



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin this new academic year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the incredibly warm welcome I have received. It has been a genuine pleasure to meet so many of you already and I feel privileged to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community.

We have had a wonderfully positive start to the term. Classrooms are buzzing with energy, curiosity, and creativity, and it's clear that our students are already embracing the opportunities ahead with enthusiasm and determination.

As you may have seen in a previous communication, we are having a focus on **Values in Action**. At the heart of this initiative are our core school values:

- **Respect**
- **Ambition**
- **Resilience**
- **Caring**
- **Creativity**
- **Curiosity**
- **Being the Best You Can Be**

These values are more than just words—they are the foundation of how we learn, grow, and support one another. Throughout the year, we will be celebrating and embedding these values in everything we do, helping every child to thrive both academically and personally.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to working together to make this year a truly inspiring one for all.

Warm regards,
Ben Turney
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

As you will have seen from our Values in Action email yesterday, we are changing our Friday assemblies for this year. The children will be celebrated but will now receive a certificate to bring home and celebrate as usual in front of their peers. Their names will appear in our fortnightly newsletter.

This week the following children have been celebrated:

Oraia – Lake Class – being caring and thinking of games for others to join in

Hugo - Coombe Class – being caring in the way he has welcomed new children into the class

Tilly – Forest Class – being respectful by always showing respect for our class rules

Max F – Spring Class – showing resilience and ambition during rock climbing at Bowles

Addison – Spring Class – showing resilience and ambition during rock climbing at Bowles

Pippa – Mill Class – showing resilience at Bowles in all activities and weathers

Meet the Headteacher

Thank you to those parents that attended our Meet the Headteacher session on Wednesday. We hope that you found it useful. For those of you that were not able to attend, the presentation is available on our website.

Bowles

Last week year 5 & 6 went to Bowles Activity Centre for 3 days. They had a wonderful time, despite the changeable weather.

Watch out in our next newsletter for a report from the children, as well as a few photos.

Inset Day

Please note that our final Inset Day of this academic year has now been set and will be on **Friday 3 July 2026**.

Dates for your Diary

Weds 1st Oct – Spring Class trip to Leeds Castle
Thurs 2nd Oct – Census day
Thurs 2nd Oct - FoBS AGM @ 8pm
Tues 14th Oct @ 3.30-6.30pm – Parents Evening
Fri 17th Oct – Mill Class trip to RAF Hendon
Weds 22nd Oct – School Photographs
Weds 22nd Oct @ 3.30-6.30pm – Parents Evening
Thurs 23rd Oct – Flu vaccinations
Fri 24th Oct – INSET DAY, school closed
Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct – HALF TERM

Fundraising for School



Friends of Balcombe School is hosting its annual general meeting & parent drinks on Thursday 2nd October. We'll be sharing what we raised and spent on Balcombe School during the last school year and revealing some events we have planned for this year. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible.



We are looking to fill two key committee roles this year. Please come along to hear more about these and how you can support FoBS.

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The Volunteer Coordinator helps bring parents /carers together by organising volunteers for events. This role is best suited to a social person who enjoys connecting with others and isn't afraid to ask parents for help. They make sure events are well-staffed on the day and allocate volunteers to activities on event days. A volunteer platform, templates and full handover will be provided.



The Co-Chair works closely with the existing Co-Chair to share responsibility for planning and running key fundraising events. Together, they help organise activities and make sure events run smoothly. This role is about teamwork, spreading the workload, and supporting the school community in a fun and collaborative way.

Amazon wish lists will remain open should you wish to purchase anything for your child's class. Classes are in the process of updating the lists. New links will be sent out in the next newsletter

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
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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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Local Adverts for information

7 - 16yrs **M & M** **9am - 4pm**
Theatre School

OCT HALF TERM WORKSHOP



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27th - 31st Oct



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Balcombe
West Sussex
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OF
THE WEEK!

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Quiz Night, Victory Hall - Friday 3 October

Three former Balcombe parents are doing a charity walk to raise money for DKMS, a blood cancer charity. They are hosting a quiz night with Pam and Barry as quiz masters on Friday 3 October. Tables of 6 can be secured by emailing grantconway@btinternet.com with the names of your team. You'll then be sent a Just Giving link where you can make a voluntary £120 donation for the table – this, and all donations made on the night will go directly to DKMS, enabling more potentially

life-saving matches to this register, and giving more blood cancer patients a second chance at life.



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