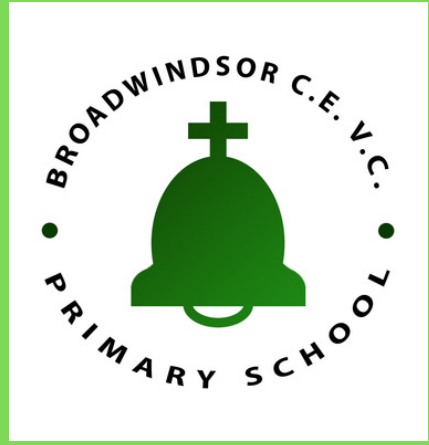




Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Broadwindsor Business...

Dear Families,

As we have now returned to the routines of school life, I would like to give a special welcome to all our new families of those children who have started in reception: they have now mostly completed their Baseline Checks and have been settling in well and enjoying their newly refurbished classroom and making new friends.

Welcome also to the new families and children who have started in other year groups across the school - we wish you all a happy time at Broadwindsor Church of England Primary School. Children are demonstrating that they have remembered our Christian Values after the beautiful summer break and are once again enjoying their new learning experiences across the curriculum. We look forward to the term ahead with lots of exciting events taking place to enhance our understanding.

We would also like to extend our thanks, one again, for all of your support and understanding during our recent Ofsted inspection - we will let you know when the report is available.

In October, we will be inviting you to come into school for parents evening so you can discuss your child's progress so far, and to have the opportunity to look at some of their work. We will also be holding Open Day Tours for September 2027 starters and parents will be invited to tour our lovely school. Details can be obtained from the office or through following our FaceBook page.

Curriculum Spotlight

Mary Anning Class

The newly formed mixed-age class have shown how brilliant they are by working together to make fantastic junk-modelling creations have impressed staff and parents alike. Children are now developing geographical understanding through journey sticks created during walks around the school grounds.

William Barnes Class

Pupils have been learning about the human skeletal structure and have welcomed a new friend, Jeffrey the Skeleton! Ukulele lessons are now also underway and children are already making excellent progress.

Jane Austen Class

Children have been exploring aliens through their English learning and have produced fantastic writing. Their artwork demonstrating movement has been exceptional, and swimming lessons have started brilliantly.

A lovely way to have started the term and we look forward to sharing more with you on our new website.

With best wishes,

Antoinette Barnes

Headteacher

School Lunches

REMINDER — We are a 'Healthy School' and we are 'Nut Free' to assist families with severe nut allergies. Also, a polite reminder to supply only healthy snacks at break times.

Please also note that birthday treats should not come into school **but may be handed out beyond the school gate** - thank you.

Reading at home

Reading is crucial to being able to access the whole of the curriculum and a life skill that many adults take for granted. Children will be bring home reading books and reading records and so we would greatly appreciate your support by sharing stories and listening to them read on a daily basis. Please ensure that these are signed daily to show your support.

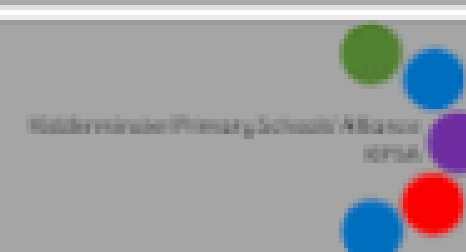
Attendance

It is crucially important that your child attends school every day and for the whole day. Not only does absence impact on their education, but it also affects their friendships and self-esteem too. Where possible, please avoid non-urgent appointments in school time. Holiday requests during term time will be unauthorized. Attendance of less than 96% is considered as poor.

Our current whole school attendance is 97.2% and we thank you for your support!

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Why is attendance important
to my child's education?



Did you
know?

MISSING **1** DAY A WEEK = LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least 97% of the time,
that's at least 184 days a year

Target
97%+



*Plenty of time for holidays, appointments,
shopping and family activities

175

days are NOT
spent in
school each
year *

143

Days of
education

75%

47 days absent

152

Days of
education

80%

38 days absent

162

Days of
education

85%

28 days absent

171

Days of
education

90%

19 days absent

184

Days of
education

97%

6 days absent

190

Days of
education

100%

0 days absent

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has
a serious impact & reduces
life chances

VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less
chance of success

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the
best chance of success

Achievements

Taking the Extra Step...



Diary Dates

Date	Event
01.10.26	National Poetry Day
06.10.26	Harvest Festival 9.00am at the church. All welcome.
09.10.26	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm - All welcome.
14.10.26	School Individual Photos - full uniform for today please.
16.10.26	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm - all welcome.
21.10.26	Parents' Evening
22.10.26	Parents' Evening
23.10.26	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm - All welcome.
23.10.26	PTFA Spooky Disco
02.11.26	INSET DAY
03.11.26	Return to school
10.11.26	2:00pm - 3:00pm - Remembrance Service at the church (children only).
13.11.26	Celebration Assembly 2.50pm - All welcome.
13.11.26	PTFA - Mary Anning Class After-School Youth Club