

Stronger Together *in Action*

SUSSEX LEARNING TRUST NEWSLETTER

Issue 2

UPCOMING TERM DATES

Last Day of Spring Term: 27th
March 2026

First Day of Summer Term: 13th
April 2026

Half Term: 25th - 29th May 2026

**Last Day of Summer Term (CFS
only):** 10th July 2026

Last Day of Summer Term: 17th
July 2026

NEWS & NOTICES

Trust Website: our new and improved Trust website was launched at the start of the year. [Take a look!](#)

Fundraising Team: we have launched our new Fundraising Team this term. Learn more about the process and access key documents [here](#).

NEW HEAD OF PRIMARY AT CFS

We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Claire Tunncliffe** as Head of Primary at CFS. Claire has excelled as Assistant Head at the school, and brings strong leadership, vision, and a passion for supporting both staff and students to the role.



Welcome from the CEO

SHARED VISION, SHARED SUCCESS

Welcome to the second edition of “Stronger Together in Action”! Once again, this newsletter celebrates the remarkable work happening across Sussex Learning Trust. From collaborative projects to individual achievements, our staff, students, and communities continue to show the power of working together. I hope these stories inspire and remind us all of the impact we can have when we share ideas, expertise, and successes.

— Jonathan Morris

Stronger Together Spotlight

Values & Voices Big Debate

Towards the end of last term, the Trust held its first cross-Trust event, bringing pupils together to celebrate oracy. The event, called "Values & Voices", saw staff and secondary students leading primary pupils in a debate on the question: "Is it better to do one act of kindness rather than lots of small acts?"

Footage from both sessions was captured and shared in a [video on social media](#). Feedback from the pupils was overwhelmingly positive, and the secondary students enjoyed supporting and engaging with the younger children. As our first event of this scale, it was a great success, and we look forward to hosting more as we continue to embrace the idea of being Stronger Together.

Termly Highlights**CFS COMBINED CADET FORCE EXPANSION**

Having run a hugely successful Combined Cadet Force since 2017, CFS will be opening a Royal Navy Section in early 2027. This signifies the popularity of the CCF with the students, and we look forward to seeing how they will thrive in this new Section. To learn more about CCF, [click here](#).

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT SUCCESS AT BHPA

Thanks to the Tesco Community Grant, the BPA Bees, and strong community support through blue token voting, an area known as 'The Clockhouse' at Billingshurst Primary Academy has been transformed. The space now features new fencing, paths, and planting areas, creating a nature zone, reading garden, and outdoor classroom for pupils to enjoy.

EMBEDDING READING FOR ALL

Alongside their usual parent newsletter, WPPA have launched a termly Reading Newsletter about what the school is doing to promote reading for pleasure, as well as a round-up of favourite books and new releases. You can see the first edition [here](#).

And if you've missed it, the Trust launched a Family Reading Pack this term too - you can find that [here](#).

POETRY, MUSIC, AND THE SOUTH DOWNS

BHPA is taking part in the Downscape Project, a creative initiative combining outdoor learning, poetry, and music. So far, pupils have explored the South Downs, written poetry, and taken part in a songwriting workshop. The project culminates with a concert at Champs Hill Concert Hall on 4th June.



Staff Intranet

Getting Started with the Central Services Intranet

If you haven't already, log on to our Intranet and explore the site. A good starting point is the new green banner on the homepage, shown above, which links to a short show-around video to help you get familiar with its features.

If you are having access issues, please contact [Keziah Holman](#).



Whether you need People forms, branding and logos, Finance documents, or just want to find out who you need to contact, the SLT Intranet should be your first port of call.

Your Stories Needed!

This newsletter belongs to all of us. If you have a story, achievement, photo, or idea to share, please send it to [Keziah Holman](#). Just 3-4 lines and a photo are enough!

