

ST MARY'S C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

'A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum'

NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 9th June 2025

Message from Mrs Copus



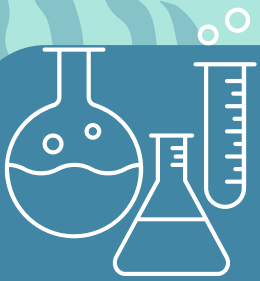
What a change in the weather this week! Please can I remind parents to send hats, water bottles and ensure your child has suncream on next week as the warm weather continues. We have had a purposeful week of learning and are looking forward to Sports Days next week - if you're able to come and support, the children, we would love to see you!

Church Links

Reflection - This week's reflection - thanks, as always, to Mrs Smith!

[Friendship part 2, 2025-](#)





Learning



Year 5 - Science

The children have been dissecting plants in their science lessons. They have looked at the different parts of a flowering plant and identified the scientific names.

Christ's Hospital

Four of our Year 5 children attended the 'Solving Crime with Science' event at Christ's Hospital.

They had an important mission: to discover who stole Dr Medley's doughnut! Using real forensic techniques including comparing evidence such as hair and fibre samples under microscopes, using Bunsen burners to observe chemical reactions to identify compounds, developing & analysing fingerprints and sampling chromatography techniques, they worked in teams to crack the case and bring the culprit to justice.

In addition, the children got to watch the CH band parade, enjoyed a lovely lunch in the dining hall and received their own doughnut at the end of the day for solving the case!

They all had a wonderful day and represented St Mary's beautifully with their respectful and engaging behaviour.





Sport



Talented Athlete

Children from Y5 and Y6 attended The Weald and worked with Mr Meaney on multiskills as part of the Talented Athlete programme. They looked at improving their personal best and competed in running, jumping and throwing activities.

Cricket

One of our Year 5 / 6 boys' cricket teams travelled to Horsham Cricket Club for a thrilling locality tournament. The team played brilliantly throughout the day, showing incredible skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. After battling through to the final, it all came down to the very last ball... and that's when Max stepped up and took the crucial wicket to seal the victory!



Dance workshop

Six of our Year 4 and 5 children had the opportunity to take part in a dance workshop at The Weald, joining pupils from other local schools. They represented our school brilliantly with excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout.



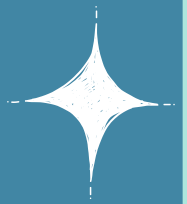


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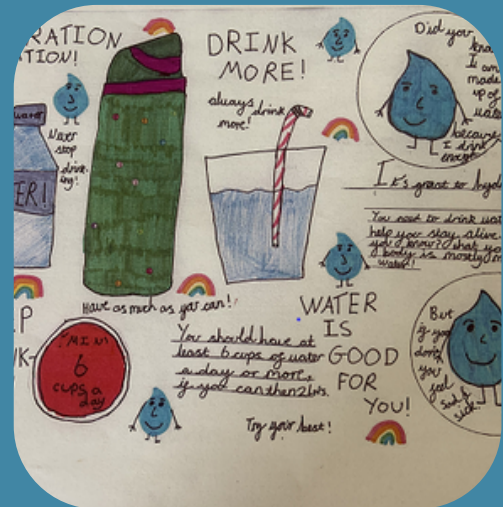
Staying Safe Online

West Sussex County Council are advertising 'Staying Safe online' sessions for parents - details can be found in the attached guide



Winners!

The Anchorage care home came into school to present prizes to Zara B, Freya and Daisy B this week following their competition entries about hydration.



Year 6 Leavers' Service

Please see this week's email and your MCAS app for details and any outstanding payment that is due for the Christ's Hospital Chapel Leavers' Service at the end of this month. Thank you.



✦ Things to know... ✦



Class Celebrations

19th June – Mexico
25th June – NZ 26th June – Italy
3rd July – India 10th July – UK
22nd July – Japan and SA Leavers Assembly – 9.30am –
2 seats per family (no more due to space)

Meal Ordering

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 19/6 for w/c 30/6
Thurs 26/6 for w/c 07/07

Dates for your diary

14th June – PTA Summer Fayre and Colour Run
16th June – Sports Day – AM Italy/India and PM UK/Thai
18th June – Sports Day – Y3/4 AM and Y5/6 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
17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Mary's Church
18th July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm
19th July – Year 6 Prom
22nd July – 9.30am Final Assembly for Y6
(2 seats available per child)





Celebrations



Vine Leaves

William (NZ) - Friendship - for being an understanding and thoughtful friend during lunchtime to **Esmee (Ita) - Friendship** - for taking another child under her wing and checking they were okay. **Layla (Ita) - Wisdom** - for giving insightful answers in our learning and retaining important information **Macie (NZ) - Creativity** - for creating sculpture using clay and natural materials at forest school. **Charlie (Jap) - Compassion and Courage** - for cheering on your team mates throughout residential and supporting others in every activity. **Josh H (Jap) - Perseverance** - for challenging yourself and attempting every activity on residential. **Thomas (Jap) - Wisdom** - for your level of engagement in every activity during residential. You listened carefully and respectfully to our instructors. **Livia (Jap) - Courage** - for being fearless during residential! You set an amazing example to others by getting stuck in and trying every activity. You were a ray of sunshine everyday, **Teagan (SL) - Humility** - for always thinking about how you can help and support others in the classroom. **Jaxon (USA) - Service** - for working hard in our Celebration Assembly. Your Spanish weather forecast was fantastic. **Fred & Freddie B (USA) - Service** - for working hard in our Celebration Assembly. You demonstrated your section confidently together.

Achievements



Spencer (Jap) - was presented with the Top Goal Scorer award at his football end of season awards this week



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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www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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

We are recruiting



Join our team at The Anchorage Care Home in Pulborough

Are you a compassionate individual who
cares about making a difference in the
lives of others?

Company Benefits: Shift work, Uniform
provided, Free lunch, Bluelight discount, Free
parking, Company pension, Competitive salary,
Opportunity for progression and mentorship



APPLY NOW



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WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS!

Join our Junior Netball Club!

We're open to new players and would love to see some fresh faces on court,
especially in our U8 to U10 teams!

Would you like to find out more? Email us on cranleighnetballclub@gmail.com

