



Gossops Green News

10th July 2026

Goodbye and Thank You

This is the last newsletter of the year so, although we still have 8 days in school, as well as our amazing Year 6, we will be saying goodbye to a few valued colleagues at the end of the term.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Mae (Reception), Miss Lethbridge (Year 1), Mrs Coventry (Year 3) and Miss Burd (Year 5/6). Miss Mae and Mrs Coventry are leaving for other jobs and, although they have only been with us



for a short time, they have made a big impact on the children and staff they have worked with. Miss Lethbridge is leaving to start a teacher training degree and Miss Burd is emigrating. Both were students at the school and then rejoined us as colleagues.



Whilst we are continuing to work with Chelsea to provide our sports coaching next year, we will also be saying goodbye to Mr Gorman, who will be leaving the Chelsea Foundation.



We are also saying goodbye to Miss Bishop (Year 5) and Mrs Bracknell (SENDCo). Mrs Bracknell has been here for 5 years and supported a large number of children with SEND. She has also been a valued member of the Senior Leadership Team. Miss Bishop is leaving after 10 years at



Gossops Green, where she has taught across Key Stage 2 and has been both a Year Leader and English Lead. Both have made a significant impact at our school and both will be sorely missed by colleagues and children.

We send all of our leavers to their new adventures with our very best wishes for the future.

Shoes

Thank you for your support over the last couple of weeks in sending your children to school in cooler clothes, with water bottles, sun cream and sunhats.



Can we please remind you though that children **must wear shoes which have covered heels and toes** – sandals are not appropriate for school as it is too easy for someone to accidentally stand on their toes or for children to stub their toes on a chair or table leg in the classroom. Crocs are also not appropriate as they come off too easily when running – which children still do, even in the heat.

Holidays and Leave of Absence

There is significant research showing the importance in regular school attendance (more than 95%) on academic outcomes. Although we are an academy, we still have to follow statutory guidance from The Department for Education (DfE) and this includes significant guidance regarding school attendance. The DfE collects our attendance data every day and will challenge school, either directly or via Ofsted, if we are not following the statutory guidance.

Please be aware that the guidance is clear that we are not allowed to authorise absence for holidays in term-time and, while there is a lot of comments on social media about schools fining parents, this is not the case. If parents do choose to take their children away, then we are required to refer them to the Local Authority, who may then issue a fine. School does not get any of this money. We also have to refer children who have had more than 15 days off ill in an academic year to the Local Authority and we have to work with parents and carers of children whose attendance falls below 90%. This is a small percentage of the school and we really appreciate the fact that the majority of pupils are achieving great attendance.

School Meal Cost Increase

The Collegiate Trading Company, who provide our school meals have informed us that, following a review of catering costs, including increases in food prices, staffing, utilities and other expenses, it has been necessary to increase the price of a school meal to £2.60 from September.

School Meals will remain **free** of charge for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children next year. They are also free for those children in Key Stage 2, whose households receive Universal Credit – although parents and carers have to apply for this at [Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#). Please see the email that was sent home yesterday for more information.

Please also note that, following a few parents and carers accidentally accruing debts, all lunches now need to be paid for when ordering them.



Parking Reminder

Can we please remind you to park responsibly when you are dropping off, picking up or attending school events. We had two complaints from local residents during our Sports Mornings due to cars which were parked illegally. One of our neighbours was unable to start work due to a parent blocking in his van. The police were called – and did attend – although the neighbour did choose not to press charges on this occasion. We also had a family who had hired out the community centre complain that they were unable to park due to cars in the community centre car park. This may have been reported to Crawley Borough Council, who own this land.



School Platinum Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have, once again, been awarded the Platinum School Games Mark in recognition of our engagement in PE and active learning. This is the highest award possible and an incredible achievement. Well done to Mrs Dixon and the PE team for all of their hard work and dedication, which has resulted in the school gaining this prestigious award.



RSPB Wild Challenges



Around 40 Key Stage 2 pupils have recently completed 6 RSPB Wild Challenges for Schools with the help of Mrs Brazier and Mr Humphrey. Three of the challenges – creating a wildlife pond, planting and an amphibian home – were completed by representatives from Year 4 in the re-developed Sensory Garden. A birdwatching challenge was completed by some of our Year 6 children and minibeast and plant hunts (2 challenges) were completed over lunch breaks by a variety of KS2 children. We are now waiting for our certificate, which will be proudly displayed in school.

Updated Policies

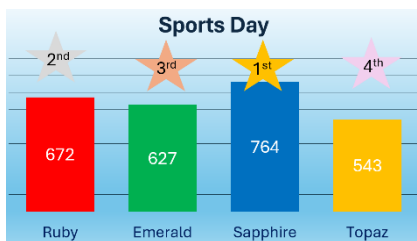
We are in the process of updating the following policies, which will be available on our website:

- Visits and Enrichment Experiences
- PSHE (with RSE) – following consultations and as a result of new statutory guidance
- Personal Electronic Communication Devices Policy

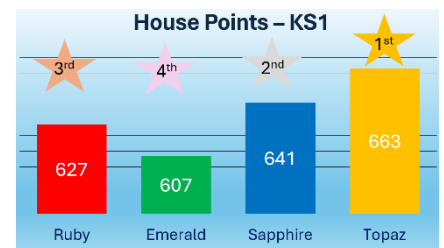
Enrichment Activities



Thank you to West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service who visited the school on Thursday to talk to all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 on the firefighter's role and the importance of fire safety, following the local fires in recent months.



Congratulations to Topaz who came top in our KS1 Sports' Morning and Sapphire, who came top in our KS2 Sports' Morning.

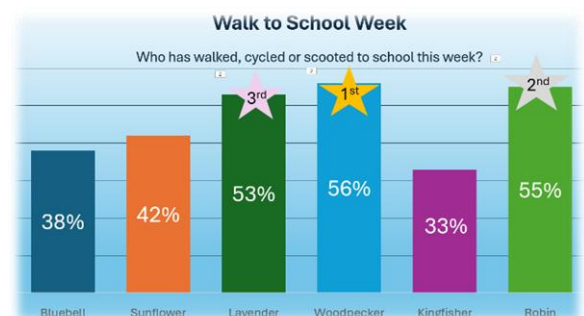
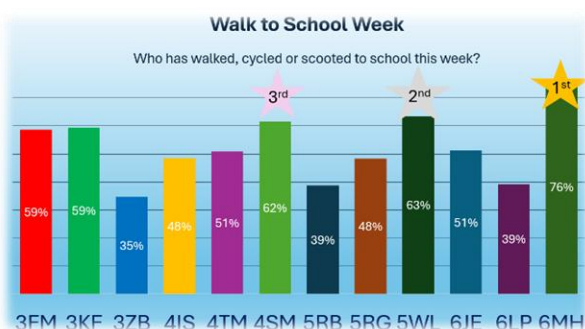


Year 5 have enjoyed trips to Worth Park this week to learn about the Victorian gardens and what that part of Crawley was like just over 100 years ago.



Well done to 6MH, 5WL, 4SM, Woodpecker, Robin and Lavender classes who came top during this week's Walk to School Challenge. Thank you to those parents and carers who supported

this!





Well done to our Year 6 footballers, who recently participated in the Football Cup. The boys got through to the semi-finals, which they lost 1-0 in the last few seconds of the match. Despite being very upset, they still managed to cheer on the teams in the final.

Both the girls & boys football have done themselves and the school proud this year and Mrs Dixon reports that she got lots of comments about how polite and well behaved the pupils were – well done to you all!



A group of Year 5 pupils enjoyed a day at ICC last Monday, where they participated in a number of different sporting events.



Congratulations to Evie, who recently passed her Gold Jazz award and received a certificate and medal last night. Also, well done to Jack, who was graded to a yellow belt at Karate, where part of it was saying the Dojo rules in Japanese!

Well done to Juniper, who took part in 4 performances last weekend, showcasing her ballet, tap and acro for her dance school – Musical Hands Performing Arts. We are very proud of how hard Juniper has worked and how confident she was on stage.





Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed their Anglo-Saxon Day yesterday, completing workshops and themed activities in an amazing array of costumes!



Finally, our Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard this term with SATS in May and then putting together a brilliant performance of Grimm, which they have performed, in the heat, four times this week. They have enjoyed a very well-earned reward day today with archery and fun on the inflatables – well done to you all!



Yellow – whole school
Green – EYFS and Key Stage 1
Blue – Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
Red – Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)
Purple – KS2 (Years 3 – 6)
New event



End of term:

Date	Event
Monday 13 th July	11am 3FM Violin Concert in school for parents and carers
Friday 17 th July	Reports and reviewed ILPs sent home
Monday 20 th July	3:30–4:30pm – Parent / Carer drop-in session to discuss reports
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Clap Out

Autumn Term 2026:

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 nd September	School Starts for Years 1–6
Monday 7 th September	2:30pm – Year 6 Meet the Teacher event in school
Wednesday 9 th September	2:30pm – Year 4 Meet the Teacher event in school
Thursday 10 th September	2:30pm – Year 5 Meet the Teacher event in school
Monday 14 th September	2:30pm – Year 3 Meet the Teacher event in school
Wednesday 16 th September	2:30pm – Year 2 Meet the Teacher event in school
Thursday 17 th September	2:30pm – Year 1 Meet the Teacher event in school
Thursday 1 st October	School Photographer – individual and sibling photos
Monday 5 th October	Parent – Teacher Meetings – in school
Wednesday 7 th October	Parent –Teacher Meetings – in school
WB Monday 12 th October	Year 6 Enrichment Week
WB Monday 12 th October	Year 5 Harvest Festivals to Parents
Friday 16 th October	Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 19 th – Friday 30 th October	2 week half term for all children

More information about these events will be sent out in September.

Have a happy and safe summer and we will look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 2nd September. Good Luck to our Year 6s as they start their Secondary School careers!

Drop-in Sessions

Speech, Language and Communication

Join Helen Burgess and Jodie Sills to ask questions about speech, language and communication needs or Speech and Language Therapy

Helen and Jodie are experienced Speech and Language Therapists, working in a team of specialist professionals in the Crawley area

Parents and carers of children and young people of all ages are welcome

Drop in to Crawley Library
10:00-12:00

20th July 10th August 24th August