



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

"In all that we do we are guided by God"

JUNE NEWSLETTER

parents@balcombeschool.co.uk

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your children all enjoyed Sport's Day - it was lovely to see our pupils trying so hard to earn points for their teams and having so much fun. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Dunsby for the additional time and effort she freely gave us in order to organise and run the day.

As we move very swiftly towards July, please do make sure that you have made a note of the key dates below – it's such a busy time and things are easily missed.

Key Dates:

Yr 6 leavers @ Christ's Hospital – Monday 30 June @ 10:45am-11:45am

Book look – Tuesday 1 July @ 2:15pm

NEARS athletics, (more details to follow) – Tuesday 8 July *drivers wanted*

Balcombe village fete – Saturday 12 July

Junior Production – Tuesday 15 July & Wednesday 16 July @ 7pm

Yr6 treat – Friday 18 July

Leavers' service at St Mary's Church – Monday 21 July @ 2pm

Final Celebration Assembly – Tuesday 22 July @ 9am

With best wishes,
Wendy Millbanks

for any parent volunteers who might be able to spare some time to keep the pond maintained so all the hard work does not go to waste. If you have any spare time please let the office know. We would also love to be able to offer a supervised lunch time club to the children, so that they can help with pond maintenance, however we would be equally grateful for any time in the holidays or the odd weekend.

Below is the press release from South East Water.

Balcombe Church of England Primary School children are enjoying a new weather station and upgraded wildlife pond thanks to a £2,000 grant from the 2024 South East Water Community Chest Fund.

The weather station is being used to support the school's science and geography curriculum, with pupils using technology to compare and contrast our weather patterns with other locations in the world. Meanwhile, the pond has been in constant use since its revamp, with pupils excitedly dipping and discovering a range of pond life.

Wendy Millbanks, Headteacher at Balcombe Church of England Primary School said: "The joy on the pupil's faces when looking closely at a newt, or identifying a water boatman is a delight to see. The children love being outside in the sun, close to nature and learning more about the mysteries of the underwater world. Without the grant given to us, we would not have been able to repair the platforms and make our pond safe, so it would have remained out of bounds for another year, with so many learning opportunities lost. We look forward to using both the weather station and our pond to support learning for many years to come."

Pond

A huge thank you to South East Water and FoBS for bringing our pond back to life. The children have already had lots of opportunity to use the pond and explore the wildlife within it. We would be grateful

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Staff Changes

Sadly Mrs Claire Cleverton will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Cleverton has been a key member of our team, not only in her role as Senco but in her dedication to ensuring the best possible provision for all of our pupils. I know that like me, many of you will be very sad to see Mrs Cleverton go, she is leaving very big shoes to fill. I would like to thank Mrs Cleverton for her sustained contribution to our team over the seven years that she has worked here and wish her the very best of luck for the future as she takes up her new position at Hurst College as Head of Learning Support (prep).

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Cleverton in Celebration Assembly on Friday 11th July. Any parents wishing to join us will be very welcome.

I am delighted to tell you that from September, the role of Senco will be performed by Mrs Beverley Hoddell. More details about this will follow in the next newsletter.

Bike Rack

The Eco Pioneers Project, which Spring Class worked on earlier in the year, provided a £150 grant for us to use on an idea generated as part of the children's work. Many of their ideas have already been put in place thanks to another sustainability grant. We have therefore used the Eco Pioneers Project money to buy two bicycle racks to encourage our children to ride their bikes to school. Florence, Matilda, Aengus and Emma were keen that we encourage less air pollution from cars around school, so this seemed a

great way to encourage less dependence on driving to school.



Summer Reading Challenge

Below are some suggestions for taking part in Summer Reading Challenges over the holidays.

Summer Book Review Competition

https://www.schoolreaders.org/bookreview?fbclid=IwY2xjawKoABleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETEyeUxrcEOyU1c0MVlzMmZkAR45PmZbe5bGDNPCcFIDOTcEE6Uz2l7SqaVPdXZ4VqV7WfjHfhDQONLGLqM0g_aem_IKwGskweLBDydWtxn7_jlg

Library Summer Reading Challenge (online access)

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22551112462&gbraid=0AAAAACuCUlqhEhto2-xR-PcGkRUyUL9n0&gclid=Cj0KCQjw9OBBhCUARIsAHQMjS7kq6mmbnUDnUhu7gd07pEhapVZeRfwzrljn1FLKBQYTdiUg0QssaAuKqEALw_wcB

West Sussex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge online page - information is to come, but usually starts a bit before the holidays and usually extends into September (usually a prize for completing too)

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src>

Times Table Rock Stars – Winners!

We took part in a HET schools' times table competition on Times Table Rockstars. There were thirteen different classes taking part and everyone in Spring played really hard, putting in lots of effort. Amazingly, we won convincingly. Our prize was some

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tennis coaching on the terrific courts at Hurst College. This trip was extremely fun and was a wonderful experience. We were also treated to a Wimbledon style lunch including strawberries and cream. We all had a great time.

By Olivia, Florence and Willow

Colour Run



Huge thanks to Brighton & Hove Radio Cabs!

We're so grateful to have had Brighton & Hove Radio Cabs as our proud sponsors for the Balcombe School Colour Run! Their support brought even more colour, joy and community spirit to this fantastic event.

From bright smiles to paint-splattered shirts, the Colour Run was a blast – and it wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of local businesses like Radio Cabs backing the fun. We can now spend all of the profit from the event on valuable school resources.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 23rd June – New Parents evening at Warden Park

Fri 27 June – Y6 Induction day at Warden Park

Mon 30th June – Y6 Leavers' Service, Christ's Hospital

Tues 1st July @ 2.15pm – Book Look

Weds 2nd July – Lake and Coombe Class trip

Tues 15th July @ 7pm – Junior Production

Weds 16th July @ 7pm – Junior Production

Tues 22nd July @ 9am – Final Assembly

Tuesday 22nd July – Summer Term Ends

Weds 3rd Sept – INSET DAY

Thurs 4th Sept – Autumn Term Starts

Fundraising for School

Amazon wish lists will remain open should you wish to purchase anything for your child's class.

Please ensure you include your child's name and the class on a gift receipt so we can get your gift to the correct class and thank you for your generosity!

Donate with
JustGiving

Remember to join easyfundraising - you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra, so please help us to raise funds.

REMINDER

Pupil Premium

If you are on a low income making a FSM application can greatly benefit your child.

It is often thought that parents of children in KS1 who currently receive Universal Free School Meals do not need to make a Free School Meals Application for the school to receive Pupil Premium. **THIS IS NOT THE CASE.**

Please contact the office if you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Any accepted applications for Free School Meals (whether or not your child takes the meal up) attract over £1300 per child per year which the school can use to greatly enhance the resources available for your child both within the classroom and for extra-curricular activities. We may be able to help with school uniform costs, trips and other extra-curricular activities like swimming and music tuition.

Making an application is easy and confidential.

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SUMMER CAMP 2K25

3 WEEKS: July 23rd - August 8th 2025
Lindfield, Haywards Heath

2 hour Drop off £16.99

Half day
9 - 2 pm
or 1 - 6 pm £25

Full day 9 - 4pm £34.75 Extended day 9 - 6pm +£5

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TENNIS CLUB

9:00AM - 12PM/9AM - 15:00PM
WK 1: MON 28TH JUL - THU 31ST JUL

WK 2: MON 4TH AUG - THU 7TH AUG

WK 3: MON 11TH AUG - THU 14TH AUG

WK 4: MON 18TH AUG - 21ST AUG

9AM-12PM - HALF DAY £120PP
9AM-15:00PM - FULL DAY £140PP

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, CALL OR EMAIL

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Unleash your creativity!
Enter the Cool 4 School Clubs Colouring Competition for your chance to win:

1st PRIZE - £50 Premium Bonds - 50 Cool Coins 4 FREE days at our Summer Camp	2nd PRIZE - £35 Premium Bonds - 35 Cool Coins 2 FREE days at our Summer Camp	3rd PRIZE - £25 Premium Bonds - 1 FREE day at our Summer Camp & 25 Cool Coins
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EVERY participant gets:
1 FREE day at our Summer Camp

HOW TO ENTER

1. Collect your competition sheet or download it using the QR code below.
2. Colour in the Cool 4 School logo with your most dazzling design!
3. Take a photo of your completed artwork.
4. Post it on Facebook tagging @cool4schoolclubs and include our club video (scan the QR code)

Club Video

FREE SWIM!

FREE WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE
10AM TO 11AM, K2

ROYAL LIFE BOAT
Drowning Prevention Week
SOCIETY UK

SIGN-UP TODAY
EMAIL: ENQUIRIES
@CRAWLEYSC.CO.UK

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SWIM TEAM


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Film and pop music summer spectacular!
With 80 piece orchestra, plus special guests



WEST SIDE STORY
PHARRELL WILLIAM'S HAPPY
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... and more!

4PM, SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

WITH LICENSED BAR. WARDEN PARK ACADEMY. CUCKFIELD
TICKETS: £10 / 18 & UNDER £3. AVAILABLE NOW.
ENSEMBLEREZA.COM/EVENTS
ENSEMBLE REZA: REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1158708



Wild Wednesdays & Nature Makers

10am-12noon

5-12 years (with accompanying adult)

Holiday fun for families on Ashdown Forest learning about nature.

Wild Wednesdays - seasonal nature activities, games and exploring

Nature Makers (Thursdays) – craft inspired by nature and outdoor exploring



Wednesday July 30 and Aug 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursday July 31 and Aug 7, 14, 21, 28

ASHDOWN FOREST CENTRE
Wych Cross, RH18 5JP

BOOKING ESSENTIAL please book a place for each child

£10 per child

ashdownforest.org



Summer Fun for Ages 4-8



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EMAIL TO BOOK

East Grinstead Sports Club:
July: Tues 29th, Wed 30th, Thurs 31st
August: Tues 5th, Wed 6th, Thurs 7th

Borde Hill Gardens, Haywards Heath:
August: Tues 19th, Wed 20th, Thurs 21st

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