



**Building
Bright
Futures**

Responsibility:
make good choices
because your
actions matter

Respect:
value everyone
and everything in
how you listen,
speak and in what
you do

Compassion:
show care and
understanding for
everyone

Courage:
be brave; believe
you can

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Summer Fair! It was a fantastic community event, made even more special by our older children, who did a brilliant job organising and running the stalls that our younger pupils thoroughly enjoyed.

Back in the classrooms, we have been incredibly impressed by the wonderful writing coming from our youngest learners. Meanwhile, our eldest have loved stepping into the shoes of real scientists this week—be sure to read this edition to find out exactly what they dissected! Thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Martin
Headteacher

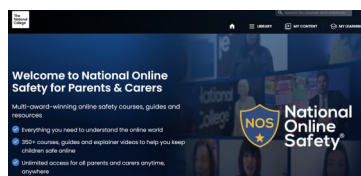
New Hot Meals Provider September 2026

From September 2026, school meals at Blackwell Primary School will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Great news on price too, meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is 25p less than the current charge. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/. To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the school office.

Keep me safe online'

We want to help you to keep your child safe online, so please find below a couple of resources to support you. The QR Codes below provide you with easy access. Do take the time to have a quick look as there are step-by-step instructions, as well as short videos.

www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/#choose-parental-controls-guide

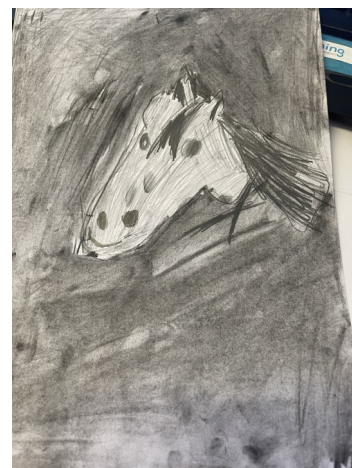
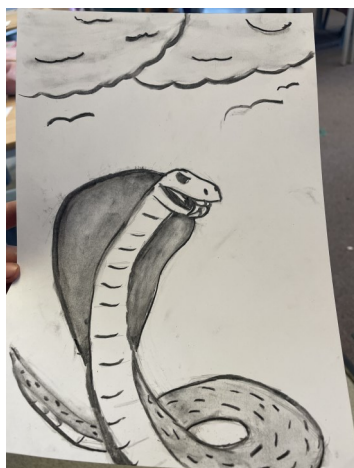
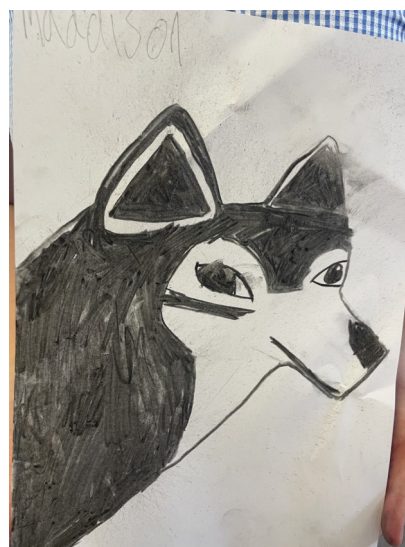
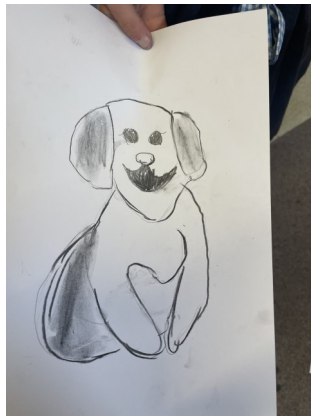
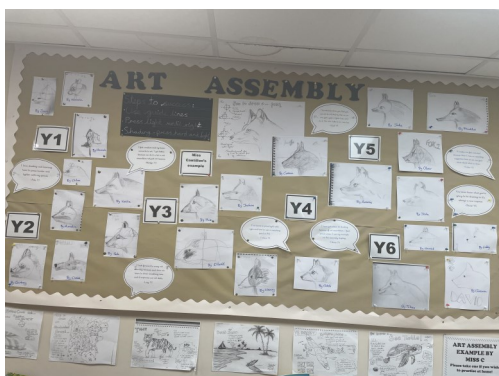
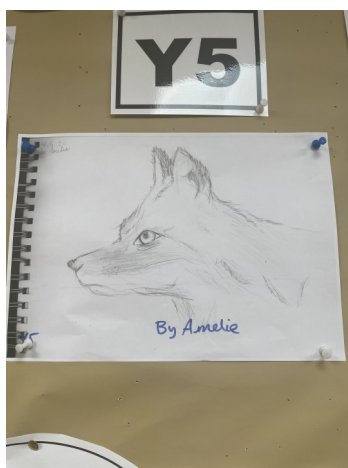


Blackwell Art

This week in art assembly we learnt how to draw a fox in celebration of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday! Our corridor display shows great progress from Year 1 to Year 6. I particularly wanted to share Amelie's drawing because it is phenomenal.

Also, we have many children who take time at home to create artwork because they enjoy it, are passionate and it supports our mental wellbeing. I wanted to share Elliot's portrait of Michael Jackson because drawing people is extremely hard and he's created a great sketch with dedication and determination.

In Art club, we used charcoal to create wildlife artwork. We used sketching pencils to lightly sketch our outline first, then we used charcoal to add depth and shading. We hope you enjoy our animal drawings!

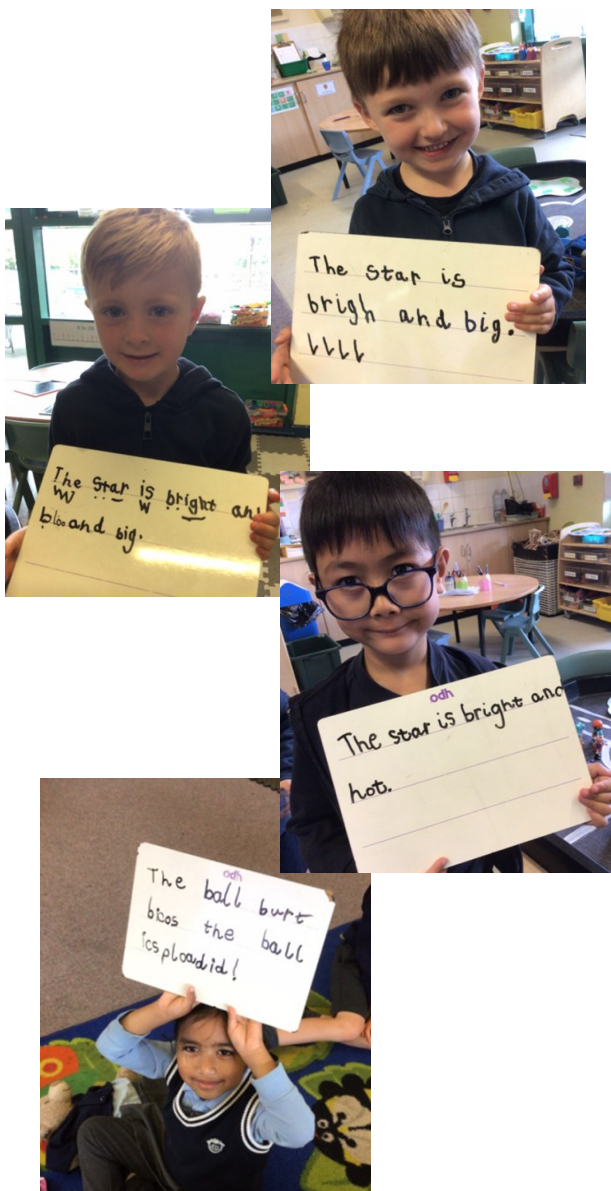


Year R

In Squirrels Class, the children have been forming some fantastic sentences in their writing. They have been working hard to remember important writing skills, including using finger spaces between words, capital letters at the beginning of sentences, and full stops at the end.

We have also been focusing on correct letter formation during our handwriting sessions, and it has been wonderful to see such a noticeable improvement in the children's handwriting. The children are taking great pride in their work and are becoming increasingly confident writers.

We are very proud of their progress and look forward to seeing their writing continue to develop throughout this last term of Reception.



Year 1

Year 1's Curious Quest: From Giant Bubbles to Outer Space!

What a spectacular couple of weeks it has been in Year 1! The children kicked off their new Curious Quest writing topic with a truly "bubble-stunning" start. Immersed in a world of bubbles big and small, our young writers used their amazing imaginations to help Professor Clunk rescue the Faithful Friends from a giant, transparent, sticky bubble! The creativity and enthusiasm on display were absolutely wonderful to see. The adventure didn't stop there! This week, the children blasted off into outer space, designing their very own super spaceships and creative planets. To bring their stellar drawings to life, Year 1 have been working hard using adjective in their cosmic writing. Well done Year 1.



Year 2

The children had a great time exploring the beach at Ovingdean. They took part in many different activities which included a scavenger hunt, using the beach materials to make a museum, making a picture of the cliffs and the beach out of the items we found as well as rock pooling. It was really exciting to find a whole range of different sea creatures in the rockpools including crabs, little fish, periwinkles and sea anenomes. We also found live cuttlefish eggs which had to be put back into the sea as well as hundreds of cuttlefish skeletons. Thankfully, we managed to dodge most of the rain showers and most of us managed to keep ourselves dry when rock pooling!



Year 3 & 4



Summer is Here: Year 3 and 4 Hit a Home Run!

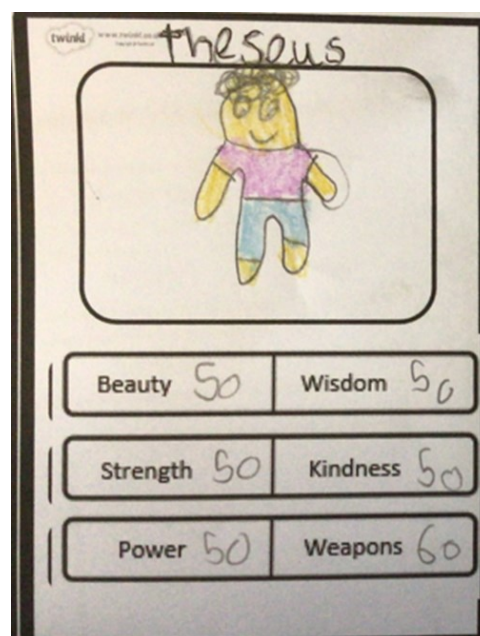
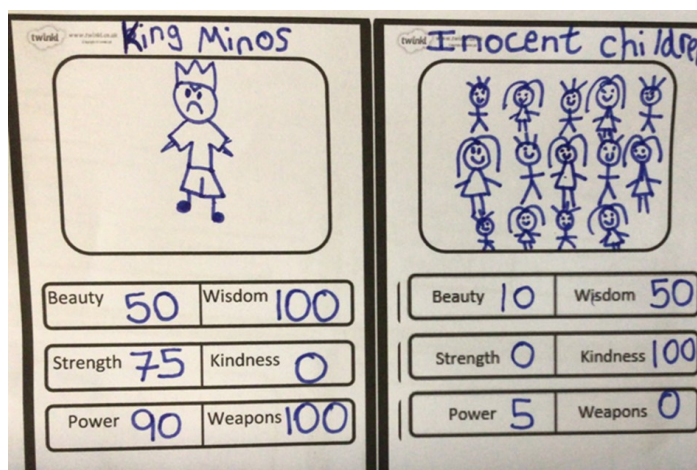
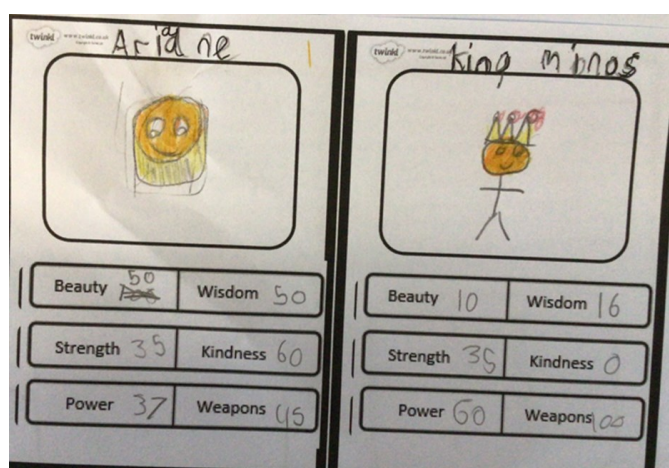
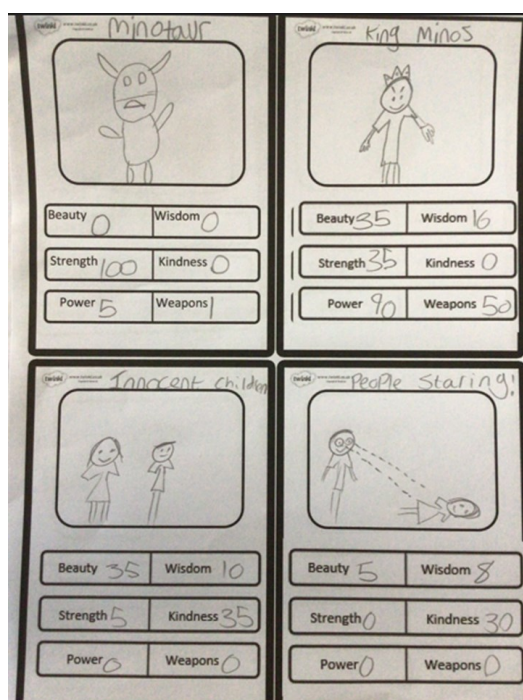
Nothing says British summertime quite like rounders! This week, our Year 3 and 4 children fully embraced the sunny weather to kick off the official rounders season. The school field was alive with incredible energy as every child stepped up to bat, bowl, and field.

We saw some spectacular, powerful hits and exceptionally sharp teamwork to secure quick stumpings. Most importantly, the children demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, cheering each other on and celebrating every run. It was a fantastic start to the season—well done to everyone for their brilliant effort and team spirit!

Year 3 & 4

Starting a new learning journey is like stepping through a magical portal into another world. In Years 3 and 4, we have started to explore Ancient Greek myths through Guided Reading and English, but we aren't just reading old stories—we are becoming history detectives!

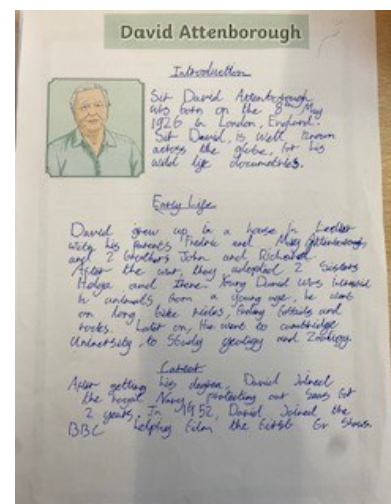
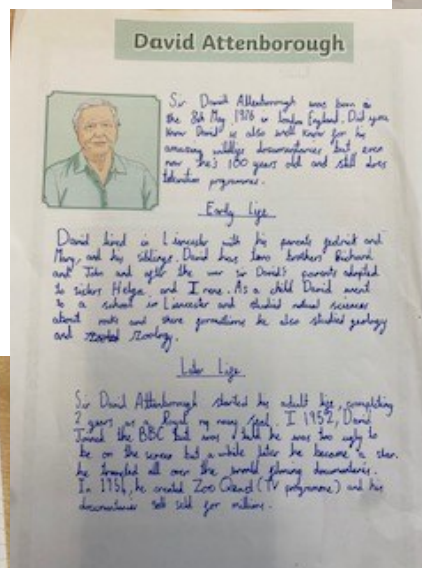
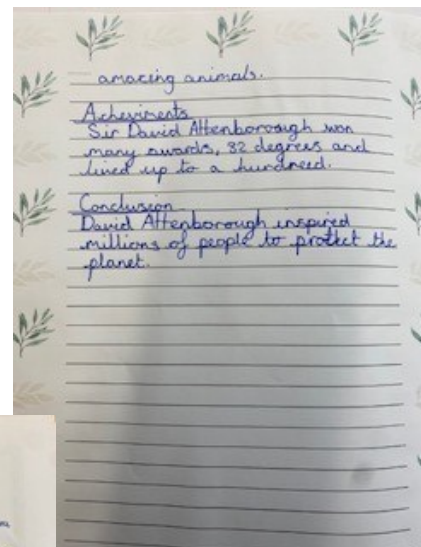
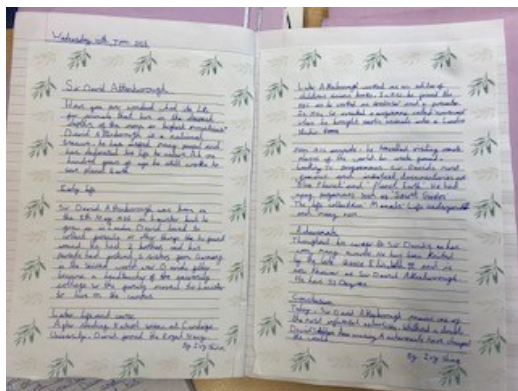
Myths were stories told thousands of years ago to explain how the world worked, like why it thunders or how the spiders got their webs. We watched and listened to the ancient myths about Medusa, Theseus and the Minotaur and others then used this knowledge in our 'hook lesson' to create our own Greek Mythology Top Trumps card game to help us understand the concepts of wisdom, morals, supernatural elements and heroes and villains.



Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the life and achievements of Sir David Attenborough. Through researching his remarkable career, the children developed their understanding of biography writing and produced informative pieces that celebrated his contribution to wildlife conservation and broadcasting.

The children worked hard to organise facts, use formal language and write in chronological order. We were impressed by their enthusiasm and the high-quality biographies they produced, showcasing both their writing skills and their admiration for Sir David Attenborough's inspiring work.



Year 6

In Science, we enhanced our learning about the heart, by dissecting a lamb's heart in small groups. Previously, we had explored diagrams, pictures and computer simulations to understand all the components and functions but we applied this learning to explore an actual heart. We opened up the hearts to see all four chambers, found the valves and major vessels that serve the heart. We could see that one side of the heart had a thicker wall – this is because it has to work harder to pump the blood all throughout the body!



We have been busy learning our lines and songs for our production. Don't forget to book your tickets from the Chequer Mead theatre (see separate information). Our performance is on Wednesday 8th July.

Get your tickets for the Year 6 production of 'Ye-ha!' on sale from the **Chequer Mead Box Office** from **22nd June 2026, £10.50 per ticket** (sorry no concessions) .

Save the date in your diaries- **Wednesday 8th July 2026** (drop off pupils at the theatre 6.00pm) curtain up 7.00pm.



June 2026

17th	Parents' Forum 8.50am—9.50am New Reception Parent Meeting 6.00pm—7.00pm
29th	Sports Day
30th	Area Sports, Sackville School in the afternoon for selected children

July 2026

1st	New Reception Children Stay and Play session 2.15pm—2.45pm
1st—3rd	Year 6—Sackville Induction days
7th	Squirrels class assembly — parents invited
8th	Year 6 rehearsals at Chequer Mead—9.00am -3.00pm Year 6 Production at Chequer Mead—5.00pm—9.00pm New Reception Children Stay and Play session 1.50—2.50pm
13th	New Reception Children Stay and Play session 9.30—10.30am
17th	PTA Colour Run
22nd	Last day of term
23rd -	Summer Holidays—School closed to children

September 2026

1st	INSET Day School closed to children
2nd	Children back to school for Years 1-6
2nd—7th	Home visits for New Reception children
8th	New Reception children first day—going home for lunch
9th	New Reception children lunch at school and then home for the afternoon
10th	New Reception children start full time