



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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Every year, we have chicks at the beginning of Lent and this helps us to count down to the Easter celebrations. This week our incubator arrived and we have added the eggs. The chicks should be born in 18 – 21 days time! Let's watch and see! They will then head to Mrs Norgate's farm to live there once we get to the Easter holidays.



Church Links

Ash Wednesday Service – Fr Paul conducted our Ash Wednesday service. Livia, Daisy, Seb and Jack had written prayers for the service and our worship monitors helped with the gospel reading.



Reflection - This week's reflection - [Lent 2025](#) Thank you to Mrs Smith for such a wonderful reflection!

Shrove Tuesday activities – As we are starting Lent, we talked about what Lent means and how Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. There is such a lot we can learn from these bible stories. What will you be giving up for Lent?



News

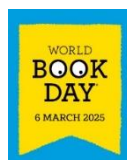
Facebook – We are launching a new school Facebook page. This will have up to date news articles and information on what is happening at school. You can find our new page [HERE](#)



Car Park – What a busy week with so much learning going on! Could I ask that parents do not stand at the mouth of the car park at the start of the day or the end of the day as traffic is moving in and out all the time. Thank you for your cooperation at this time.

Church Hill – These works have now been postponed and the road will remain open next week.

World Book Day – What a fantastic World Book Day! The staff were all dressed up with the children, the assembly was about our favourite books and there was a masked reader competition which the children enjoyed. Governors popped in to read to some of the children. There was a book search around the school and teachers reading in unusual places. A fabulous day that highlights the importance of reading and what we can get from a good book!



Learning

Year 6 African Drumming – The children launched their 'Exploring Africa' topic with an African drumming session. It is great to see the concentration, sense of rhythm and an understanding of the genre of African music.



Year 5 Ukulele – The children had an enrichment session to learn the ukulele. They were practising the chords and working together on creating harmonies. Well done to Year 5.



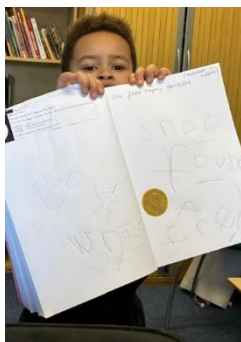
New Zealand class assembly – The children in New Zealand presented to their parents - it is great to share the learning!



Big top Fundraiser for Y5/6 – Thank you to Ms Hutchison, Mrs Brockett, Mrs Bellas, Mrs Wootton and Mrs Bramley who helped organise the Pancake Day fundraiser for Y5/6 children. The children were given a range of toppings to choose from for their pancakes – the smiles say it all!



Drawing club and progress – We love to focus on the writing of our youngest children and this week I have seen some examples that show great progress. Well done to Kobi, Elliott and Tom.



Roosters – The children at Roosters have made some bird feeders. We look forward to watching the bird come and use them! I wonder what they of bird we might get.



Sports

Football Tanbridge – Friday saw the beginning of the KS2 spring football tournaments for Primary Schools in the Horsham District. Some of the Year 6 boys travelled to Tanbridge House on a beautiful sunny afternoon and were soon into their stride with a 1-0 victory over Ashurst courtesy of an own goal. A much tougher game against Kingslea ended in a 1-0 defeat and meant the boys would compete in the middle tier for the remainder of the afternoon. Two cracking goals from Toby H ensured a 2-0 victory over Northolmes before the boys went down to their second defeat of the afternoon against Shelley. They recovered well to win their final game 1-0 against Castlewood with Freddie B, exchanging his role as goalkeeper for midfielder with a great finish. The boys ended the evening in second place in the middle tier on goal difference. Very well done to the whole squad - Toby H (c), Ethan B, Henry W, Kingston W, Teddy M, Freddie B, Eric K, Spencer N, Beau L.



Things to know...

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.

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](#).

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>

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.

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 13/03 for w/c 24/03

Dates for your diary – SPRING TERM

Tues 10th March – STEM scientist in school for KS2

Wed 12th March – Steyning Shop Book Fayre 3pm – come and buy a book; you can use your World Book Day voucher!

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

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.

Celebrations

Kindness Award for March – **Amber W (Ind)** has been awarded the kindness award for March. Her entry says, 'You are such a caring and thoughtful member of India Class. You are a fantastic role model and always show kind behaviours in all that you do. You are understanding to everyone's needs and we are so proud of you.'



Vine leaves – **Ethan L (Chi)** - Service – for stepping in last minute to help with New Zealand's Class Assembly. We are very grateful to him! **Arabella R (Ind)** - Compassion and Love - for scooping up your sister and helping her when she needed a friendly face! **Elena S** and **Lewis C (Ita)** - Friendship - for helping your friends come into school and start their day with a smile! **Tommy M (USA)** – Perseverance – for striving to follow the class charter and trying his absolute best in class. It was fantastic to see your homework, Tommy. **Fred M (USA)** – Wisdom - for working hard in most lessons producing some very neat, well-presented work with fantastic handwriting. **Sophia M (Tha)** - Humility and Kindness - for being so lovely and giving her party bag to someone else.

Achievements -

Victoria C (Mex) –
completed her
Stage 8 and 9
swimming!



Seb H (Jap) –
participated in the
'March Madness'
swimming gala and
achieved a PB in
50m breaststroke

Sid N (SL) – passed
Level 2 swimming

**Sienna C-G & Ada B
(SL)** – received a
bronze medal in a
dance competition

Mattie P (USA)–
took part in swim
gala for Atlantis
competing in 50m
breaststroke and
50m freestyle





GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP



**JOIN US FOR EASTER
CRAFTS TO TELL THE
STORY OF EASTER WEEK**

On: Good Friday, 18th April 2025

From: 09:30 am to 11:30 am

At: St Mary's Church Pulborough

**For: Ages 4 to 6 and 7 to 11
with crafts for each of
these age groups**

**So that we can cater for this free event
please contact us by email to book:**

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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUBS...

West Park Primary School BN12 4HD

7th - 10th April and 14th - 17th April

Our Lady of Sion Senior School BN11 4BL

7th - 10th April

Sompting Village Primary BN15 0BU

7th - 10th April

The Angmering School BN16 4HH

7th - 10th April

Hilltop Primary School RH11 8QL

7th - 10th April

Billingshurst Primary School RH14 9RE

14th - 17th April

Barnham Primary School PO22 0HW

14th - 17th April

Seymour Primary School RH11 9ES

14th - 17th April

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing

Loads of energy!



OUR EASTER CLUBS ARE PERFECT FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO LIKE TO BE ACTIVE AND ON THE MOVE.

Our clubs are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories! Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.



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FREE DROP-IN SESSION

**This drop-in session will be held at
Pulborough Library on Thursday
13th March, 10:00-11:00.**

**This is a support group for
Parents and Carers of Autistic and
SEN children. Come along and
meet with other parents on a
similar journey to you. No
diagnosis required, no pressure
just a free cup of tea and a chat.**

**It will be staffed by our
experienced Aspens/Autism
Central Sussex Family Wrap
Around Coordinator, who can help
answer questions about autism,
how to access support as well as
offer guidance and advice.**

**The Autism Central South East
Hub aims to help families to learn
more about autism and the
support available to them by
signposting to useful resources
and learning.**

**The address for Pulborough
Library is Brooks Way, Pulborough
RH20 2BQ. We hope to see you
there!**



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- We are here to listen to you
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