

Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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

13 FEBRUARY - NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been an excellent half term, I would like to take a moment to share my pride in the achievements, energy and spirit shown across our school community. It has been a truly positive few weeks, filled with purposeful learning, personal growth and memorable moments for our pupils. From the high levels of engagement in classrooms to the enthusiasm children have shown in wider curricular opportunities, this half term has showcased the very best of our school.

As we look ahead to the next half term, we do so with excitement and optimism. There is much to look forward to and I am confident that our pupils will continue to flourish.

I wish all families a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,
Ben Turney
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

***Be Respectful, Be Ambitious, Be Resilient,
Be Caring, Be Creative, Be Curious,
Be The Best That You Can Be***

Since our last newsletter, the following children have been celebrated for demonstrating one of our Values in Action:

Noa – Lake Class – being so kind and caring towards others, suggesting great ideas to make others happy and sharing so well.

Ted - Coombe Class – showing great curiosity while looking for creatures in microhabitats.

Samuel – Forest Class – being ambitious ... aiming for wonderful writing!

Lexi – Spring Class – showing all of our values every single day.

Olivia – Mill Class – being the best that she can be ... Taking the greatest care in all written work and thoughtful contributions in R.E.

This week, the following children have been celebrated for demonstrating one of our Values in Action:

Isla - Lake Class – being curious! Isla was really brave on the beam in PE and proved she could do it without help!

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Ada - Coombe Class – working very hard when writing to be the best that she can be/

Forest - Forest Class – always being the best she can be!

Henrietta - Spring Class – being respectful to everyone (including yourself) and everything.

Sienna - Mill Class – being caring and respectful – actively seeking ways to help in class and around our school.

Book Fair

On Monday 23 February we have the Book Nook coming into school to host a Book Fair. Throughout the day, each class will visit the Hall so the children will have the opportunity to view the books they have on display. At 3.15pm, parents are warmly invited to the Hall to view and purchase any books that may be of interest.

Older children, who walk home from school on their own, might like to bring in their money (in a named envelope) so they can purchase a book themselves during the school day.

All sales will help go towards free new books for our school.

SATs Evening – Year 6

Year 6 parents are invited to an information session on Friday 27 February at 3.30pm. The meeting will explain the process and how you can best support your child. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be on Thursday 26th March at 2pm. Parents, carers and grandparents are all welcome to attend.

We will need help to walk the children to and from Church. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

Love Luxury – thank you!

We would like to extend our thanks to Love Luxury, Events who very kindly donated some lovely books to us which are now being enjoyed by Mill Class.



FoBS Update

We kicked off the rainy New Year with a splash of Spring cheer, hosting a brilliant Cake Challenge alongside the much-loved “Break the Rule” day. A huge thank you to everyone who generously parted with their £££'s — we were even treated to children at school pick-up enthusiastically suggesting new and imaginative rules they'd like to break next time!

This term is absolutely jam-packed with events, whether they are hosted by FoBS or those who actively support the charity so grab your diary or calendar (digital or analogue!) and take note of the key dates coming up below.

Six Nations Screening (in partnership with the Balcombe Cricket Club) - Saturday 14th February, 4pm onwards at the Cricket Club - big screen, bar and food. Children welcome.

Forest Cake Challenge - Friday 27th February @ 3:15 pm.

Audience – Saturday 28th February & Sunday 1st March. A play by the Balcombe Victory Players. Featuring a parent and Balcombe's very own drama teacher! [Tickets](#)

Curry & Quiz Night – Saturday 21st March. 7:30 pm. Teams of 6. Balcombe Club. [Tickets](#)

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Balcombe Bull Run & Café – Sunday 22nd March.
10am - 12pm.

Dates for your Diary

Sat 14th Feb @ 4pm – Six Nations Screening at Balcombe Cricket Club

Mon 16th Feb – Fri 20th Feb – ** HALF TERM **

Mon 23rd Feb @ 3.15pm – Book Nook Book Fair

Fri 27th Feb @ 3.15pm – Forest Class Cake Challenge

Fri 27th Feb @ 3.30pm – SATs information evening
Year 6 parents

Sat 28 Feb & Sun 1 March – Audience; a play by the Victory Players

Fri 20th March @ 2pm – Rock Steady Concert

Sat 21st March @ 7.30pm – FoBS Curry & Quiz Night

Sun 22nd March @ 10am – 12noon – Bull Run & Cafe

Mon 23rd March – School Photographs

Thurs 26th March @ 2pm – Easter Service, St Mary's Church

Thurs 26th March – Spring Term ends at 3.15pm

Fri 27th March – ** INSET DAY **

Fundraising for School

[Link to PayPal](#)

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.

Haywards Heath Eco Fair

Saturday February 28th 2026 from 9:30 - 12:30



Meet these organisations and more working in sustainability within our local community

Haywards Heath Baptist Church, Sussex Road, RH16 4DZ

Free, with refreshments provided.

No need to book, just turn up

Click or scan the QR code below for more

Questions? Contact us

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HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL



Seed swap, e-bikes, recycling, volunteering, wildlife, solar panels, woodlands, community gardens, heat pumps, children's activities, conservation, waste reduction

Let's work together for a better, more sustainable future!

Royal Academy of Arts Competition

If you have a budding artist at home, please consider entering them into the Young Artists' Summer Exhibition being run by the Royal Academy. We have registered school.

For more information, click on the link below.





<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

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FEB HALF TERM WORKSHOP

M&M Theatre School bring you another jam packed Musical Theatre Workshop with 4 Showstopping Musicals!

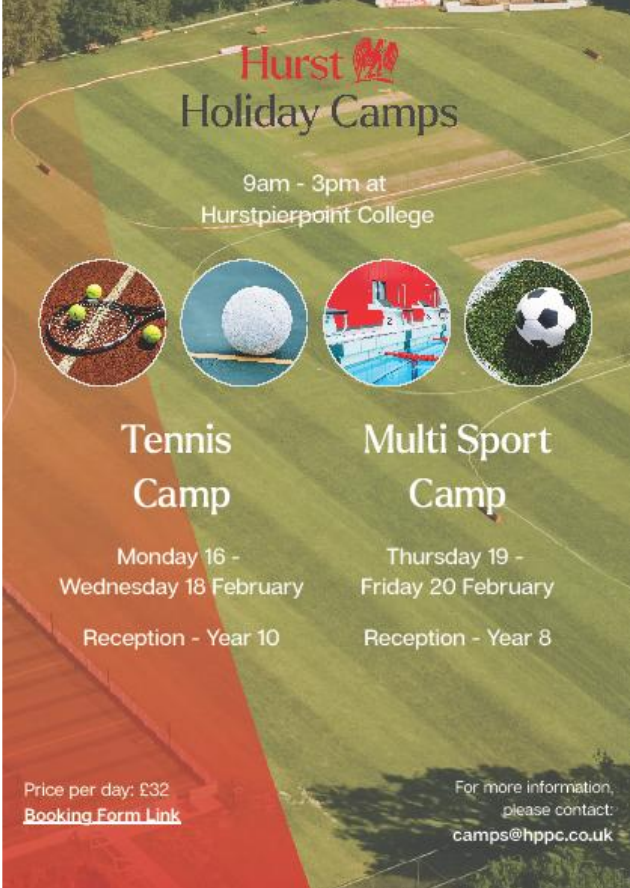
-  Paddington
-  Wicked
-  Beauty & The Beast
-  Come Alive (Greatest Showman)

Taught by active West End Professionals your children will learn Songs, Choreography and scripts from all of the above musicals and have the chance to perform it at the end of the week to their families.

- * 16th - 20th Feb
- * Balcombe School
- * 9am - 4pm
- * Age 6 - 16yrs
- * £140 (Siblings £110)





✦ Email to book your place ✦

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Hurst
Holiday Camps

9am - 3pm at
Hurstpierpoint College



Tennis Camp
Monday 16 -
Wednesday 18 February
Reception - Year 10

Multi Sport Camp
Thursday 19 -
Friday 20 February
Reception - Year 8

Price per day: £32
[Booking Form Link](#)

For more information,
please contact:
camps@hppc.co.uk



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Theatre School

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Sing, Dance & Act with West End Professionals

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BALCOMBE SCHOOL

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