday for potential new Reception children for September 2027. On Wednesday evening, there is the LMA wreath making workshop in school. On Thursday, we have our new OPAL Advisor coming in to support us with implementing OPAL in school. I also have Hot Chocolate with the Head on Thursday afternoon. Friday is non-uniform day for donations of bottles.
On Saturday, we have our Christmas Fair and we look forward to seeing many of you there.
Christmas Fair:
The Christmas fair date has moved to Saturday 28th November. The LMA are looking for as much help with stalls as possible, so please let them know if you and your child can help during the day on a stall.

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Attendance:
We are working hard on improving our attendance and currently our whole school attendance sits at 95.2%. Normally at this point in the year, we would be about 96.5% so we are lower than we normally would be. We know that children will learn if they are in school each day and we need your help with this. Please do try and bring your child into school each day so that they can learn and not miss important steps. We know that at this point in the year, children do get colds, but that doesn't always mean they need to be off school. If in doubt, bring them in and if they really are not well, we will ask you to collect them.
Our girls have a slightly higher attendance than our boys - girls are 95.3% and boys are 95.1%.
Top three classes for Attendance:
Top Place - 3N with 96.7%
Second Place - 1C with 96.5%
Joint Third Place - 2O and 6D - 96.1%
Thanks for your support in helping us raise attendance.

Panto:
We have our panto on Monday 30th November in the morning. We introduced this last year and it was a real hit with the children. Both years, the LMA has kindly paid for this, but the costs have gone up dramatically and it is almost £2,000. We would like to book it for next year (which we will have to do on Monday 30th November), but we can only do so if parents are willing to help with the cost. We would ask for a donation of £5 to help cover the costs of this with the LMA making up any surplus needed. It really was such a lovely opportunity for the whole school to see the panto and take part.

Newspapers:
If you have any old newspapers that we can have for our guinea pigs, we would be really grateful. Please drop these to the office. Thank you.

Tesco Award - Very Exciting - keep collecting the blue tokens to help our school win:
This has been extended into January so please keep collecting tokens when you go to Tesco and remind all of your families, friends, neighbours and colleagues to help collect for us too. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.
Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.
2163 Burgess Hill Superstore RH15 9QT
4616 Haywards Heath Walnut Park Express RH16 3TG
5047 Burgess Hill Gatehouse Express Express RH15 9XB
5242 Haywards Heath Express Express RH16 3PH
To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Miss Dowley

Evan and Zorian from class 2O both won a bronze medal in each of their age categories at GD Academy Beam & Trampette competition on Sunday 22 November 2026. Here they are with their medals!
Well done, superb work!



Peyton (3T) and Jos (Apples) also competed on Sunday.
Jos won 1st place for his age group and Peyton won 3rd place





Laila in class 2O also had a successful weekend, fanatsic effort!

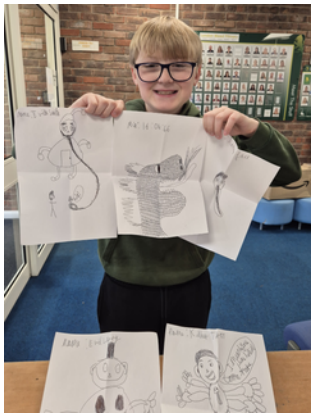
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Huge congratulations to Abigail for graduating from the BHMY Music Academy cadet programme 👏

Abigail has worked so hard to complete every single part of the programme from drill and deportment, marching on parade with the band, to mastering music theory, learning her instrument, practising at home, and performing two pieces in an ensemble,

On Thursday evening, she ticked off her very last element, finished her cadet booklet, and officially earned her promotion to the main band. We are so proud of you, Abigail, and thrilled to welcome you into the main band.





Y5 have been working very hard. Henry came down to the office to show us his latest set of trophies and medals that he won at the weekend. We were also blow away by Ethan's creative drawings that he worked incredibly hard on. Well done!





Last week, a group of Year 2 children went to Haywards Heath College to take part in a Net Games festival where they learned lots of exciting skills from the students at the college. Emily from Year 2 said, "It was really exciting and I learned lots of new games to play." Miss Oliver, who took the children, said they were fantastic ambassadors for London Meed and had a lot of fun. Well done Year 2 sporting superstars!

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

THIS SATURDAY!



Jelly Cat Raffle

Our Jelly Cat raffle is in full swing, adults can purchase £1 raffle tickets from the school office or on the day at the fair for your chance to win our lovely hot chocolate cuddly



What to expect on the day?

RAFFLE - CRAFTS - FACE PAINTING - GROTTO - GAMES - TOMBOLA - CAFE AND OUR VERY POPULAR GRINCH ESCAPE ROOM



Tokens

These can be booked via:

PTA EVENTS

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LONDON MEED ASSOCIATION

Christmas Fair

UPCOMING DATES
This Week

WEDS 25TH

RAFFLE TICKETS
Please return raffle ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets to school by **Weds 25th.**

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SWAG BAGS
Please bring in your decorated and filled swag bags by **Weds 25th.** *(No nuts, please!)*

FRI 27TH

NON-UNIFORM DAY
Non-uniform day on **Friday 27th** for bottle donations *(alcohol or soft drinks, please no non-alcoholic versions).*

THURS 6PM

PRE-BUY TOKEN SALE
Closes on **Thurs at 6pm.** Pre-bought tokens will be given to children on Friday, but more will be available to buy on the day at the Christmas Fair.

THURS 6PM

PRE-BOOK THE GRINCH ESCAPE ROOM
Closes on **Thurs at 6pm.** You can still book a session on the day at the Christmas Fair *(subject to availability).*

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Apples	Chester	Being an excited and engaged learner, always making the right choices, being polite and friendly with other children and adults and always trying his best in everything he does.
Cherries	Advik	For always being ready for learning.
1C	Albert	For trying really hard with your writing this week. You have used your always writing rules of a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces. Very well done Albert.
1M	Olivia	For always being ready, respectful and safe. Olivia listens carefully and always tries her best. She is a kind and gentle class member who is always there to offer a helping hand. She is pleasure to have in our class.Well Done Olivia
2O	Kiri	For being ready, respectful and safe at all times and for her excellent reading skills. You set a wonderful example to us all!
2S	Daisy	For being a wonderful member of our school community. You are thoughtful, kind, helpful and you work really hard! You love to learn and it shows in everything you do. Well done Daisy.
3N	Thomogna	Thomogna has had a brilliant week. He has learned to use the column method in Maths, and a range of fronted adverbials in English! He is always ready, respectful and safe, and we are so proud of him! Well done, Thomogna!
3T	Jamie	Settling in to Year 3 really well, and working hard with adults to complete your tasks. I have been impressed by your mental maths skills, and your sentence building in English. Well done!
4SM	Charlie	For wanting to challenge himself in his Maths learning, having made super quick progress with TT Rockstars as well as always being ready to learn.
4B	Caelan	Always being ready in his learning and setting an excellent example to everyone in 4B.
5B	Daisy	For her secure understanding of the rules of multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 and for her improved confidence and participation in class discussions. Keep it up, Daisy!
5C	Akshaj	For being a wonderful Anti-Bullying Ambassador and role model to the whole class. You have been committed to making our school a safe, happy and welcoming place for everyone and using your voice to help spread kindness throughout our classroom. Keep it up, Akshaj!
6H	Hugo	For demonstrating curiosity in our learning this week. Hugo has offered insightful comments and asked thoughtful questions during lessons. It has been wonderful to see him so engaged, and I am so proud of how well he has applied himself in every lesson. Well done, Hugo. Keep it up!
6D	Harry	For showing curiosity and resilience when applying your times tables knowledge to mathematical concepts, including factors, multiples, square numbers and cube numbers. You have shown a an understanding how these concepts are connected and have worked hard to use what you already know to solve problems. Your determination to keep trying, even when faced with tricky questions, has been wonderful to see. Keep it up, Harry!

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Diary Dates

25TH NOV	OPEN MORNING FOR 2027 RECEPTION STARTERS
27TH NOV	LMA - NON UNIFORM DAY FOR A BOTTLE DONATION
28TH NOV	CHRISTMAS FAIR 1-4PM
30TH NOV	PANTO (WHOLE SCHOOL)
2ND DEC	ELF RUN
4th DEC	EYFS TRIP TO THE HOVE MUSEUM
7TH & 8TH DEC	KS1 NATIVITY
10TH & 11TH DEC	EYFS NATIVITY
14TH DEC	CAROL CONCERT REHERSAL
15TH DEC	CAROL CONCERT AT ST JOHNS CHURCH
16TH DEC	CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PARTY DAY
18TH DEC	BREAK UP FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT 1.30PM

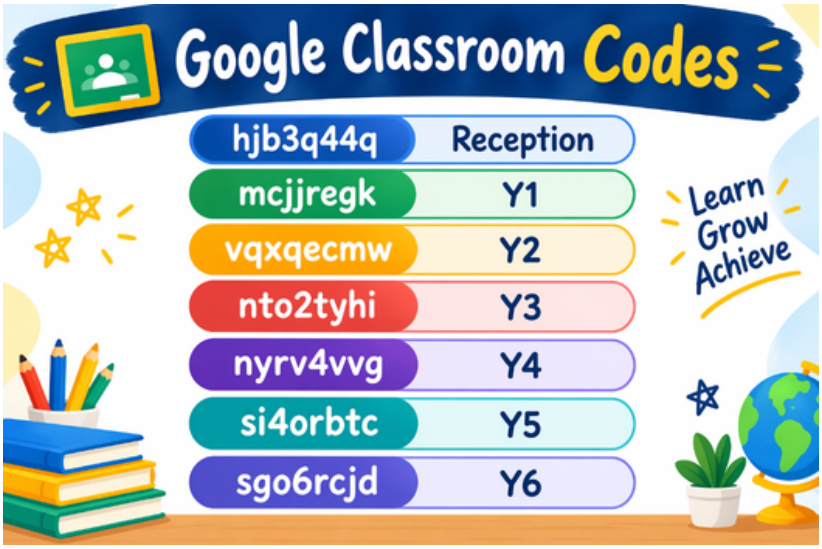


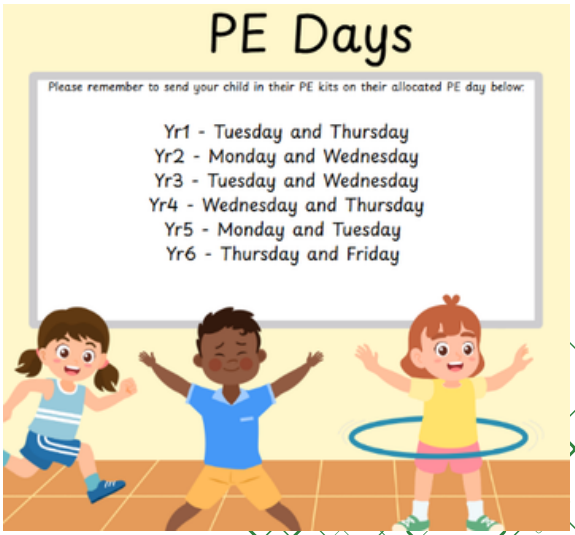
Performances:
We can confirm the KS1 nativity will be held on 7th December at 2pm and 8th December at 9.30am and the EYFS production will be 10th December at 2.15pm and 11th December at 10am. Tickets will be available to book shortly

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26/27 Term Dates

AUTUMN | Thur 3rd Sept – Fri 18th Dec
Half Term 26th Oct – 30th Oct
INSET DAYS: 1st Sept & 2nd Sept

SPRING | Tues 5th Jan – Thur 25th Mar
Half Term 15th Feb – 19th Feb
INSET DAYS: 4th Jan & 28th May

SUMMER | Mon 12th Apr – Wed 21st July
Half Term 31st May – 4th June
INSET DAYS: 7th June

1.30pm finish on
Fri 18th Dec, Thur 25th Mar & Wed 21st July

Reminder

KS2 Pencil Cases



It is very helpful if children in Y3-Y6 have a modestly sized (these need to fit within their drawer), named pencil case in school containing the following items:

- HB pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Short ruler (15cm)
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- Blue handwriting pen (not biro)
- Eraser



It is best if inexpensive items are chosen, as these are less of a temptation to others and less distressing if lost. All items should be named if possible.

A purple 'editing' pen will be provided by the school

Thank you for your continued support.

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Supporting Children and Young People in Your School

Your Space Therapies provides a safe, nurturing space where children and young people can be heard, understood and supported.

COUNSELLING	PLAY THERAPY	CHILD PSYCHOTHERAPY

We also offer support and consultation for parents and carers, because supporting a child is often most effective when we work together around them.

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Is your child finding things difficult?

Perhaps they are experiencing anxiety, changes in behaviour, big emotions, or something in their life is troubling them. You don't have to navigate this alone — we may be able to help.

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A free live webinar hosted by Neuly for parents and carers

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From Busy Gatherings to Bedtime: Supporting Your Child Through the Festive Season

Delivered by Dr Barney Gilbert, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

Thursday 19 November 8pm to 9pm

The festive season brings changes to routine, busy social plans and new sensory demands. These can feel particularly challenging for neurodivergent children and young people, and for the parents supporting them. Through answering your pre-submitted questions, Dr Gilbert will share insights and practical strategies to help you support your child this season and beyond.

What we'll cover:

- Understanding what the build-up to festive events and changes to routine can mean for your child
- Preparing your child for transitions, from term time to the school holidays
- Responding to sensory needs and navigating social expectations at performances, gatherings and meals
- Protecting sleep when late evenings and busy days disrupt bedtime routines
- Recognising early signs of overwhelm and supporting emotional regulation

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