

Newsletter

No. 6 – 16th October 2026



Dear Parent/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the first consultation evening this week. We hope you enjoyed seeing and hearing about the wide variety of learning that has already gone on this term.

We held our last New Intake Tour this morning for children starting school in September 2027. If you have any friends or family, who would still be interested in visiting, please do let them know they are welcome to arrange a visit by contacting the school office.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

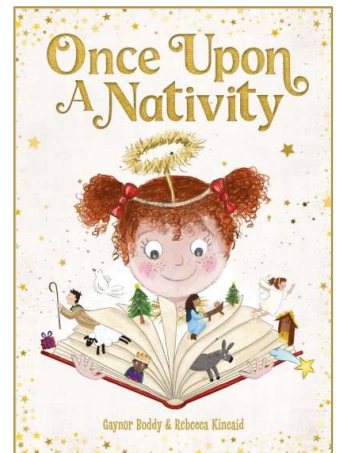
Kind regards,

Catherine Brooks

Once Upon A Nativity - *Open the book to the greatest story ever told in this adventure of a nativity*

Staff were really impressed by all the children who auditioned for this year's Christmas Play, it was lovely to see so many children keen to take part.

We are in the process of allocating speaking parts, and those children will be coming home with their scripts next week. Please support your children to learn their lines as rehearsals will begin after half term.





Reading rewards

	Ruby 10 reads	Emerald 25 reads	Amethyst 50 reads	Diamond 75 reads	Wormery 100 reads
Willows		Xander Lyra	Eden	Tulip	
Ash	Miley Arlo	Albie G Isla O Quinn Ruby			
Sycamore		Felix Ronnie Oliver M Jacob Isla H			



Golden book

When a child demonstrates one of our values,
we like to celebrate it in Friday's assembly!

Respect Compassion Joy
Perseverance Forgiveness Truthfulness

Willows

Esme, for trying really hard with her letter formation this week.
Tulip, for showing kindness and respect to everyone in Willows.

Ash

Chloe, for a fantastic piece of writing about Penguins.
Edie and Albie, for being lovely members of Ash Class, always modeling our school values to the rest of the school.

Sycamores

Alanna, for a beautiful and joyful picture of the Amazon rainforest which she completed at home.
Lilian, for always being respectful and careful as she moves around the school.

Diary dates

New dates are in **bold**

October

19th October

Half-term

Parent's evening

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

November

Tuesday 10th November

Thursday 12th November

Friday 13th November

8.55 Ash Class Assembly

8.55 Sycamores Class Assembly

Children in Need (Children are welcome to wear PJs or their own clothes for a donation to the charity)

Thursday 19th November

8.55 Willows Class Assembly

December

Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December

Friday 11th December

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

9.15 Nativity performance

6pm Nativity performance

2pm Nativity performance

2 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church

Last day of term

January

Monday 4th January

Tuesday 5th January

INSET day

First day of term for the children

February

Friday 12th February

Half-term

INSET day

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

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Shipley CofE Primary School



New intake Reception 2027



SHIPLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

We warmly welcome prospective families to join us for a stay & play session on the 23rd or 26th November, from 2:15-2:45pm.

Come along to explore the Willows classroom and meet the team.

Please contact the office to book your place:
01403 741 298
office@shipley.w-sussex.sch.uk

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Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2027

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 5 October 2026**. If you would like further advice or information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free Internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10

Family learning in West Sussex

Family learning brings parents, grandparents, carers and children together to learn, grow and build confidence.

The West Sussex Family Learning team is offering a range of free courses to help parents, grandparents and carers support their children's learning and wellbeing.

This term, our courses cover a range of topics, including:

- Preparing children for starting school
- Supporting learning in reception and key stage 1
- Helping with key stage 2 maths
- Managing anxiety
- Building resilience
- Promoting positive family wellbeing
- These practical sessions provide simple strategies, useful advice and ideas that families can use at home straight away.

Courses are available online and in community venues across West Sussex, making it easy for families to access support that meets their needs. **All courses are free**, although booking is required. To see all of our available courses and to book a place, please visit the website:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/adult-learning-service/family-learning-in-west-sussex/>



Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person in West Sussex who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, advice, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk
Telephone: 01903 366 360

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UMBRELLAS

Parent Support Groups

Autumn Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

8th Sep / 6th Oct / 3rd Nov / 1st Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

22nd Sep / 20th Oct / 17th Nov / 15th Dec

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

7.30 - 9pm

10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 10th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

16th Sep / 21st Oct / 18th Nov / 16th Dec

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub

15th Sep / 13th Oct / 10th Nov / 8th Dec

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Arun West Family Hub

24th Sep / 22nd Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

If you would like more information about Umbrellas or the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact our outreach team.

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

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TRAINING

AUTUMN TERM 2026



WORKSHOPS

Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Thursday 5 th November	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence (11 years +)	Tuesday 10 th November	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Friday 13 th November	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)	Monday 16 th November	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Communication skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 24 th November	10.30 am - 12 pm
Understanding Autism	Wednesday 25 th November	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Thursday 26 th November	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11 years +)	Wednesday 2nd December	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 3rd December	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Sleep (for children age 2 - 11 years)	Wednesday 9 th December	10.30 am - 12.30 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

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