



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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

A big thank you to everyone for your support this week. The cases of suspected norovirus are much less and things seem to be getting back to normal. Thank you for your support with this – it is much appreciated.

## Church Links

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

## 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](#)



**UK assembly** – This was UK's first assembly and they were able to tell us about their learning, share their talk story, show us their phonic knowledge and sing their favourite songs!



**India assembly** – India shared their learning about The Great Fire of London with some role play and some diaries that the children had written as Samuel Pepys.



**Red Nose Day** – Thank you for all the £1 donations. The children entered into the spirit of this and were dressed in brightly coloured outfits. We raised 233.41.

**Christs Hospital** – Maths Challenge – Well done to Ayden, Ella, Anthony and Victoria for attending the Maths Challenge. A great event of word problems and calculations that they had to solve.



## Learning

**Creative Translation - Christ's Hospital** – Some Year 5 pupils attended a day at Christ's Hospital for a Creative translation Poetry day. The children were exposed to the language of French and Vietnamese and from their translations; they used these to scaffold their own poetry. It was a great day to join with other schools, to learn a new language and to experience life at a different school with lunch and a marching band.



**Esther Mahlangu - Art** - Year 6 have been studying the work of Esther Mahlangu, an African artist famous for her bold colourful work inspired by the traditional art of the Ndebele people. Esther Mahlangu's work is based on colourful, geometric patterns and produced using brushes made from chicken feathers!

Her traditional designs feature complex symmetry and repeating patterns using rectangles and triangles.

It is traditional for the women in the Ndebele community to paint the outside of their houses. They use natural pigments and bright acrylic paints outlined with black lines, to make large geometric patterns on the outside walls of their homes.



**Stick Insects** – The children in Thailand have been looking at their class stick insects with great interest. There is lots to know about these beautiful creatures.



### Things to know...

**BIG TOP** – As we start thinking about the Big Top we wanted to tell you a bit more. The Big Top is a full size circus Big Top tent and it resides with us! Each year we feel this is an extraordinary opportunity for our children to do something different. We have a team who hoist it and a team who take it down and we have a team who put in the sound, staging and lighting. Without these teams it wouldn't happen. We also ask the Year 6 children to fundraise £1200 each year for this opportunity to happen and we thank the parents who help raise this amount. We still have about £400 to raise! We are also looking for a team to help and would ask you to let us know. If we can't get the manpower then we can't make this work. We look forward to hearing from parents who can offer the time and their energy. [office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

**Swimming Pool** – Key Stage Two will restart swimming from Tue 22nd April.

Mon – SL and USA to rotate AM and PM each week

Tues – China and SA

Wed - Mexico

Thurs – Swimming only if it has been a bank holiday or the class needs an additional slot.

Fri - Japan

The children will need to bring a bag with a towel, swimming costume and a swimming hat. A school kit will be provided if they forget as it is part of the National Curriculum.

**KS2 Summer term PE kits** – After Easter we would like *Year 3 and Year 4* to come to school on a **Thursday** in their PE kits. We would like *Year 5 and Year 6* to come to school in their PE kits on a **Friday**. This must consist of a white round necked T shirt, navy blue shorts **or** navy blue leggings **or** navy blue skort and their trainers. On the other PE session they will need their swimming kit.

**Sponsorship for SATS Breakfast** – Every year we like to supply breakfast for Year 6 during SATS week, this is so they come in earlier, are with their friends, eat lots and are calm and ready for the day. If anyone feels that they could sponsor the breakfast then we would love to hear from you. Please email

[office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)



**Lions art poster competition** - 'What farms do for us' closes at the end of this month. Your local Lion will be collecting your schools entries between 27th and 31st March. Judging will take place over the holiday. There will be certificates and prizes for winners in every class from every school and we will be arranging an exhibition of the best entries at the Billingshurst Community Centre sometime during next term.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> Mar - China

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



#### April Cut off Dates

Thurs 10/04 for w/c 21/04

Thurs 17/04 for w/c 28/04

Thurs 24/04 for w/c 05/05

### Dates for your diary - SPRING TERM

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evenings

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Play 2pm

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Play 2pm

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> April - 3.30pm Cobnor Residential Meeting

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> April - School Disco 5 - 6pm EYFS/KS1 and 6.15 - 7.30pm KS2 £1.50 entry fee (small amount for tuck shop)

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Easter Sweet shop on the playground

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April - Last Day of term - Easter Bonnet/Hat parade - competition and prize for each year group

9am Easter Eucharist - Parents are welcome - please let the office know if you would like to attend

**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



**Vine leaves** - **Andrew R (SL)** - Creativity - for using excellent intonation when performing a poem this week with great use of actions. **Zara B, Sienna-Jane C-G, Immy H, Roman R, Josh D, and Sid N (SL)** - Friendship - for working very well as a team to create a drama performance this week. **Madelyn B (UK)** - Creativity - for having so many ideas and expressing herself so confidently. **Emily P (Chi)** and **Josh W (Chi)** - Perseverance - for not giving up when they reached a hurdle in their art project. **Daisy B (Chi)** - Service - for choosing to give up her time to ensure every single sketching pencil was ready at a high standard for the next class. **Theo R (Chi)** - Wisdom - for creating a wonderful and creative news report on an airplane crashing onto the school field! **Charlie W (Jap)** - Perseverance - for having a great attitude and engagement towards learning! A fabulous introduction to a persuasive piece of writing.



## Achievements -

**Victoria C (Mex)** –  
Recognition award for  
Most Improved Oppie  
sailor and her silver  
and gold swimming  
challenge certificates!

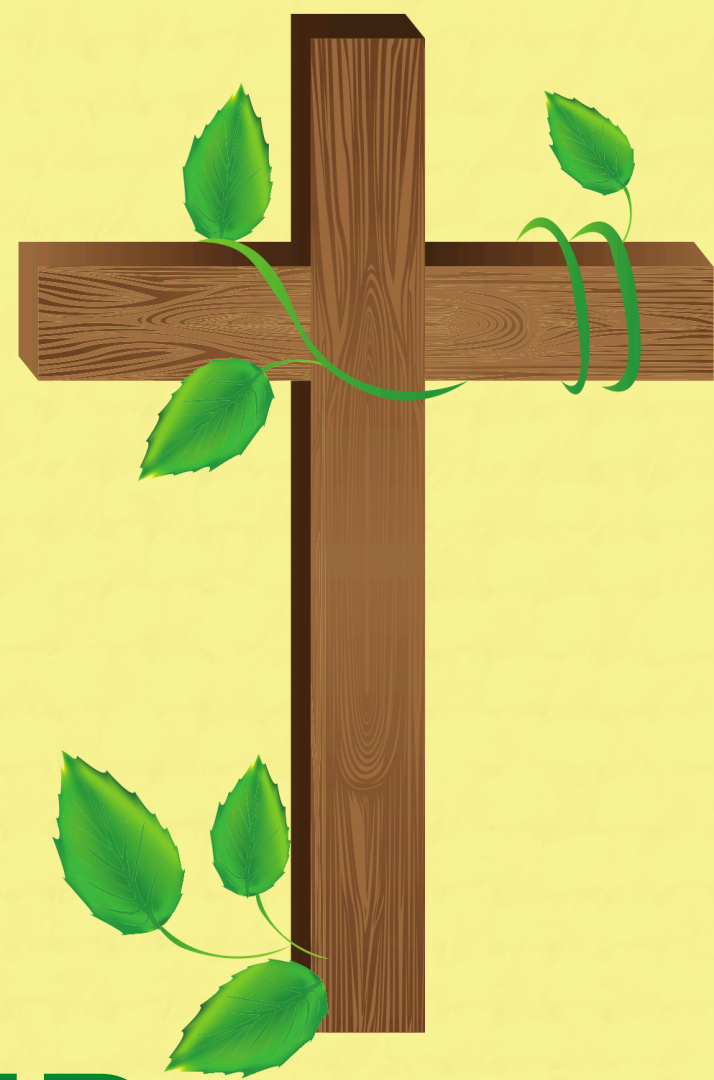


**Ada B (SL)** –  
Completed Stage 4  
swimming





# 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:**

**[vickyfsmith70@gmail.com](mailto:vickyfsmith70@gmail.com)**





# *We are Recruiting*

Area Support Team 16.25 hours weekly

Term time contract and school friendly hours

ID for enhanced DBS will be required

Please contact us at

[westsussex@chartwells.co.uk](mailto:westsussex@chartwells.co.uk)

to find out more





# Training

## Spring 2025

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



## Training Workshops

### February

Understanding ADHD

Friday 28th

10.30am

### March

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding & building resilience

Tuesday 4th

7.30pm

Understanding Sensory Processing Differences

Thursday 6th

10.00am

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)

Tuesday 11th

10.30am

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Key skills to improving communication

Tuesday 18th

10.30am

Understanding Demand Avoidance

Thursday 20th

7.30pm

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Wednesday 26th

7.30pm

Making Sense of Transition to Secondary School

Thursday 27th

7.30pm

### April

Understanding Autism

Thursday 3rd

10.30am

## The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

**Dates:** 5th March / 12th March / 19th March (3-part course)

Wednesdays

7.30pm-9.30pm

**All training above will be delivered via Zoom**

**For further information visit our website or email:**  
**[outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)**



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

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# March Umbrellas

**10.00 am to 11.30 am**



**Shoreham**

**Tuesday 4th**

**Adur East Family  
Hub (Shoreham)**

with  
**Social Prescriber**

**Littlehampton**

**Wednesday 12th**

**Creative Heart  
Community Hub**

with  
**Autism & Social  
Communication Team**

**Worthing**

**Tuesday 18th**

**Durrington  
Community Centre**

**Horsham**

**Wednesday 19th**

**Family Hub**

with  
**Southern Water**

**Burgess Hill**

**Tuesday 25th**

**The Cherry Tree  
Centre**

with  
**West Sussex SENDIAS**

**Chichester**

**Thursday 27th**

**Donnington Parish  
Hall**

with  
**South Coast Sports**

**Online**

**Via Zoom**

**Thursday 13th  
7.30pm**

For more information or  
the link to join the online  
group, contact:

**outreach-training@  
reachingfamilies.org.uk**



# Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

## Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

## Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

## Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

## Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

## Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

## Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

## Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

## NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

## Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: [admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk)

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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# Reaching Families

[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)





# Out of This World!

Launch into libraries and join our galactic adventure, with stellar space stories and a cosmic craft activity.



**Friday 11 April**  
**10.30-11.30am**

**Suitable for children aged 4+ years**

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.  
**Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.**

# Umbrellas

## Parent Support Group Spring Term 2025

**Would you like to connect with  
other local parent carers?**

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



EMPOWER

INFORM

SUPPORT

### Shoreham Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

14th Jan / 4th Feb / 4th Mar / 1st Apr

### Littlehampton Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

22nd Jan / 12th Feb / 12th Mar / 2nd Apr

### Worthing Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Durrington Community Centre

21st Jan / 11th Feb / 18th Mar

### Horsham Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Horsham Family Hub

15th Jan / 26th Feb / 19th Mar

### Chichester Umbrellas

**Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Donnington Parish Hall

30th Jan / 27th Feb / 27th Mar

### Burgess Hill Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

The Cherry Tree Centre

28th Jan / 25th Feb / 25th Mar

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email:

[outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)



[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

## Umbrellas Online

### Thursdays via Zoom

16th Jan 7.30 pm - 9 pm

6th Feb 7.30 pm - 9 pm

13th Mar 7.30 pm - 9 pm

3rd Apr 7.30 pm - 9 pm