FRIDAY NEWS

18th September 2026

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Butser Farm

Friday 23rd October 2026

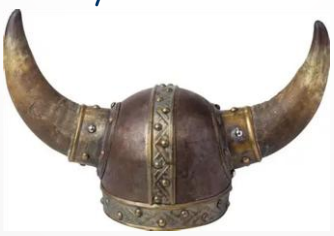


As part of their History topic 'Invaders and Settlers', we would like to take the Year 3 children for a whole day visit to Butser Ancient Farm on **Friday 23rd October 2026**.

The day will involve a lot of exciting 'hands-on' experiences which could well result in the children becoming almost as grimy as Ancient Celts, so it would be wise for them to wear old clothes and wellies, if possible, with clean footwear to change into. You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch and a water bottle.
A letter with more information will be sent home very soon.

Viking Workshop – Year 4

Monday 23rd November 2026



As part of our History topic - The Vikings, we have arranged for 'Portals to the Past' to come into school on **Monday 23rd November 2026** and spend the whole day with Year 4.
Portals to the Past is a company who provide history workshops for schools across the country.
The workshops cover a wide spectrum of Viking life and times. The workshops aim to bring this fascinating piece of history to life for the children (and teachers too!!). To enhance the day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as Vikings.
A letter will be sent home nearer to the time and will include more information and price to help cover their costs. We are sure the workshops will provide great fun whilst learning about Viking life.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to one of the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who will be able to support you.
DSL - Kay Sadler, Leiza Harris,
DDSL- Tracey Matthews, Leigh Dunlop, Jane McKenna

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School Car Park



We have noticed an increasing number of Parents/Carers using our car park for dropping off and collecting their children from school.

We have staff and visitors coming and going all through the day and the car park can get extremely busy and unsafe.

Please can we remind everyone, our car park is strictly for staff, official visitors and permit holders ONLY.

We have noticed some children playing around the bin shed area within the school grounds before school. Please can we ask that children do not play here as cars are in and out of the car park and we have had a few incidents where children have walked or run into the road. **The school car park is not a suitable playing area.**
We have also had to speak to some children that have been seen walking and riding in the road through the car par.
Pedestrians should stick to the designated path at all times.
Thank You.

Running Club

Friday Mornings



Our early morning Running Club will resume once again, for **ALL YEARS**.
It will take place on **FRIDAY** mornings before school at **8:15am – 8:40am**, this is overseen by **Miss Aroha** and will start on **Friday 2nd October 2026**.
The aim is to be able to promote mental health through running.
If it is raining running club will automatically be cancelled, without any notification given.

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School Council



We are very proud to introduce this year's School Council.

Secretaries: Amelia.B & Eowyn.H
Vice Chair: Heidi.S
Co-Chair: Louie.S & Ivy.A

A huge well done to all candidates, it was a very close vote!

House Captains



We are delighted to announce our newly appointed House Captains for this year.

Willow – Grace.S & Olly.C

Sycamore – Hudson.J & Poppy.B

Oak – Amelia.L & Dolton.B

Maple – Doug.T-D & Evan.J

Well done to all that applied, as always it was a very difficult decision.

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School Governor Vacancy

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Become a School Governor – Make a Difference to Our School Community

We are currently seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Governing Board as a Parent Governor. This is a rewarding opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of our school and helping to ensure that every child receives the very best education and support.

What do School Governors do?

Governors work closely with school leaders to:

· Help set the school's vision, values and strategic direction.
· Support and challenge school leaders to ensure high standards of education.
· Monitor the school's performance, finances and safeguarding arrangements.
· Ensure that decisions are made in the best interests of all pupils.
· Represent the views of parents while acting as part of the governing board.

No special qualifications are required. We welcome applications from parents and carers from all backgrounds and walks of life. Training and support will be provided.

Time Commitment

The Governing Board meets five times per year, with meetings taking place from 4.30pm to approximately 6.30pm. Governors may also occasionally participate in school visits, training sessions or working groups.

Why Become a Governor?

As a governor, you will:

· Make a real difference to children's lives.
· Develop valuable skills in leadership, teamwork and strategic planning.
· Gain a greater understanding of education and school improvement.
· Have the opportunity to contribute to your local community.

If you are interested in supporting our school and helping it continue to thrive, we would love to hear from you.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact the school office.

Help shape the future of our school – become a governor today!

Closing Date: Friday 23rd October 2026

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Outstanding Children & Perfect Presentation

Every Friday, a child from each class is chosen as the Outstanding Child of the Week. This is for demonstrating an excellent commitment to our school values. The following children were selected as this week's Outstanding Child:

3CP	**Ellis.W**
3KA	**Esmae.C**
4JH	**Chase.M-C**
4MM	**Evie.T**
5AH	**Julia.J**
5SG	**Aaliyah.B-M**
6AJ	**Amelia.B**
6SLS	**Oliver.T**
6TC	**Lily-Rose.S**

In addition, a child from each year group is chosen for an exceptionally good piece of work that has been completed to a very high standard during the week. The following children were selected for this week's Perfect Presentation Award:

Y3 – Tommy-James.W
Y4 – Evelyn.D
Y5 – Ivy.L
Y6 – Jissal.J



Once again, a massive well done to all the children for their super achievement, we really do enjoy celebrating fabulous work and good behaviour, as I am sure you do too!

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School Dates

Thursday 8th October
6TC Watercress Line trip

Monday 5th October
School Photographer

21st- 23rd October
Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 23rd October 2026
Year 3 Butser Trip

26th – 30th October
Half Term

Monday 2nd November
Inset Day

Wednesday 11th November
Flu Immunisations

16th – 20th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 20th November
Children In Need

Monday 23rd November
Year 4 Viking Workshop

Wednesday 2nd December
Xmas Fayre

Wednesday 9th December
Santa's Grotto

Thursday 10th December
Xmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December
Break up for Xmas 3:20pm

Monday 4th January 8:50am
Back to school

2026/2027 Inset Days

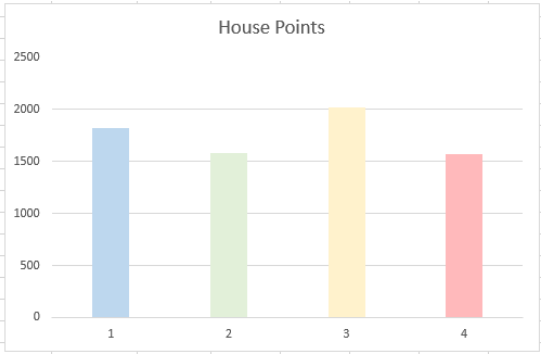
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 25th June 2027

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House Points

	Sycamore	Oak	Willow	Maple
TOTAL	1825	1577	2017	1568

Congratulations to this week's winning house: **WILLOW**



WILLOW are in the lead so far this half-term

Well done everyone, keep up the great work!!

Outstanding Attendance

This week's Outstanding Attendance Winners are:

In 4th Place winning **10** House Points – **OAK**
In 3rd Place winning **20** House Points - **MAPLE**
In 2nd Place winning **30** House Points – **WILLOW**
In 1st Place winning **50** House Points – **SYCAMORE**



Remember, it's cool to be in school!

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A helpful guide to staying safe online

Social media sites are very popular now. However, even though the age restriction for using the sites is 13+, many parents still allow children younger than this to be active members, followers and sharers.

If this is you, be sure that you know what they are doing online, and what information, photos or videos they are sharing or creating with others. Check out the NSPCC parent support website for really helpful information.

www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware

NSPCC

Something to think about: How do you model good online behaviour to your child?

Chat platforms are often sources of difficulties. Children can chat with friends they know and also with complete strangers. This can be done on the PS4, X-Box, mobiles, tablets- almost any device.

It's so important that you keep a close eye on your child's use of technology. Innocent apps or video games still allow the opportunity for unkind messages to be sent or received.



Where is technology used by your child? How secret is it? Are age restrictions obeyed? What is the culture of being safe online like in your home?

If you are concerned about cyber-bullying, you can talk to the parents of the children involved, speak to the police, or speak to school. Try to take screen-shots or photos of the messages sent- it's difficult to do anything when they are deleted.



Key messages we learn at school!



Be a good communicator
Use good manners at all times and never be rude or mean to anyone in emails, texts and online conversations





Be careful what you post
Think before you post and agree not to post information photos or videos that could put you at risk or embarrass you or your friends now or in the future

THINK U KNOW .co.uk

Listen to your feelings and act if you feel uncomfortable
Always tell a trusted adult if anything you see or hear online makes you feel sad, scared or confused



Let's get moving this Walktober!

Get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet

Parent and Carer Information

Travelling actively and sustainably can make a difference to our wellbeing, our community and our planet. It helps us stay healthy, reduces traffic around our school and lowers air pollution.

That's why our school is taking part in Walktober and encouraging pupils, families and staff to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot, use Park and Stride or travel by public transport more often.

Throughout October, everyone in our school community can take part in **Top Tips, More Trips**. Pupils who enter have the chance to win some fantastic prizes, and every eligible entry, whether from pupils, staff, parents or carers, will support our school's chances of winning the Walktober school competition too.



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