



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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The chicks have hatched and the children were excited to watch this on a webcam and then come and see them. A real experience of new life and rebirth. As we go in to our last week of the school term we are looking forward to our Easter activities and we always love seeing the Easter hats and bonnets that are made creatively. There is a prize for each class!



## Church Links

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

**Easter Messy Church** - All are welcome to come to Pulborough Village Hall for our Messy Church Easter Special. On Saturday 12th April 3-5pm we have Easter activities, Games, Singing, Easter Eggs and celebration food. Please contact Judith on 07551323583, with your name and the number of adults and children attending and any food allergies, by Tuesday 1 April to book your place for the meal and Easter Eggs at Messy Church.



## Learning

**Mexico and China class** – Mary Rose at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard – Year 5 headed to Portsmouth to tour the Mary Rose exhibition. They took part in a workshop to find out about what life would have been like in Tudor times if you were a sailor.



**Year 1 and Year 2** – Hove synagogue – What wonderful learning to go to Hove synagogue and explore the Jewish faith. The children looked at the stain glass windows, menorahs, Torah scroll and looked at Hebrew. What a first-hand experience. They then lunched on the beach and spent some time looking at the coastline.



**Instructional writing in Italy class**– Miss Heasman wanted to encourage the children to use as much detail as possible in their instruction. She proved that without this detail you can get in a real mess!



## Sport

**Year 4 Boys Football** - The Year 4 Boys' football team travelled to Tanbridge House on Friday afternoon for the latest instalment of the Horsham District Primary Schools spring tournaments. The boys got off to a flying start with a 4-2 win over Leechpool B with Ted E netting a superb hat-trick and there was also a goal from Tommy M. Two back to back defeats to Southwater and Heron Way placed the boys in the Third Tier for the final two games. Tommy M was on target again as the boys secured a 1-1 draw against Northolmes before falling to a 2-1 defeat in the final game against Castlewood despite Jaxon S scoring his first goal for the school. Well done to the whole squad. A huge improvement on their performance at the same tournament last year.





**Mr Coomber's match report - ESFA Thamesmead Pokemon South East Regional Finals** - It was an early start for the Year 6 Boys' football team as they made the long journey to Thamesmead in a minibus. As Mrs Copus drove, the boys enjoyed breakfast on the go before arriving just after 9:00 on a beautiful early spring day for the South East Regional Finals. Having been crowned the Sussex Champions back in January, the boys were now competing against the best school teams from their respective counties across the region. They were completely undaunted about the fact that they were not only representing St Mary's but also our county of Sussex.

The boys got off to the perfect start with a 2-0 victory over Etonbury of Bedfordshire with two stunning goals from Olly G and Oscar D. The winning streak continued with back to back 1-0 victories over Toftwood of Norfolk and Cannonbury of Inner London with Eric K and Olly G netting in each game respectively. Three wins out of three meant the boys were group champions and would now play the winners of the two other groups knowing that the top two teams would advance to the National Finals. Excitement and tension was really starting to build.

As the midday sun shone down, the boys battled hard against Barr Hill of Cambridgeshire and came away with a decent 0-0 draw. After a quick turnaround, they were back on again for their final match against Wolfson Hillel of Middlesex. The boys gave absolutely everything they had but were well beaten 3-0, their first defeat in 18 games since their journey began at Tanbridge House back in September.

The boys were absolutely brilliant and to finish third in the whole of the South East region is really an exceptional achievement. They have shown a togetherness and sense of resilience as well as earning high praise from opposition managers, referees and supporters along the way. They will all be able to look back one day with great pride and affection on what they have achieved together.

We couldn't be prouder of them. Very well done to the whole squad - Olly G (c), Toby H, Eric K, Noah J, Jack B, Rex E, Seb H, Freddie B & Oscar D. Also to Beau L and Spencer N, who also played their parts in getting the boys to this stage.

I would like to thank Mr Coomber for his leadership with this team – what an inspiration he has been!



### 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 (AM) and NZ (PM)

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 NZ on a **Tuesday** then SL and USA (*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 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

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 Mexico class

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 to win the 'best' Easter bonnet/hat

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

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Break for Easter Holidays

## Summer Term

21<sup>st</sup> April – Bank Holiday – Easter Monday

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Children return to school and swimming starts for KS2

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Forest School starts for Thailand class for first half term

24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 residential meeting 3.30pm in SA class

5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Duathlon

7<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 residential Cobnor

12<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs (Breakfast club for Y6)

**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.

**Cake Sale** – School Council are organising a cake sale on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – if you can donate cakes then please send them in. The prices of the cakes are 20p and 50p.

## Celebrations



**Vine leaves** – **Cameron L (SA)** - Kindness – for being so helpful and supportive to another child who was having a tricky day. **Deborah A (SA)** - Perseverance – for showing such a positive attitude towards your learning and never give up! **Bertie, Addie, Daisy M, Isaac N, Leo, Elena, Layla, Gracie, Emilia (Ita)** - Perseverance and Wisdom - for trying your very best in your reading and Maths challenges! **Jaxon, Bowie, Flora, Alexa and Dilan (USA)** - Service - for hard work in the rehearsals of the Easter Play. Great effort.

## Achievements -

**Teagan R (SL)** -  
Gained her orange  
and white belt in  
karate





**Violet H (NZ) –**  
Passed Stage 3  
swimming



**Annabelle H (Ita) –**  
Gained her orange belt  
in karate



# Umbrellas

## Parent Support Group Summer 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.



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### Shoreham Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

6th May / 3rd Jun / 1st Jul

### Littlehampton Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

7th May / 4th Jun / 2nd Jul

### Worthing Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Durrington Community Centre

22nd Apr / 13th May / 17th Jun / 15th Jul

### Horsham Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Horsham Family Hub

23rd Apr / 21st May / 18th Jun / 16th Jul

### Chichester Umbrellas

**Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Donnington Parish Hall

24th Apr / 15th May / 26th Jun / 17th Jul

### Burgess Hill Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

The Cherry Tree Centre

29th Apr / 20th May / 10th Jun / 8th Jul

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**

**1st May**

**7.30 pm - 9 pm**

**12th Jun**

**7.30 pm - 9 pm**

**10th Jul**

**7.30 pm - 9 pm**