



TAB NEWS

Together Achieving Better



ISSUE 4 - 15TH OCTOBER 2026

KEY DATES

Friday 16th October

- 5CF Forest School

Monday 19th October

- 3IM Forest School

Tuesday 20th October

- 5CT Swimming
- 3SS Forest School

Wednesday 21st October

- Butser Farm Trip - 5HP, 5CF and 5LH
- 5RM Swimming
- 5CT Forest School

Thursday 22nd October

- Butser Farm Trip - 5CT, 5RW and 5RM
- 5HP Forest School
- 4TB Class Assembly - 1:40pm

Friday 23rd October

- FOS Fireworks
- 5RM Forest School

Half-term - Monday 26th October -
Friday 30th October
Pupils return to school Monday 2nd
November

Monday 2nd November

- 3JC Forest School
- Year 4 - Celt Day

Tuesday 3rd November

- 5CT Swimming
- 3AW Forest School
- Parents' Consultation Evening

Wednesday 4th November

- 5RM Swimming
- 3SM Forest School

Thursday 5th November

- Parents' Consultation Evening

The children have had a fantastic couple of weeks in school. Year 3 having been exploring the world and its continents in their Geography learning and Year 4 have been retrieving their knowledge of the colour wheel and experimenting with mark-making techniques in art.

Year 5 have been enjoying continuing to learn about Diwali with plenty of collaborative group work; some classes have changed their sport in PE and have embraced challenge wonderfully and we are all very much looking forward to our trip to Butser Farm next week. Year 6 have been enjoying learning about William Morris; designing nature inspired images for their lino print tiles. Classes are now looking forward to going into the art studio to use ink and rollers to create their final pieces.

Just a reminder that our half-term break is from Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October. We hope you have a relaxing half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Linford
Executive Headteacher

FOS Fireworks

Our annual firework display will take place on **Friday 23rd October, gates open at 6pm, display at 7pm.**

Volunteers:

As always and especially with the fireworks, we can only go ahead with the help of our fabulous families and are able to offer all volunteers a spare free ticket for a friend! Please click here to volunteer:

[Fireworks Volunteers Form](#)



Tickets:

Advance Tickets are £6 each or £18 for 4, **available until midnight on Wednesday 21st October.**

On the night Tickets are £7.50 each or £25 for 4.

Tickets can be purchased in advance on Parentmail. They will be given to your child to bring home approximately 48 hours after purchase. We will endeavour to be in the playground in the morning later next week for any other sales.

Sponsors:

The Thomas a Becket Pub are pleased to support us again and also offer 25% off food on the evening of the fireworks (when showing a ticket).

We look forward to sharing a fun-filled evening & fabulous fireworks display with you!

Student Data Check Report

Your child has brought home their data collection sheet which shows all the current data that we hold for them. Please check the information, make any amendments (if required), sign, date and return the sheet to the school office by **FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026**.

Please ensure you sign and return the sheet even if there are no amendments.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

You will have received an email with a link to book your slot for parents' evening.

These will be taking place on Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 5th November.

If you have any problems booking your slot, please contact your child's class teacher.



Harvest Donations

Thank you for all the Harvest donations this year. Turning Tides were very grateful and said this will help so many people.

This is a great display of community spirit. Well done everyone.



Coats



Now the colder, wetter weather is here, please can we ask that all children come to school with a warm waterproof coat.

We endeavour to get the children outside as much as possible during break times so please ensure they come to school with suitable outdoor clothing.

Job Vacancies - ISS

ISS, our hot meal provider, are currently recruiting.

Please find below the link to the current job vacancies available across the West Sussex area. Interested individuals can apply directly through the relevant vacancy listing.

[Our People](#) | [Job Search](#)

Many of the roles are available for an immediate start, with full training provided.



Year 6 - Applications for Secondary School

The application process to apply for your child's secondary school place opened on, Monday, 7th September. To apply you will need to log on to www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2026**.

Should you need any support with applying for a place, please do not hesitate to get in contact us with us as soon as possible.

WSCC - Free Courses for Parents and Carers to support learning and wellbeing at home

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, their 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 [West Sussex County Council website](#).

Update: New Hot Meal Provider & Important Free School Meal Trip Packed Lunch Information



Firstly, we would like to extend a sincere thank you for your patience and support as we transition to our new hot meal provider. Introducing a new catering service always comes with a period of adjustment and we truly appreciate your cooperation during this time.

As ISS continue to smooth out logistics, we would like to share a few important updates regarding school meals:

- Please ensure that unless you have pre-booked a hot school meal for your child, you provide them with a packed lunch from home. The kitchen prepares meals strictly according to the pre-booking numbers, so unbooked pupils cannot be catered for on the day.
- **Free School Meal (FSM) Lunches for School Trips:** Due to the shelf life of freshly prepared sandwiches, our provider has informed us that they **cannot supply FSM packed lunches for trips occurring on Mondays**, or on the first day back following a **bank holiday or school holiday**. If a trip falls on one of these days, parents of children entitled to free school meals will need to provide a packed lunch from home for that trip.

Thank you again for your understanding.

Returning of TAB Blue Sports Tops and Sports Kits

At our school, we strive to provide our students with all the necessary resources to represent our school with pride and dignity. One of these essential resources is the sports kits and football kits, which we provide to the students who participate in the school teams.

However, we have noticed that some of the kits, particularly the blue TAB sports t-shirts, football kits, football socks and shorts and basketball kit, have not been returned to us. We currently don't have enough tops for our cross country teams on Saturday.

Therefore, we would like to request your assistance in returning any items of school kits that your child may have in their possession. This will enable us to continue to provide a complete kit for the tournaments and competitions we participate in. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the TAB PE Department.

Please return any kit to Miss Percy in the PE Office or to Reception as soon as possible.



Sports News

Year 4 Basketball

What an outstanding performance from start to finish!

The team were fantastic throughout the competition, remaining undefeated across all 5 games.

Their amazing defending, accurate shooting and brilliant teamwork were a joy to watch, with the players demonstrating our TAB values every step of the way.

The team finished 1st place and have now qualified for the Southern Area Finals! A huge well done to every player, you should all be incredibly proud of your achievement! Well done, Year 4!



Year 5/6 Girls Football

What a brilliant week of sport for our Year 5/6 girls football team!

The squad represented the school with immense pride, skill and determination across two tough tournaments.

On Tuesday, the girls headed to Worthing FC, where their outstanding teamwork and commitment shone through as they battled hard to secure a fantastic joint 5th-place finish.

Not stopping there, the team were back in action on Thursday at Brighton & Hove Albion's training ground. They put in an incredible performance, dominating on the pitch with a stunning total of 9 goals scored and conceded just a single goal throughout the entire tournament. Competing against 14 other schools, the team finished 3rd in the group—missing out on the semi-finals by just a single point! A massive congratulations and well done to all the players involved: Ruby G, Lily B, Lily P, Juno, Demi, Poppy, Suriana, Ruby L-C, and Maddie.



Year 5/6 Boys Football

Determination and Great Effort from Our Year 5/6 Boys Football Team!

Our Year 5/6 boys' football team were also in action last Thursday over at Brighton & Hove Albion's training ground.

Competing in a high-quality, competitive tournament, the boys gave it everything they had on the pitch. Although the results didn't go their way, the team showed fantastic resilience, great sportsmanship, and put in an incredibly hard-working performance from the first whistle to the last.

They represented the school with brilliant attitudes and can be extremely proud of their effort and determination throughout the day.

Well done to Tom B, Tom Q, Axel, Reece, Isaac, Chase, Kurt, Jakub and Joshua.

September 2027 Admissions

Do you have a child in Year 2.

[Click here to book a school tour](#)

[Click here to book your open evening tickets](#)



Thomas A Becket Junior School

www.tabjunior.org.uk

SEPTEMBER 2027 ADMISSIONS

School tours for parents on:
12th, 14th, 20th and 22nd October and the 4th November 2026.

Open evenings for parents and children:
Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th November 2026 6-7pm

Book Tour Tickets

Book Open Evening Tickets

CLICK HERE

CLICK HERE



If you have any questions please email: schooltours@thomasabecketjunior.org.uk

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Reaching Families

Worthing Parent/Carer Support Group for families with children with SEND from Reaching Families - Tuesday 20 October at Durrington Community Centre - 10am until 11.30am - visiting guests West Sussex SENDIAS

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or you think may have, special educational needs or disabilities in West Sussex, you are warmly invited to join Reaching Families at our Worthing Umbrellas parent/carers support group.

Umbrellas provides an informative, supportive, relaxed and non-judgemental space where parents and carers can connect with others, share experiences, exchange hints and tips, and access helpful information, advice and resources.

Please join us on **Tuesday 20 October** at Durrington Community Centre, BN13 3PB, anytime between **10.00am and 11.30am**. This month we will be joined by **West Sussex SENDIAS**, who will be sharing information about their service and how they may be able to support you. They provide free, impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND, and their parents and carers, helping them understand and navigate education, health and social care services.

There's no need to book. Just pop in for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. We look forward to welcoming you.

If you're unable to attend in person, our online Umbrellas support group runs once a month via Zoom on a Thursday evening from 7.30–9.00pm and is another great way to connect and receive support. If you would like to attend the online group, please email outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk and we will send you the Zoom link. The next online group will take place on **Thursday 5th November, 7.30–9pm**.

Please note: your child does not need a diagnosis for you to access our services.

A short animation explaining our services can be viewed here: [Reaching Families animation](#)

Our services include:

[Factsheets and information resources](#)

[Free training and workshops](#)

[Benefits advice](#)

[Befriending support](#)

[Umbrellas parent support groups \(including online\)](#)

[ND Navigation service](#)

Parent Facebook community

[Facebook news page](#) with service updates, events and news

If you would like more information about Reaching Families or our services, please email Reina at outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Attached to TAB News

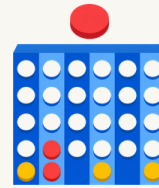
- Matchfit October Camps
- Lodge Hill October Half Term Holiday Clubs
- Lodge Hill Spooky Stroll
- Half term at the Rampion Visitors Centre
- STEM Holiday Club
- Drum Lessons in Your School
- Offington Park Methodist Church Panto - It's A Boy

DONATIONS FOR CLASSROOM WET PLAY BOXES

In readiness for the upcoming winter months we are updating our wet play boxes. If you are able to donate any items in the list below or the equivalent, or purchase them from our Amazon wishlist to donate to class we would be very grateful.

Construction Sets

- Magnetic Building Tiles (100+ Piece Sets): Search "Magnetic Building Tiles set" (brands like Playmags, Cossy, or Conda)
- LEGO Classic Large Creative Brick Box: Search "LEGO Classic 10698".
- K'NEX Building Sets: Search "K'NEX Imagine Building Set".



Tabletop & Card Games

- Bananagrams: Search "Bananagrams Classic".
- Dobble (Card Game in Metal Tin): Search "Dobble Card Game".
- Plastic Tabletop Classics: Search "Hasbro Connect 4", "Hasbro Guess Who?", and "Battleship Classic" etc.
- UNO / UNO Flip!: Search "UNO Card Game" or "UNO Flip".

Solo Puzzles & Logic Games

- Perplexus 3D Maze Balls: Search "Perplexus Rebel" or "Perplexus Beast".
- SmartGames IQ Series: Search "SmartGames IQ Puzzler Pro" or "SmartGames IQ Six Pro".
- Stickerless Rubik's Cubes: Search "3x3 Speed Cube Stickerless".

Reusable Activity Supplies

- Dry Erase Pockets (Pack of 10+): Search "A4 Dry Erase Pockets heavy duty".
- Bulk Dry Erase Markers & Microfiber Cloths

Colouring books etc



EASY FUNDRAISING

You can raise FREE donations for Thomas A Becket Junior School, Worthing EVERY time you shop online. Just use Easyfundraising! Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, eBay, M&S, Etsy, Trainline, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Amazon, and many more!

Please support us by following this link: [Thomas A Becket Junior School - Easy Fundraising Link](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to follow us on social media to see what the children get up to at school and also on your child's Google Classroom.

You can find us

@thomasabecketjuniorschool. If you need login details for Google Classroom please speak to your child's teacher.



AMAZON WISH LIST

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your kind donations purchased from our school Amazon wish list so far. Please follow the link below to review our wish list, which has games, books and resources used in class lessons and lunchtimes.



[Thomas A Becket Junior School - Amazon Wish List](#)

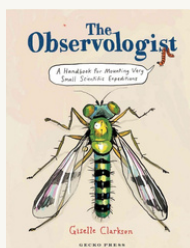
BOOKS OF THE WEEK

Katya Balen - The Thames and Tide Club

Wonderful contemporary storytelling with humour, adventure and richly drawn characters. A possibility for your shorter chapter-book category.

Giselle Clarkson - The Observologist

A brilliantly unusual illustrated non-fiction book that encourages children to notice the tiny, extraordinary things happening in the natural world.



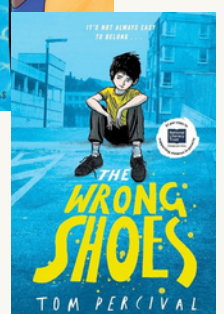
Johnnie Christmas - Swim Team

A graphic novel about friendship, belonging and overcoming fears. Particularly appealing for children who enjoy realistic stories rather than fantasy.



Tom Percival - The Wrong Shoes

A contemporary story exploring friendship, family and childhood poverty. It offers older primary readers an opportunity to encounter experiences that may be different from their own.



Children attending Thomas A Becket Junior School can get 15% off by entering the code TAB15

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Tuesday 27th October
Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October
Friday 30th October

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 24th – 26th October 2026

 5pm – 8:30pm (last entry at 8pm)

 £15 per child | £6 per adult

Enjoy spooky fun for the whole family!

Halloween Light-Up Trail

Pumpkin Carving

Biscuit Decorating

Marshmallow Toasting

Face Painting

Sno-tubing

Raffle & Tombola

Food & Refreshments (charges apply)

 **Book now via our website!**



ATTENTION TREE LOVERS!



This half-term... at the Rampion Visitor Centre

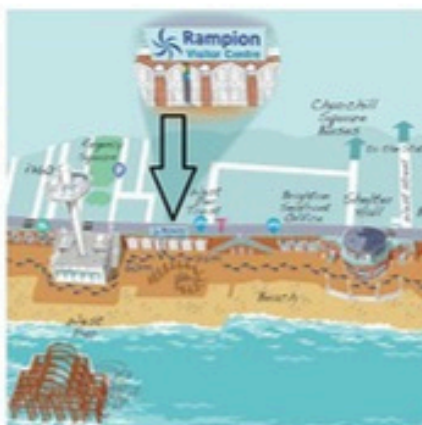
The winning photos from the
2026 Sussex Tree Photography Competition
will be on display.

Visitors are encouraged to write about their love for trees on a leaf
and add it to our display.

There will also be a treasure hunt and fun quizzes to complete!

So, please visit us this half term, to celebrate your love of trees, and
of course, to learn more about the Rampion windfarm!

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The link for booking tickets is <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/panto-its-a-boy>.
Or can be accessed via the church's website <https://offingtonpark.org.uk>



Offington Park Methodist Church

Join us on Saturday 12 December 2026

PANTO

'It's A Boy!'

Show Times

13:45 - 15:00

16:00 - 17:15

18:15 - 19:30

Adult: £7.00

Child: £5.00

Babe in arms: Free

Family: £20

(2 adults, 2 children or
1 adult, 3 children)



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