



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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



6 MARCH - NEWSLETTER

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We do have learners with allergies, so please remember – no nuts in school.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and managed to spend some quality time with your children. It is always lovely when families can enjoy time together, and I hope that everyone returned from the break feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

I am delighted to share how positively the children have responded to our 'Brilliant Behaviour at Balcombe' initiative! It has been fantastic to see just how motivated they are to earn points for their teams. The enthusiasm and effort they are putting in is wonderful to witness, and it is making a real difference around school. Well done to all our pupils for embracing this so brilliantly!

A huge congratulations to our cross-country runners who represented the school at the recent cross-country finals. You did yourselves and Balcombe Primary School proud with your achievements! We also want to wish the very best of luck to those children who have qualified for the next stage of the competition. We know you will give it your all, and we will be cheering you on every step of the way!

Thank you for your continued support.

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:

Nuala – Lake Class – creativity – for always thinking of interesting ideas when drawing, writing and playing!

Daniel - Coombe Class – creativity and curiosity at Nature Ninjas.

Rory – Forest Class – always being the best he can be, particularly in maths.

Etta – Spring Class – curiosity in history as to why the Mayan empire fell.

Dexter – Mill Class – creativity in art and writing, outstanding results!

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

Maeve - Lake Class – being ambitious and writing so many signs and messages for us – all by yourself! Brilliant work.

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Albie - Coombe Class – creativity in writing, always chooses words deliberately to write interesting sentences.

Bella - Forest Class – developing resilience in maths lessons.

Jacob - Spring Class – ambitiously working hard in all lessons but particularly maths.

Makar - Mill Class – resilience, quiet determination and independence in lessons.

Supervision of children at drop off and pick up times

Whilst it is lovely to see the children happy to be at school and ready to learn, please can you ensure that they are playing safely with their friends on school grounds and not climbing on the banks/fence/walls where an accident could easily happen.

At pick up times, a few children have been playing on the field and on the climbing frame. Children should **only** be using the field and equipment when they are taking part in a club and are being supervised by the club provider.

FoBS

Uniform Sale:

FoBS will be holding a uniform sale on Friday 13th March from 3.15pm. If you have any uniform that no longer fits your child/children, please bring it to the office next week **before** the sale takes place.

Curry & Quiz Night

Don't forget to get your tickets for this fabulous event – Saturday 21st March @ 7.30pm. Teams of 6, at Balcombe Social Club. [Tickets](#)

Bull Run:

Once again, FoBS are running the refreshments for the Bull Run on Sunday 22nd March. We would be grateful for cake donations (please include a list of ingredients with your cakes).

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.

INSET Days 2026-2027

Please note that the following dates will be INSET days when school is closed. There will one additional date – we will notify parents once this is confirmed. These dates are in the school calendar on the website.

Tuesday 1 September
Monday 2 November
Thursday 25 March 2027
Monday 7 June 2027

Dates for your Diary

Fri 13th March @ 3.15pm – FoBS Uniform Sale
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 **
Mon 13th April – Summer Term starts
Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May – Half Term
Mon 1st June – ** INSET DAY **
Fri 3rd July – ** INSET DAY **

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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.

Easter Holidays Sports Courses

Multi-Sports 30th March to 1st April

Rugby 31st March to 2nd April

Football 7th to 9th April

Netball 7th to 9th April

Cricket 8th to 10th April

9.15 to 3.30 - £25 per day
At Warden Park Secondary
Open to years Reception to Year 9
Jamesprostarsports@gmail.com

CREST SWIM SCHOOL

SPECIAL OFFER FOR SELECTED SCHOOLS

First come first served,
Limited availability as spaces last.
availability at Great Walstead School and
Chailey Heritage School only

Group Lessons
£10 per lesson
until Easter
holidays

offer expires 9th March 2026
available on selected classes only,
available to new swimmer or current
swimmers in additional sessions.

Private Lessons
1-1 £25 per lesson
2-1 £30 per lesson
until Easter
holidays

Contact

hello@crestswimschool.co.uk or 01825 790896 for more information

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EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

AGES 5-12 YRS



10am - 3pm
Tuesday 31 March - Thursday 2 April
Tythe Barn, Pondtail Rd, Horsham, RH12 5JF

BOOK ONLINE: www.southcoastsports.org.uk



JOIN OUR ACTION PACKED EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP IN HAYWARD'S HEATH

AGES 5-11 YRS



FREE
TO THOSE ACCESSING BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS. BOOK WITH YOUR HAF ID VIA THE WSCC WEBSITE

DATES & LOCATION
St Wilfrid's CoE Primary School, Hayward's Heath
30 March - 2 April | 7 - 10 April

We accept childcare vouchers

BOOK NOW: www.southcoastsports.org.uk



JOIN OUR ACTION PACKED EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP IN HANDCROSS

AGES 5-11 YRS



FREE
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DATES & LOCATION
Handcross Primary School, Handcross
Monday 30 March - Thursday 2 April

We accept childcare vouchers

BOOK NOW: www.southcoastsports.org.uk

WARDEN PARK TENNIS CAMPS
Tennis Camp 2026

Easter
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
9:30am - 1pm
4-15 year olds
£79 for 4 days
£25 per day

Summer Week 1
Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July
9:30am - 1pm
4-15 year olds
£99 for the week
£25 a day

Summer Week 2
Monday 10th August - Wednesday 12th August
9:30am - 1pm
4-15 year olds
£65 for 3 days
£25 a day

BOOK NOW!
For more information & to register contact:
Sally Turner 07766 006757
sally79turner@gmail.com
LTA qualified Tennis coach
PE Teacher at Warden Park School

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A colorful poster for the 'Rowfant Trail' Easter Bee Trail. At the top, two bees are flying towards a banner that reads 'E A S T E R'. Above the banner is the 'Rowfant TRAIL' logo, which includes a stylized figure. The background is a lush green forest scene with trees and a path. Text is overlaid on the image in a semi-transparent box.

**Rowfant
TRAIL**

E A S T E R

**Thurs 2nd April to
Mon 6th April (incl)**

**Thurs 9th April to
Sat 11th April (incl)**

9.30am – 4.30pm (last entry 3pm)

£3 per adult / £4.50 per child

**Entry includes Easter bee trail
plus prize for children**

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