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Autumn 2 Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents and carers

Wow! Another amazingly successful **Dig Day**. A fantastic school community event where over 60 people attended during the day.

We achieved so much:

- Mended the rotten, wooden sleeper benches;
- weeded and planted the new 'Hive' area outside my office;
- weeded strimmed and trimmed the front of schools' bushes, shrubs, plants and beds;
- planted over 350 spring bulbs around the school grounds;
- mended and established the 3 bug hotels in the wildlife area;
- chopped down a diseased tree and crowned many others;
- filled and planted over 100m of dead hedges;
- planted 6 new trees;
- weeded and mulched the courtyard;
- put fresh new wood chip down in the wildlife area, cedar base and planted beds
- painted the big grey shed,
- collected lots of leaves and weeds
- ate lots of pizza!









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Year 3 / 4: Butser Ancient Farm
The children endured less sunny weather for their trip to the Ancient Farm as part of their Ice to Iron History topic – better enjoyed it none the less.





And finally…
Apologies for the shock news of my July 2027 departure. I do appreciate the kind words that I have received – it means a lot – as does this school, the children and all the school community. We will work hard to find a suitable successor with interviews taking place after Christmas. In the meantime – hunker down and have a lovely, relaxing half term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

Vision: 'Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully'