



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> February, 4pm onwards at the Cricket Club - big screen, bar and food. Children welcome.

**Forest Cake Challenge** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 3:15 pm.

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

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

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**Balcombe Bull Run & Café** – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. 10am - 12pm.

## Dates for your Diary

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 4pm** – Six Nations Screening at Balcombe Cricket Club  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** – \*\* HALF TERM \*\*  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb @3.15pm** – Book Nook Book Fair  
**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 3.15pm** – Forest Class Cake Challenge  
**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 3.30pm** – SATs information evening  
Year 6 parents  
**Sat 28 Feb & Sun 1 March** – Audience; a play by the Victory Players  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm** – Rock Steady Concert  
**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 7.30pm** – FoBS Curry & Quiz Night  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 10am – 12noon** – Bull Run & Cafe  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – School Photographs  
**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm** – Easter Service, St Mary's Church  
**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Spring Term ends at 3.15pm  
**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 from 9:30 – 12:30

Organizations participating:

- RSPB
- Community Energy PATHWAYS
- People, Planet, Pint!
- THE LIVING COAST
- UNESCO
- Sussex Wildlife Trust
- LOST WOODS
- BRIDGE OF EASTERN BLOWS NATURE RESERVE
- LINDFIELD REPAIR CAFE
- SHARE HAYWARDS HEATH
- FOAB
- SUSSEX GreenLiving
- FAIRER WORLD LINDFIELD
- West Sussex recycles
- Haywards Heath Horticultural Society
- Jill GOOD

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

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## 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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**INSET DAYS: 27 March, 1 June & 3 July 2026**