	Monday 11th May 2026	Tuesday 12th May 2026	Wednesday 13th May 2026	Thursday 14th May 2026	Friday 15th May 2026
Whole School	Bethan from Thought-Full in		Office closed 10-11am for training		PTFA Barn Dance 6pm – 8pm
Year R - Cherry		PE kit required	**Return phonics reading books**		
Year 1 - Apple	**Return phonics reading books**		PE kit required	**Return phonics reading books**	PE kit required
Year 2 - Chestnut	Forest School	PE kit required	PE kit required		
Year 3 - Oak			PE kit required Mr Hutchinson teaching all day	PE kit required	
Year 4 - Willow	Rob Mayne PE kit required	PE kit required			Mr Newman teaching all day
Year 5 - Birch	MakeBeth Shakespeare Workshop – bring cardboard!	Mr Hutchinson teaching all day			Greek Day
Year 6 – London Plane	Spelling, punctuation and grammar Paper 1 (am) Paper 2 Spelling (am)	Reading (am)	Arithmetic Paper 1 (am) Maths Reasoning Paper 2 (am) PE kit required	Maths Reasoning Paper 3 (am)	PE kit required
Worship	In class worship	In class worship	Mr Olway Worship	Rev Jo	Achievers Assembly
Before school clubs	Breakfast Club Karate	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Theatre Arts	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
After school clubs	Basketball Arts & Crafts Choir	360 Sports Arts & Crafts	Racket Sports Science&Nature Bounce Fitness	Football Construction	Dodgeball Board Games
Instruments		Rocksteady	Cello Flute Violin	Piano	Guitar

TAKE 5!

1. KS2 SATs taking place next week (Monday-Thursday) for Year 6 children.
2. Wastebusters! Please help us by showing children which rubbish goes in which bin at home.
3. Year 5 looking forward to Greek Day on Friday 15th May – see information from Mr Walton.
4. Does your child suffer from Hay fever or need medicine at school? Please read page 3 for update
5. PTFA Barn Dance to round off next week on Friday 15th May – 6pm-8pm. Yee Haw!

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A note from Mr Olway

I hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend – I was pleasantly surprised that it wasn't anywhere near as wet as I had been expecting! Unsurprisingly, with only four days in school this week, many of us have commented on just how quickly it seems to have flown-by.

The week began with a visit from Mrs Dass from the English Hub, who has been supporting us with the delivery of phonics. She was really pleased with the progress the children have made and commented positively on the commitment to excellence shown by my colleagues. We are ambitious for every child to be able to read well *and* to love reading, so we continue to reflect, refine and improve our practice. As part of this, Mrs Farquhar and I visited a Little Wandle Live event at one of their Champion Schools in Southampton on Thursday. We both came away feeling inspired and excited about how we can 'turn up the notch' even further as leaders of reading and phonics at Chidham. Our partnership with parents remains a vital part of this work – it really does make a difference. Children who are heard reading regularly and who enjoy books being read to them at home make particularly strong progress and find accessing the wider curriculum much easier.

There has been lots happening beyond the classroom too. Year 5 enjoyed another fascinating visit to The Bourne on Tuesday, where they built propeller-driven cars. This provided a brilliant opportunity to apply their learning from both Design Technology and Science in a practical and engaging way. On Wednesday, I felt privileged to take ten of our Year 4s to Chichester Golf Club for a Tri-Golf tournament. The children represented the school wonderfully, showing fantastic teamwork and determination. They thoroughly enjoyed learning a new skill and time on the Adventure Golf Course – the whole afternoon proved to be a big hit "Fore" the children!

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 6 children will be taking part in the national Key Stage 2 SATs. These are simply an opportunity for them to show some of what they have learned over their time in Key Stage 2, and they have been approaching the week calmly and confidently. We are incredibly proud of them – not just for what they know, but for the mature, thoughtful and positive way they go about their learning each day. We ask nothing more than that they come in, do their best and leave knowing they are fully supported and loved. A good night's sleep, a calm start to the day and plenty of reassurance that they are already amazing is all that's needed from the school community.

I hope all our children and families have a lovely weekend ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement; it makes such a difference to school life and to the children themselves. Mr ☺lway

Medicines & Hay fever Season

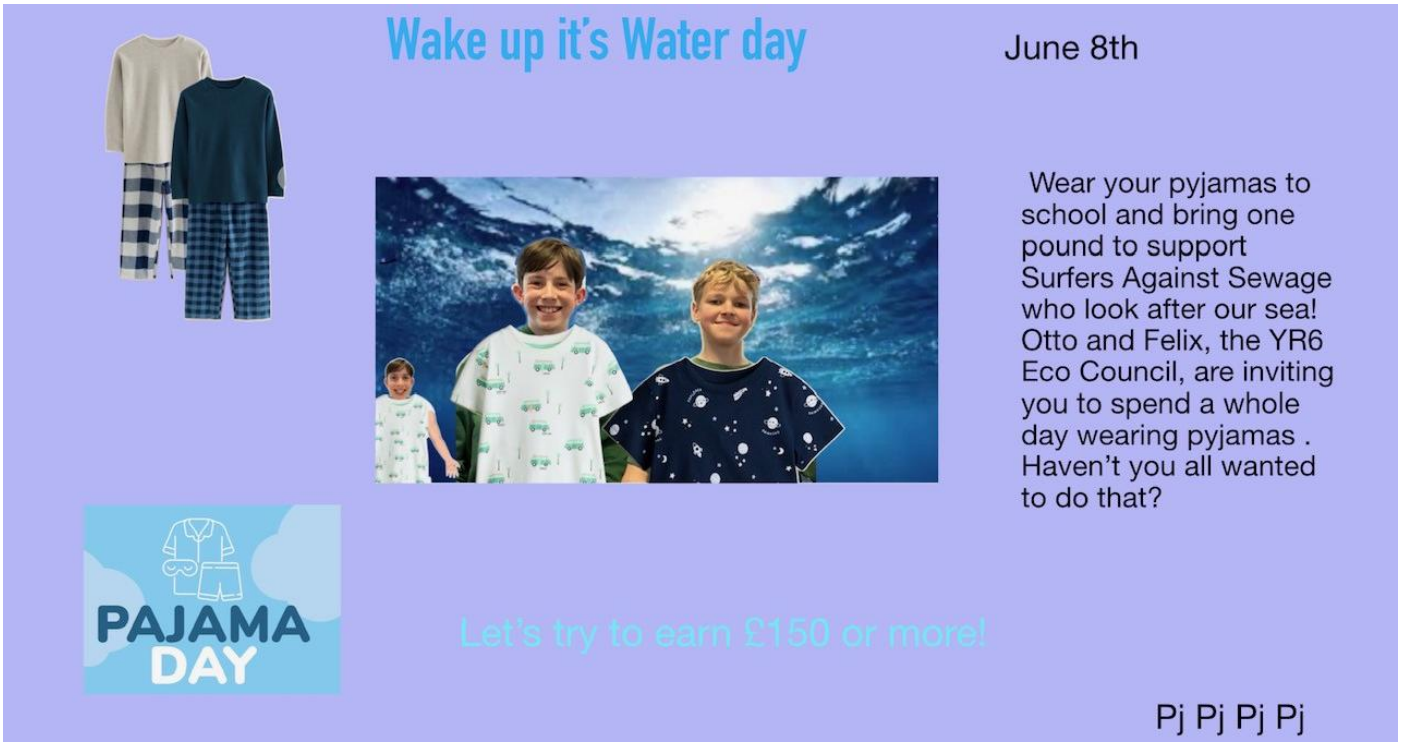
As we are now well into hay fever season, we thought it would be helpful to clarify some of our medicines policies alongside advice from West Sussex County Council.

Any requirement for a non-prescription medication to be administered during school hours for longer than 48 hours must be accompanied by a Doctor's note. In the absence of a Doctor's note, and if following the administration of a non-prescription medication, symptoms have not begun to lessen in the first 48 hours, the school will advise the parent to contact their Doctor. If symptoms have begun to alleviate, the medication can continue to be administered at home out of school hours.

For hay fever symptoms, the school nurse recommends Becodefence for Kids nasal spray, which is designed for children between the ages of 6 and 12 only (so will not be suitable to our youngest children). No more than 2 doses should be given in a day at 12 hourly intervals, so parents/guardians can give this prior to children leaving the house each day. Some hay fever eye drops are also suitable for children and could be given prior to children coming into school and then again at the end of the school day by the parents/guardian. If a child presents with bad hay fever symptoms during the school day, we would always contact a parent before administering a dose of our stock Piriton in case the child has already received hay fever medicine before school.

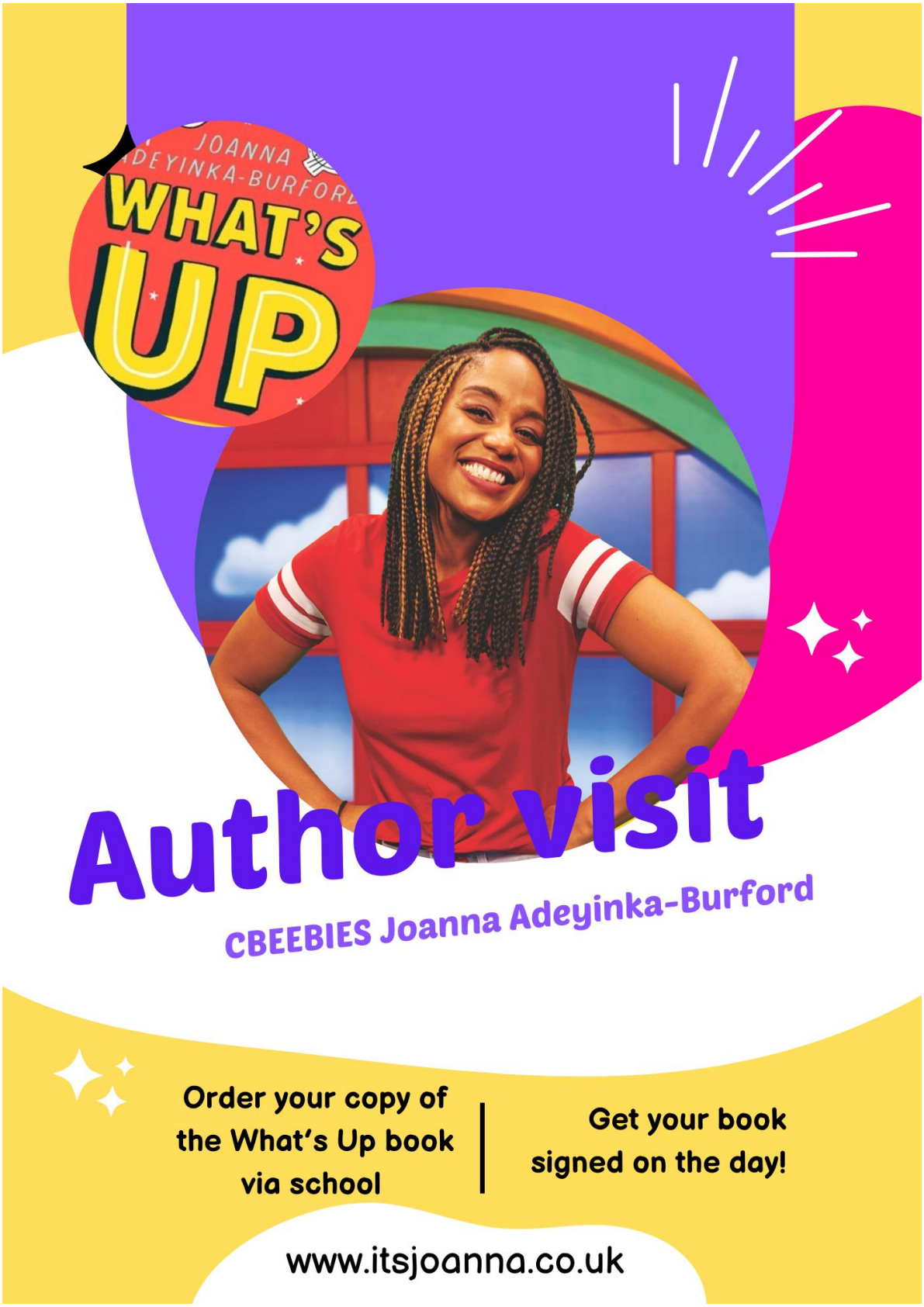
The school nurse advises that if hay fever is really bad, the child in question may need to be kept indoors during break times to prevent worsening of any symptoms. The NHS also suggests that clothes are not dried outside and pets should not be allowed in the house once they have been outside due to the pollen then being transferred indoors. Please consider speaking to a GP to obtain medication that is stronger than the over the counter medication if necessary.

Wake up to Water Day – 8th June – Poster from the Eco-Council



Date for your diary – 19th June – Author Visit - Joanna Adeyinka-Burford

I am really pleased to finally share that Joanna Adeyinka-Burford will be visiting Chidham on Friday 19th June. You may recognise Joanna from CBeebies and other TV appearances. She will be sharing her new book, 'What's Up?' with the children and there will be an opportunity to have a book signed and a photo with her for those children who pre-order books. More information will follow but we were excited to share this with you!

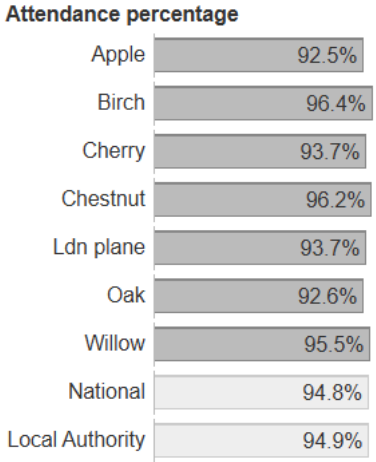


Worship this week

This week in worship we have been exploring two of the Beatitudes: *"Blessed are the peacemakers"* and *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness."* We've been thinking together about what it really means to be a peacemaker in everyday life – choosing kindness, fairness and understanding, even when it's hard – and why standing up for what is right can sometimes take courage. I wonder what this might look like when lived out by you at home, work, and when socialising? Next week, our worship will turn to Matthew 6:19–24, as we begin to explore the question: *Where is our treasure?* We'll be thinking about what we really value in life and why the most important gifts aren't things we can buy or store away, but those that shape who we are: Love, Hope, Peace and Joy.

Worship theme for next week:	Where is your treasure?

Spring Term Attendance



You'll see our attendance is going in the right direction and improving slowly but surely. We know we had a nasty sickness bug impact Apple class which is unavoidable (my daughter had the same thing on Wednesday night and needed to have 48 hours away from her school). However, we can see Birch, Willow and Chestnut class are all sitting above 95% which is great.

We will be reporting on your child's attendance in their end of year report coming to you at the beginning of July but you can also keep an eye on their current attendance using MCAS.

Our whole school attendance for this year:	**94.3%**

Class photos

The Yellow class photos are coming up on 4th June. Please let us know if you do not want your child to be included.

Online Safety

Alan Mackenzie, an online safety specialist, has sent us this useful information to share with parents.

For Parents - How to Talk to Children if they see Traumatic Events

Many children will have seen or heard some of the horrific events that have been happening recently. Whether that's on the news, someone discussing it, or perhaps online,

children can be traumatised by what they are seeing and hearing.

This article from The Conversation discusses the issue and gives some really good advice.

Link: **The Conversation - How to talk to children when terrorist attacks and violence dominate the news.**

Sustainability / Eco Information

Parents can access further information from the Wastebuster website via the following link Join Wastebuster | Wastebuster

Wastebusters in Action!

With food waste bins now in use both at home and in school, we are encouraging the children to make the most of our recycling systems by using the correct bins for food waste, food tins, and plastics that can be recycled at supermarkets.

We would be grateful if you could reinforce this at home too, helping your child to build these important habits and continue their fantastic work as Wastebusters. Together, we can make a real difference to reducing our waste and caring for the environment.

CARING FOR
GOD'S ACRE
We are celebrating
Churches Count on Nature
as part of
Love Your Burial Ground
Week
This special week is dedicated to celebrating all types of plants and animals in burial grounds, and we would love it if you would join us. Our event details are below:
LOVE YOUR
BURIAL
GROUND
WEEK
Bosham Burial Ground, Fairfield Road, Bosham PO18 8JH
Saturday 6th June 2026 10am - 1pm
Join us for a morning of wildlife discovery. All welcome. Try bug hunting and other children's activities, explore guided trails, discover the newly restored pond, and record the plants and creatures you find. Come along and help with a UK wide data collection of wildlife in burial grounds.
Please note: On this occasion dogs are not permitted in the Burial Ground.
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