



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"
Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 15 v 12

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WB 24th February 2025

I hope that you all had a lovely half term and got to spend quality time together with some days out. It seems like such a long time ago after this first week back! School is back and it was great to share two celebration assemblies this week and have two competitions out with Tag Rugby and Stinger Netball and International Day as well. What an engaging start!

Our Christian values this half term are compassion, wisdom, justice and peace and we love our new entrance hall display which has made the children reflect about compassion and the impact of the teachings of Jesus have had on us.



News

Facebook – We are launching a new school Facebook page. This will have up to date news articles and information on what is happening at school. You can find our new page [HERE](#)



Church Hill – We are aware that the A29 Church Hill, Pulborough will be closed on Monday 11th March- Friday 21st March (Off peak 09:30-15:30). There will be No Parking Cones on New Place Road as per previous closures. The closure is to allow for essential tree works on the eastern side of Church Hill using Mobile Elevated Work Platforms.

Lundy Lester Estate Agent – We were delighted to welcome Martin Lundy Lester in to school with a cheque for £250.00. When anyone from the school community sells their house, the school gets a donation. This is brilliant and will be going towards something for the children.



PTA Trustee – We are looking for a trustee to join the PTA Trustees. There are 5 meetings a year that you would need to attend. If you would like to know more then please click on the link. You just need to be committed to making a difference to the children that we serve <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>

Church Links

Reflection - This week's reflection - [Compassion 2025](#)

Learning

Spring Term 2 topics / learning – UK and Thailand will be learning about Space and Journeys, India and Italy will be looking at Towers, Tunnels and Turrets, NZ, SL and USA will be focussing on Misty Mountains and Windy Rivers. Mexico and China will be looking at 'Off with her Head' and Year 6 start Exploring Africa. These are great themes and so much new learning will happen. If you want further details on each topic then use the class pages on the website to find out more.

International Day – Huge thanks to Kwaku, Rebecca, Bunmi and Vasiliki for coming into school today and speaking to the children about Ghana, Ireland, Nigeria and Greece. We learnt so much about the culture, flags, language, dress, cuisine, history etc of these countries and the children loved trying out new foods and some dancing! They asked some great questions and were fascinated about 7-layer waterfalls and learning what their name might be in Ghana depending on what day of the week they were born.



Sports

Tag Rugby competition – Some children from Year 3/4 attended a Tag Rugby Festival with other locality schools at Horsham Rugby Club this week. They represented the school brilliantly with their fantastic team spirit and compassion to all. They won all of their games and learnt many new skills. Well done to Freddie B, Freddie O, Fred M, Ronnie, Edward S and Olivia-Mae A. Also, we love our new sports kits – thank you to The Drain Guys for sponsoring them!



Netball competition – Well done to Daisy, Noah, Elba, Oscar, Toby, Livia, who competed against 8 other schools and came joint 2nd with Shipley Primary School. We are so proud of the team and Noah managed to score 7 goals!



Things to know...

World Book Day competition – We have had a few entries for the World Book Day competition. We would love some more! The children need to make a book character from a toilet roll. As simple as that. We would like them in by Friday 7th March. Alfie (NZ) is one of the first to submit an entry – well done to Alfie.



Reaching Families - FREE Family Training

The Family Learning team at West Sussex County Council are running **free, virtual sessions on raising teens**. The aim of these sessions is to help parents/carers understand the teenage brain, and offer guidance on how to communicate with their teens and foster a positive home environment. We have 2 options available:

Raising Teens: An Introduction to the Teenage Brain

This is a 90 minute session on **Tuesday 4 March, 19:45 - 21:15, running virtually**. This introductory session will focus on developing positive communication between parents, carers, and teenagers. You'll walk away with practical strategies for improving communication and overcoming common challenges you may be facing.

To find out more and register, please click [here](#).

Raising Teens: Navigating the Teenage Mind

This **4-week course begins on the 11 March with 90 minute sessions running virtually, in the evening**. Whilst on this course, you'll gain a deeper understanding of teenage brain development and how it influences behaviour, communication, and relationships. We'll dive into the key emotional, social, and developmental needs of teenagers, and explore what happens when those needs aren't met, leading to shifts in behaviour.

To find out more and register, please click [here](#).

Please **circulate these course to your parents and carers** in your setting.

Easter sweet shop – Date for your diary - There will be an Easter Sweet shop on the playground after school on Thursday 3rd April. This is being run by a Year 6 child and their family. More information to follow.

Class Assemblies – These are the dates for class assemblies for this term. Please come and celebrate the children's achievements with them. These will start at 9am.

Wed 5th Mar – New Zealand

Thurs 13th Mar – Japan (main hall) Thailand (Small Hall)

Wed 19th Mar - UK

Thurs 20th Mar – India

Thurs 27th Mar - China

Thurs 3rd Apr – SA

Chartwells' meal choices – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.



March Cut off Dates

Thurs 27/02 for w/c 10/03

Thurs 06/03 for w/c 17/03

Thurs 13/03 for w/c 24/03

Dates for your diary – SPRING TERM

Mon 3rd March – African Drumming Y6 and Ukulele workshop Y5

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day – Book character costumes please

Tues 10th March – STEM scientist in school for KS2

Wed 12th March – Steyning Shop Book Fayre 3pm – come and choose a book!

Fri 21st March – Reports come home (NZ class will receive reports in the summer term due to the change in staffing)

Tue 25th and Thurs 27th March – Parents Evenings

Mon 31st March – Easter Play 2pm

Tue 1st April – Easter Play 2pm

Tue 1st April – 3.30pm Cobnor Residential Meeting

Tue 1st April – School Disco

Thurs 3rd April – Easter Sweet shop on the playground

Fri 4th April – Last Day of term

Celebrations



Vine leaves – **Amelia** - Perseverance - For throwing yourself into your learning this week and trying your best in everything you do! **Ivy D (SA)** – Perseverance - in GPS you have listened carefully to feedback and responded to this to help you improve. **Bea K (SA)** and **Rosa W (SA)** - Wisdom - you have demonstrated amazing progress in Arithmetic, taking on board feedback and applying it to your independent work. **Elba S (SA)** and **Bea K (SA)** - Service - your organisational skills in the classroom this week have been second to none! **Cameron L (SA)** - Creativity - you worked with focus and determination over a period of several weeks to produce an amazing piece of extended writing! **Leah R (NZ)** - Friendship - you have been a very supportive friend this week. **Swailly J (NZ)** – Perseverance and Friendship – you have particularly persevered with your times tables and your handwriting. You are always welcoming and kind to other children in Brazil.. **Gemma B (Jap)** - Wisdom - for your fantastic effort and attainment across the curriculum. You are always so humble and deserve to know how brightly you shine. **Brooke W (Jap)** - Wisdom and Perseverance - for your amazing effort during our SATs practice, answering every question thoughtfully. I was really pleased with your progress. **Freddie B (USA)** – Friendship and Compassion - for your constant encouragement and enthusiasm to other children not only in our school but to children in other schools throughout the afternoon at tag rugby. **Fred M (USA)** - Friendship and Compassion - for his constant encouragement and enthusiasm to other children, helping them and providing care and support. He showed throughout the afternoon at tag rugby. **Hector S (Jap)** – Perseverance - for amazing progress in comprehension. Your standardised score in the mock SATs blew me away and you have worked so hard in this area of your learning. **Esmee W (Jap)** and **Katiemay M (Jap)** – Service - for always offering to help around the classroom. They are the first to put their hands up when something needs to be done. **Josh H (Jap)** – Creativity - I have been particularly impressed recently by your amazing vocabulary in your writing. **Poppy P (Chi)** and **Delilah H (Chi)** - Friendship - for taking another child under their wing today when she was missing her friend. **Aimee R (Chi)** - Friendship – for excellent teamwork during your PE lessons. **Arlo S (Chi)** – Perseverance – for persevering in maths, you always try so hard! **Josh W (Chi)** – Perseverance – for making very close observations during our lessons this week. **Daisy B (Chi)** – Creativity – for sketching such a n excellent example of Tudor Rose in Art. **Cameron L (SA)** for creativity - you worked with focus and determination over a period of several weeks to produce an amazing piece of extended writing!

Achievements -



Dan P (SA) – qualified for the Sussex County Championships and reached several finals. Such an impressive result!

Rosie F (Ind) – received her Pet Lover and Family Tree badges at Rainbows

Emily P (Chi) – has raised a large amount of money for The Princess Trust by having her hair cut and donating it to be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair

Journey

A support group for Parents and Carers of Autistic and SEN Children

Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.



Ashington

ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Friday 14 Feb | 10am - 11am

Friday 14 Mar | 10am - 11am

Ashington Church, Church Lane, RH20 3JX

Pulborough

Pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 13 Feb | 10:00 am - 11:00am

Thursday 13 Mar | 10:00 am - 11:00am

Pulborough Library, Brooks Way, off Lower Street, RH20 2BP

Storrington & Sullington

Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 18 Feb | 10am - 11am

Tuesday 18 Mar | 10am - 11am

Storrington Library, (North Street) Car Park, 6 North Street Storrington, RH20 4NZ

Southwater

Southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 20 Feb | 10:30am - 11:30am

Thursday 20 Mar | 10:30am - 11:30am

Beeson House, 26 Untol Square, Fairbank Road Southwater, RH13 9LA

Billingshurst

billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 25 Feb | 10:00am - 11:00am

Tuesday 25 Mar | 10:00am - 11:00am

The Depot, 83a High Street, Billingshurst



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PICK 'N' MIX

£1

SWEET SHOP

TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE YEAR 6 BIG TOP



(PAY BY CASH OR QR CODE)

CANDY FLOSS

£1

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025

3PM

POPCORN

£1

GUESS HOW MANY
MINI EGGS IN THE

JAR

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SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

CHOCOLATE LOLLIES

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LOLLIPOP-GAME

£1

EASTER BAGS

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DOUGHNUTS

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<https://pay.collectiv.com/matthew-greens-big-top-fundraiser-37121>

AND MUCH MORE....

Art Camp



Does your child enjoy creating art? Enrol them in our exciting 2-day Art Camp! This session, they'll explore the art of lino printing—carving their own designs and experimenting with prints on various coloured papers to create unique collages. It's a great chance for them to get creative, try something different, and make new friends along the way!

Sign up now - email harrietr@live.co.uk - deadline 24th March

Age group: 8-13

Time: April 9th – 10th
9am – 3pm

Place: West Chiltington Village Hall
Mill Rd, West Chiltington,
Pulborough
RH20 2PZ

Cost: £80 per child
(limited spaces available)

Please bring your own food and drinks
DBS certified





ALLPAWS JUNIOR TEAM ARE RECRUITING

Beginners 4 week course

Starts 6th March 6:15 pm

I Hunters Lodge Riding Centre Nr Chichester

To book a space or for further details call/email or scan



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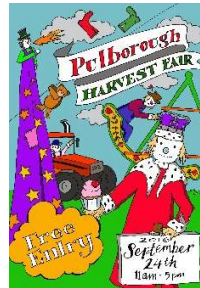
allpawsdogagility@gmail.com



Join the Harvest Fair team now

If you love the Pulborough Harvest Fair, join the team NOW

and be part of the core team now working to make it happen by September this year



The core team needs new volunteer members now, who can spend times during the day on their phone, using our computer system, sorting out stallholders, displays, etc. as part of the event organising and planning.

Interested?..... then email Rob on rob@robaylott.co.uk and he will arrange for you to meet a couple of the volunteer members of the team and see what's involved



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You can also email Debs Wilkinson (d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith (j.smith@chi.ac.uk) to discuss the secondary routes.