



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 19th May 2025

We are at the half term break! The front display now has a photo collection for our Year 5 residential – do pop in to have a look at the learning and fun that we had! We have made it to half term, please have a good week off and enjoy making memories. The next half term is longer and we have so much to fit in!



Happy Book certificates – Happy Book certificates for this half term will come home the first week in June.

Church Links

SPLASH – We welcomed SPLASH to our worship on Monday. The theme was Friendship – we listened to 'You've got a Friend in me' from Toy Story. We thought about how we can often feel hurt by our friend's actions, we thought about the friends in the Bible and retold a Bible Story. Lots of the children played a part on our worship. We sang 'You can count on me' and prayed together. Thank you to SPLASH for coming to visit us!



Reflection – This week's reflection! [Truthfulness 2025](#)

Learning –

Boomwackers – We have been blessed with a new resource. The Boomwackers have arrived which are brilliant in our music lessons. We look forward to seeing everyone using them.



SL Assembly - Well done to Sierra Leone for leading the assemblies this week. They took us on an exciting adventure through time sharing their learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They showed their longboat models, explained the facts and shared their screenplays. They spoke with such confidence!



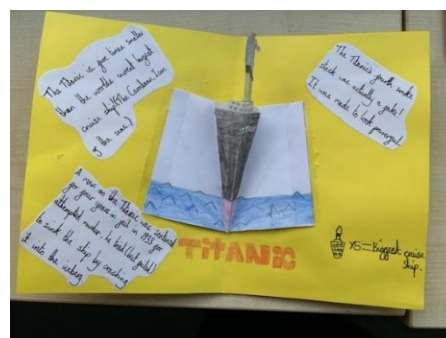
China Assembly - China went on to tell us about The Titanic in their class assembly and we were wowed with drama, diary entries and pop up books. A great celebration of this half term.



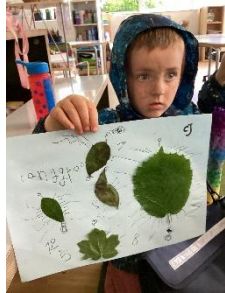
India Class - The children have completed their English unit on letters and the children have been able to show the improvement in their writing. Well done to Callie and Bonnie who wrote the most amazing letters. They are very proud as the photo shows.



DT - Pop Up books – Year 5 have been working on Titanic Pop up books for their DT unit of learning. There are some fantastic outcomes looking at the two mechanisms for making something POP!



Forest School – Thailand – The children in Thailand class had another brilliant day at Forest School this week although got a little wet due to the change in weather! Before the downpour they made leaf bugs and had a go at mud face painting.



Pond dipping – after the success of finding a newt in our pond last week, some Year 3 children headed back to the wildlife area to see what else they could find.



Sport

Quad Kids – The children participated in four athletic activities with long distance running, javelin, long jump and sprints. They achieved second place overall and were pleased to receive silver medals. They were so well behaved and gave their very best. Well done to our team!



Duathlon – The children in Year 6 have been working extremely hard on fundraising projects throughout the year to raise money for this year's Big Top Production. The activities included a sponsored Duathlon which was held on the school field on Tuesday 6th May.

Four children took on the whole course which consisted of a 3-lap run, 6-lap cycle and a second 3-lap run. A further 32 children worked in teams to complete the course with a partner. Everyone who took part performed brilliantly and challenged themselves; it was fantastic to see the teamwork and encouragement shown throughout the afternoon.

The scoreboard is as follows:

Individual: 1st: Daniel P, 2nd: Seb H, 3rd: Rex W

Boys' Team Event: 1st: Olly G and Toby H, 2nd: Jesse P and Freddie B, 3rd: Oscar D and Eric K

Girls' Team Event: 1st: Rosa W and Indi P, 2nd: Livia H and Skyla C, 3rd: Daisy E and Rosie M

The children were well-supported by friends and family, thank you for your support, and thank you to the staff who helped with the organisation of the event - Mrs Castle, Mrs Bryan, Mrs Worley, Mr Coomber, Mrs Heath, Mrs Hatcher, Mrs Callender and Miss Taylor.

We are delighted to announce that the total raised from this event is an **amazing £1,055!** This is a phenomenal achievement - a huge thank you to everyone involved in making it such a success.



News

Reminder – collection – Children do need to be collected by an adult at the end of the day for school and Roosters. We won't release children to older siblings under the age of 16. Thank you.

SEND – There are some brilliant things coming up both for children with SEND or to help parents navigate the journey. Please look at these.

Sainsbury's – as you may be aware, the local Sainsbury's in Stane Street is undergoing a refurbishment and they recently held a competition for all local children to design a new jute bag to celebrate their reopening. We're delighted that **Ivy D (Jap)** won and her design, along with some of the runners up, are being proudly displayed in their front window. We look forward to seeing Ivy's jute bag around the village once the store reopens on Wednesday!



Things to know...

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.



June Cut off Dates

Thurs 29/05 for w/c 09/06
Thurs 05/06 for w/c 16/06
Thurs 12/06 for w/c 23/06
Thurs 19/06 for w/c 30/06

Dates for your diary - Summer Term

2nd June – Y6 Residential PGL
6th June – Non-school uniform day – PTA will be collecting items for colour hampers
9th June – Phonics screening Y1
14th June – PTA Summer Fayre and Colour Run
16th June – Sports Day – AM Italy/India and PM UK/Thai
18th June – Sports Day – AM Y5/6 AM and Y3/4 PM
20th June – School reports for NZ class come home
30th June – Y6 Leavers Service at Christ's Hospital

1st July – Parents Evening
3rd July – Parents Evening
7th July – Class letters come home
15th July – Production – Treasure Island 1.00pm and 6pm
17th July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm
18th July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm
19th July – Prom
22nd July – 9.30am Final Assembly for Y6 – 2 seats available per child

Celebrations

Celebration Assemblies - These are class assemblies that start at 9am.

5th June – Thailand
12th June – USA
19th June – Mexico
25th June – NZ
26th June – India

3rd July – Italy
10th July – UK
22nd July – Japan and SA Leavers Assembly – 9.30am – 2 seats per family (no more due to space)



Vine leaves – **Alicia B, Lucy C and Esta T (Mex)** - *Kindness and Creativity* – for generously giving up their time to design new spines for dictionaries and thesauruses.

George H (Ind) - *Wisdom* - for sharing how bright he is with his maths secret agent learning! **Alfie P (Chi)** - *Friendship* - for celebrating a friend's successes when they needed a boost. **Charlie P (Chi)** - *Perseverance* - for showing great determination in swimming and making huge strides of progress! **Theo R (Chi)** and **Freddie B (Chi)** - *Wisdom* - for demonstrating excellent fluidity and proficiency in their swimming. **Andrew R (SL)** and **Connor H (SL)** – *Courage* - for bravery in our swimming lessons this week. Both boys were able to put their heads under the water this week, despite feeling nervous. **Caitlin T and Brooke W (Jap)** – *Courage* -for being brave in front of their peers and taking part in the audition and **Archie T (Jap)** for offering to go first!! **Beau L (SA)** and **Ethan (SA)** - *Perseverance* - for responding well to feedback and working with impressive focus and determination on their pirate adventure narratives. **Fred M, Jesse P and Tommy M (USA)** - *Perseverance* – for striving to follow the class charter and trying their very best in their school work this week. **Jessilyn N-G (Chi)** and **Emily B-N (Chi)** – *Friendship* – for showing great maturity and friendship when needed

Achievements -



**Seb H (Jap) & Daniel
P (SA)** – Took part in
a duathlon this
weekend in Worthing



Have a great half term break and thank you for all your support.



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Augmented Reality Challenge

Virtual reality hunt around the library

**Find and collect the 5 posters to win a special
centenary sticker**

Pose for a photo with Marty the Martlet

Pulborough Library

Brooks Way, Pulborough RH20 2BQ

Friday 30 May 2025

10.30 – 12.30



Free event

No need to book, just drop in



Parents and carers must remain with children at all times during the activity

THE ANCHORAGE CARE HOME **ART COMPETITION**

We Need Your Help!

Next month is Hydration Month, and we're holding an exciting art competition to help spread the word about how important it is to stay hydrated.

We'd love you to get creative and make a piece of artwork that reminds everyone especially our residents why drinking enough water keeps us healthy, happy, and strong.

You can use drawings, paintings, collages, or any fun and colourful ideas you have

There will be a prize for the winner, and the winning artwork will be proudly used to promote the importance of drinking water.



Please send entries before 30th May to
The Anchorage Care Home, Coombelands
Lane, Pulborough, West Sussex
RH20 1AG

Training

Summer 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

June

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Self-care and managing stress	Tuesday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge (age 2-11 years)	Wednesday 11th	10.30am
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11 years+)	Wednesday 11th	7.30pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Tuesday 17th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessments and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 19th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding and building resilience	Tuesday 24th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Masking	Wednesday 25th	10.30am

July

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment	Thursday 3rd	7.30pm
Understanding Autism	Thursday 10th	10.30am
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Monday 14th	7.30pm

The SEND Foundation Course

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

Dates: 25th June / 2nd July / 9th July (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



SCAN ME

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

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World Cycling Day 2025

Location: Worthing Town Centre -
South Street Square

Bikeability

Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century

**Sunday, 1st June,
from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

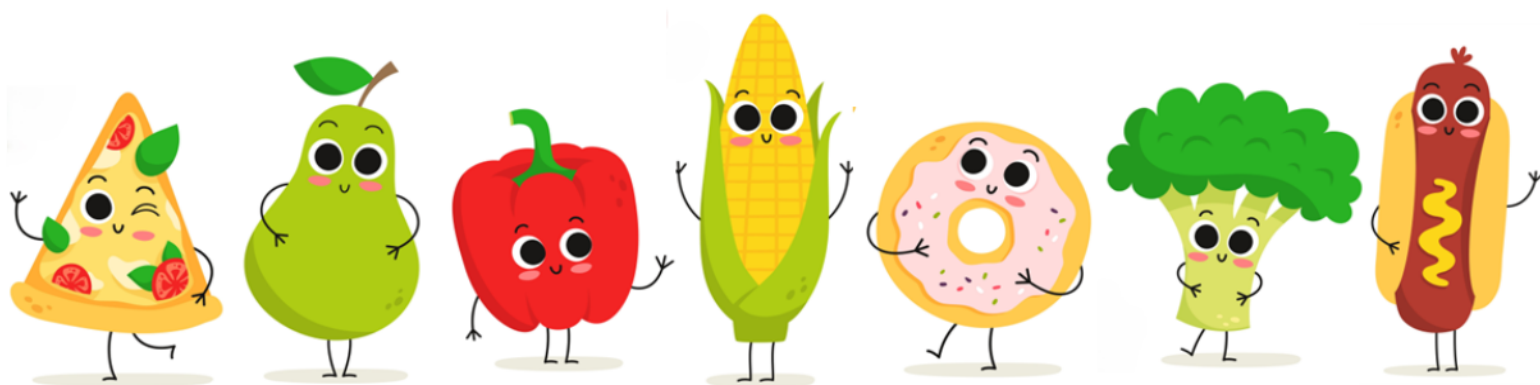


Come and meet us, have a chat,
try a balance bike (younger
children) or an adapted cycle (all
ages and abilities)!



Food, Glorious Food!

Join us for some scrumptious stories to tantalise your tastebuds, plus some soup-er craft activities!



Friday 30 May

2.00-3.00pm

Suitable for children aged 4+

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

FUEL YOUR... LITTLE HEROES!



Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☐ : 0800 321 3248

☐ : www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.



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

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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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.



EMPOWER

INFORM

SUPPORT

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

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



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

Sussex Youth Theatre

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS MAY HALF TERM?

Join us for our latest workshop, SHAKESPEARE - DAGGERS AND DAYDREAMS

A fun day that makes Shakespeare understandable and accessible. Great for both newcomers and those already familiar with Shakespeare's work. Led by Ross Muir, whose wealth of knowledge and experience as a professional actor includes over 20 years working with Worthing's own Rainbow Shakespeare Company, performing open-air plays at Highdown Gardens.

THE LABOUR HALL, WORTHING
Tuesday 27th May, 10am - 3pm

For more information and to book visit
<https://bookmeonit.co.uk/shakespeare>

MAY WORKSHOP
BOOK TODAY Ages 6-18

SHAKESPEARE

DAGGERS AND DAYDREAMS WORKSHOP



Sussex Youth Theatre