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Term 3 2026- Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support this term. It has certainly been a busy one. We are continuing to make writing a key focus for learning this academic year and we hope you got to see the progress your child/ren have made at parents evening this week in looking at their books. The quality texts that drive this writing are so important and we are very grateful to funding towards these texts as we hope to be able to provide more children with copies to support their learning in class. We have also seen a big improvement in handwriting too.

We are really pleased with how our new guided reading sessions are going in the infants and hope to invite you in to watch one of these next term. It will enable us to model how our reading scheme works. If you would like any information about Monster Phonics then please look on our website in Learning Curriculum and Phonics.

The year 4's are also enjoying their swimming and making good progress with their strokes and stamina.

We hope you have a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 23rd February .

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater** class who achieved the highest attendance of **100%** last week and again to Underwater class for the highest attendance of **99%** this week. Well done!

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **95.5%**.

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.



100 Points	Bugs: Freddie
200 Points	Underwater: Ettie, Flora, Vivi, Jude, Nyla, Rowan, Ryder, Ruby
	Jungle: Bonnie
800 Points	Jungle: Ben, Maksy
900 Points	Bugs: Cassius
1300 Points	Jungle: Harrison
1400 Points	Jungle: Florence

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everybody who booked and attended the parent consultation evenings at the end of last term. If you were unable to book, and would still like to see the class teacher, please email the school office who will arrange a 10-minute appointment for you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Whilst World Book Day is officially Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day 2026 across the Oak Tree Federation on **Friday 6th March**. This is due to a number of other things that take place in school on Thursdays and it is also a great way to end the school week. This year's theme is "Reading for pleasure" and focuses on encouraging

Diary

February 2026

Mon 23 rd	Return to school
Thurs 26 th	Forest School
Fri 27 th	Yr 4 swimming lesson
Sat 28 th / Sun 1 st	Garden Spring Tidy
March 2026	
Thurs 5 th	Forest School
Fri 6 th	Yr 4 swimming lesson
Fri 6 th	Movie Night
Thurs 12 th	Forest School
Thurs 12 th	Mothers Day Shop
Fri 13 th	Yr 4 swimming lesson
Fri 13 th	Mothers Day Shop
Tues 17 th	Drusillas Trip – Underwater and Bugs
Thurs 19 th	Forest School
Fri 20 th	Yr 4 swimming lesson
	Red Nose Day
Fri 20 th	Bake Sale – Underwater
Mon 23 rd	Fishbourne Trip – High Peaks
Thurs 26 th	Forest School
Fri 27 th	End of term

INSET days 2025/26
Mon 22nd June / Weds 22nd July

everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, empowering children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms.

We will mark this special day with fun activities and the opportunity to dress up as a favourite character or in comfy pjs. All children will also receive a book token which can be swapped at bookshops or used to get one of the specially selected £1 books for free! You can preview the line-up of this year's chosen texts using the link below.
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

PARENT PAY

Please can you make sure that all parent pay accounts are cleared before the end of term. Anybody with accounts outstanding at this point will need to bring in packed lunch in term 4 until it is cleared. Many thanks.

STAFFING

We have been successful in appointing a new Teacher Assistant from our recruitment process for replacing Mrs Forster's role, who left at the beginning of January.

We will be welcoming Mrs Natasha Brown after the half term. She brings with her a great knowledge of speech and language development, phonics and inclusive practice.

During this term we have been very fortunate to have Lilia Fuller join us in a supply role for the interim, after Mrs Forster left. Lilia has been very willing to step into this role and has formed good relationships with the children and staff. Lilia's position with us was short term as she is going travelling in May but I'm sure we will get to see her again before she starts her adventure.

Mrs Brown will start after half term.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Unfortunately no parents or carers were able to attend our parent workshop this week about protecting your child from screen time and social media online.

We do have another parent workshop next term which will be held at Firle. This is on Wednesday 4th March and is about Managing Anxiety and Avoidance in Children (8.45/for 8.50 start - 10.20am). Please let the school office know if you are able to attend

UNDERWATER AND BUGS TRIP TO PARADISE PARK

Bugs and Underwater had a fabulous day at Paradise park last week to celebrate the end of this term's topic 'Dinosaurs'. The children explored the outside trail which included real life dinosaurs. They also went on the train, had a lovely play in the soft play area and then went around the inside museum where they learnt more about dinosaurs, fossils, volcanos and earthquakes. The children were not put off by the rain and had a great time. They were a real credit to the school.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will continue in term 4 on a **Monday**, and **Thursday** starting from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast, comprising of a choice of healthy cereals, toast, fruit, yoghurt or pancakes. Children will participate in an activity until 8:30am when they will join the other children on the playground and be supervised by the teacher on duty. The sessions are **£5 per child per session**, if you would like to please book a place by emailing

the school office and a payment link will then be sent to you via Arbor. Sessions will start the first week back from the holidays. Please see the letter attached for more information.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

The following after school clubs will continue to run in term 4. Please see the letter attached for details on how to book.

Monday	Multisports
Tuesday	Street Dance
Wednesday	Craft Club
Thursday	Kickboxing

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON CP SCHOOL

A big thank you to everyone for their generosity at the Bake Sale last week and for supporting the Disco after school today. Thank you very much to Barfield's Butchers in Brighton who donated the sausages!

Please see attached our newsletter advertising future events planned

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeanette Fuller