



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17 July 2026 : Term 6, Week 7



It seems unbelievable that we have reached the last full week of Term 6 before we break up for the summer holiday next Wednesday afternoon. This is the last school newsletter before the summer holiday as next week we will be sending out the Seaford - wide summer newsletter. This will feature our new Year 7s who have enjoyed a wonderful Transition Week and made a fantastic start to life at Seaford Head School.

Students in our new Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 complete the second week of their fortnightly timetable today and I have been massively impressed by how they have stepped up to this challenge. It was fantastic that students in Years 9 – 11 were able to celebrate their achievements across the academic year in this week's House Assemblies.

For our students new to Year 11 and 13, they know that within 12 months' time their public examinations will have been completed. It is great to see that the vast majority of these cohorts have made an excellent start to this pivotal year. Their attendance and punctuality has been excellent and they are fully focused on their learning.

We welcomed our second group of students from China into school this week as part of the Mandarin Excellence Programme. A group of older students were based on the Arundel Road site and once again were fantastically well looked after by Mr Dai and our team of 24 student guides. We held their Graduation Ceremony on Friday morning to follow on from the event that took place on the Steyne Road site last week. Our visitors have had a wonderful time and we have really enjoyed hosting them.



Last Saturday Mrs Perou and her team worked solidly from 7.30am through until 5.00pm on the farm area on the Steyne Road site. They completed a variety of tasks ranging from laying slabs to building enclosures. The team plan to return on Thursday to complete the final wiring and finishing touches. The way that the wider Seaford community comes together to support our farm provision is truly special. It was lovely to welcome Aunties, Uncles, Cousins and friends all into school to support. Evie's brother and former student, Zachary, was able to put his carpentry skills to good use with his help on the build. We also had younger siblings taking part, who will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labour when they join Seaford Head in the future.

Even though this has been a hugely busy term, Miss Fraser, Mr MacDonald and 20 of our most intrepid students have still found the energy to take part in this year's "World Challenge". On Wednesday afternoon, they left school to start their long journey to Ecuador where they will have the experience of a lifetime. I am sure that we are all massively envious of our young people who are taking part and hugely grateful to Mr MacDonald and Miss Fraser for providing them with this opportunity. I know that planning for the next challenge is already well underway as the team will be setting off to Costa Rica in 2028. Our challengers' adventures will make for a lovely feature in our newsletter when we return after the summer break.

Next week, we will finish Term 6 in typically action – packed fashion with the celebration of our Pride Day on Monday and school Sports Day on Tuesday. On Wednesday, students will be dismissed at 12.30pm to start their summer holiday. When they leave site on Wednesday afternoon, they can all feel extremely proud of their efforts. When they return to school on Monday 7 September they will be in the best possible place to progress and achieve great things in the future.

Headteacher's Star of the Week

Grace Ansell, Jacob Doswell, Jack Ide, Stanley Jefferies, Immy Wylle (Friston), Josh Staples, Jake Lewry, Lenny Doyle, Emerson Birley, Evie Adeniji, Reuben Keogh (Cuckmere Haven), Lilley Hildersley, Evie Pianet, Harry White, Libby Scott (Beacon) and Tyler Martin, Pip Goodwin, Aaron Burgess, Toby Piper (Blatchington) :

Respect For All and Positive Contribution Keys

As well as nominating the fantastic group of students above, Mrs Perou also wanted to pay tribute to some of the staff, friends and families who support this project. Emily Botting, Emma Gallagher and Amy Perou supported throughout the day whilst Jim Gilchrist provided lots of materials and took on the role of project manner. Mrs Perou was also keen to thank Katie Jeffries and Lara Featherstone who have set up and run the Farm Friends Parent Association. Without this support, it would not be possible to keep the farm running or take on such an ambitious build.

Ms Root was keen to nominate a new Year 9 student who she has worked with. She stated that "Immy has over 1000 achievement and no behaviour points last academic year. Immy is a pleasure to support and is conscientious, hardworking and consistently making a positive contribution to classes, her learning and the school community. She has taken on multiple enrichment opportunities, including DJ club, additional Mandarin lessons, Guitar lessons, football and athletics and takes all opportunities to positively represent Seaford Head School."

Miss Wells was keen to congratulate Libby for being selected to represent Sussex Schools FA U13 for the 2026/27 season. "There were 65 players at the initial trial and the group was eventually whittled down to just 15 players for the final squad. Libby has shown her exceptional talent, commitment and attitude, throughout this season, both for the school and Seaford Town".

A huge well done to Libby and all our stars.



Innovate School Catering

In September we will be changing our catering supplier to Innovate. You can find out more about their ethos and what will be on offer [here](#) and on our website [here](#).

Information about their free school meal lunches can be found [here](#).

Eastbourne LitFest

Could you help to interview Dame Jacqueline Wilson at Eastbourne LitFest?

Eastbourne LitFest is looking for an enthusiastic Jacqueline Wilson reader aged 11-13 to join a special interview panel on Saturday 26 September 2026.

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We'll be talking about Jacqueline's books, characters and stories - and why they continue to be loved by readers of all ages.

CAN YOU APPLY?

- Aged 11-13
- Read at least 3 Jacqueline Wilson books
- Available on Saturday 26 September 2026
- Have permission from a parent or guardian
- Live or attend school in East Sussex

TO ENTER

Send us either:

- A written entry of up to 200 words OR
- A video entry of up to 2 minutes

Tell us:

- Why you would like to be part of the panel
- Which Jacqueline Wilson book is your favourite and why
- Two questions you would love to ask Jacqueline Wilson

We cannot guarantee these questions will be included during the event

DEADLINE

Friday 31 July 2026

EMAIL YOUR ENTRY TO:

jane.bramson@eastbournelifest.org

Can you go even if you don't like to read?

Love reading? Love asking questions? We can't wait to hear from you!

Eastbourne LitFest

Future Dates

Wednesday 22 July :

Last Day of Term 12.30pm finish

Monday 07 September :

First Day of Term for all students



News

You can also find out about our latest news, successes and celebrations within the Seaford Head community on our Facebook page [here](#)



Careers

For the latest information on Careers Fairs, Open Days and Apprenticeships visit our website [here](#)

Our website also has a wide range of information, support and website links to support with your Careers queries and questions, which can be accessed [here](#)

For the latest LMI information, please check our website [here](#)



Community Notices

We have a wide range of community events and notices which can now be viewed on our website [here](#).



School Farm

On Saturday 11 July we were pleased to welcome a huge number of volunteers who gave up their time and braved the heat to support the school farm in building our amazing new enclosures!

Over the last few months the Farm Friends Parent Association have worked tirelessly to raise funds to support this build. We were also lucky enough to have donations from the Rotary Club and Impact Civil to support this venture. Jim Gilchrist and his team from both the Peacehaven and Brighton Helmstone Masons Lodges led the build, sharing their knowledge, skills and expertise with both students and their families.



The Farm Friends Parent Association also kept us all fed and watered throughout the day. The cake, bacon baps and endless cups of tea kept spirits high even as the temperatures soared! The day really embodied the sense of community the farm brings, with students, parents and even grandparents working together to create a wonderful space for our animals and young people. It was also wonderful to have the next generation of Farm Friends helping out with Oscar Staples, George Jeffries and Eddie Ansell coming along to support their elder siblings and proving they could keep up with the big ones!

The Farm Team are incredibly grateful to those that have given up their time to support us, it was a fantastic experience for all and demonstrated what a community can do when they come together.



Safeguarding & Wellbeing



Safeguarding Team

These are our Designated Safeguarding Leads at Seaford Head School.

Dr I Wallace

Mrs L Kaukolahti

Mr S Whittaker



If you have a safeguarding concern or query please call the school on 01323 891623 or email safeguarding@seafordhead.org.

The Safeguarding Team



Mr B Ellis
Headteacher



Dr I Wallace
DSL



Ms L K
Safeguarding Manager &
Deputy DSL



Mr S Whittaker
Deputy DSL



Rev J Hollingsworth
Governor for Safeguarding

Deputy DSLs



Ms S Alvarez
Assistant
Headteacher



Ms J Hudson
Inclusion
Practitioner



Mrs T Kelebek
Inclusion
Practitioner



Mrs J Owen
Educational
Welfare Officer



Mrs J Root
LAC Designated
Teacher



Mrs C Callard
Asst Head of Year



Ms E Gallagher
Asst Head of Year



Mrs E Fleming
Asst Head of Year



Mrs T Mason
Asst Head of Year



Miss E Phillips
Asst Head of Year

Any member of staff in the school will help support you if you need it. The people shown below have specific training and skills to support young people around their feelings and wellbeing.



Mr Sam Whittaker
Solution Focused
Therapy (SFBT) Certified



Mrs K
Rational Emotive Behaviours
Therapy (REBT) Accredited



Beth
Emotional Literacy Support
Assistant (ELSA) Certified



Julia
Emotional Literacy
Support Assistant (ELSA)



Ms Mason
Miss Fleming
Mrs Moloney
Miss Phillips
Miss Gallagher

Ms Kyprianou
Mr O'Kane
Miss Novitt
Mrs Davis
Mr McLaren

Mr Vaughan
Mr Purdey
Dr Wallace
Mr Beverley
Miss Wells

Miss Britton
Miss Harris
Mrs Martin
Mr Gant
Mrs Callard

Mr Ashdown
Mr Thomas
Mr Osborne
Miss Adamson
Miss Bromley



Tara
Counsellor



Laura
Counsellor



Jennie
Senior Mental Health
Practitioner



Katy
Children's Wellbeing
Practitioner