

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

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



Week beginning 14th July 2025

Message from Mrs Copus



As our last full week draws to a close, we'd just like to thank parents, staff and children for all their efforts at the end of this term. We wish you a very happy and relaxed summer when we get there and look forward to welcoming you all back on Friday 5th September.

Church Links



Leavers' Service - Thank you to Fr Paul for our church Leaver's Service. The children in Year 6 were presented with an 'It's Your Move' book and a copy of Luke's gospel. A lovely service where the children raised the roof.



Reflection - The final reflection of this school year - thanks, as always, to Mrs Smith! - Thankfulness





Learning

Treasure Island - Production

What performances we've had this week! There are so many people involved in the end of year production and we are SO grateful to all that have helped. The choir really excelled and it was fantastic to see the Year 6 children grow in confidence with their singing, dancing and acting. A brilliant way to finish their school journey with us and for us to celebrate with them.





Learning

Sculpture - Year 5

The Year 5 children have been using clay to put together their coral sculptures. The children paid attention to the detail when looking at lines, shapes, texture and colour. The children found different ways to represent the process of coral bleaching through the colours.



Sussex Underwater

We were thrilled to have Paul from Sussex Underwater join us. Paul spoke to the children about the reef at Bognor Regis and what is under the waves. Paul explained how, until April 2021, trawlers were free to operate in the area but since the introduction of the trawler ban, the pressure on the ecosystem has eased, and nature has started to bounce back. The transformation beneath the waves has been amazing! Paul brought along his diving equipment and told the children fascinating facts and stories about the reef's colourful inhabitants. He also mentioned that Bognor Coral reef appears in David Attenborough's 'Ocean'! A huge thank you to Paul for opening our eyes to the magic beneath our local waters!





Learning

Music

Well done to our guitarists in their performance to Key Stage Two. James (NZ), Ted (USA), Seb (Jap), Edward (NZ), Ben (NZ), Finley (Mex), Peter (Chi), Oliver (USA) and Amelie (Ind) performed different pieces to the school and showed such musical ability. Well done to them!



Spanish Books

The Year 6 children have been working on a Spanish version of 'Dear Zoo'. They came and shared their finished books with the younger children. A great first experience for our youngest children.

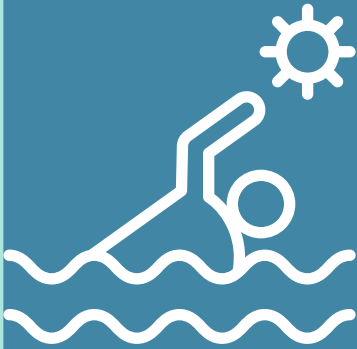


Hola!



Sport

Swimming - September



This is the proposed timetable for September - these are subject to change but we will update where necessary. Children will need to bring swimming kit including costume, towel and swim hat on these days

Mon AM Sierra Leone PM USA
Tue AM China PM South Africa
Wed AM Mexico PM New Zealand
Thur AM Free PM Free
Fri AM Free PM Japan



Summer Reading

Reading Challenge

Thank you to Karen from the library for coming in to assembly this week to tell us about the Summer Reading Challenge. This can significantly improve children's reading skills, confidence and love of reading over the summer and we hope that everyone will join in. Please get involved!





News



It's Your Move

SPLASH came and worked alongside the Year 6 children this week and have helped them think about the next steps on their educational journey. We are grateful to SPLASH for helping with these conversations.

Donation

Martin Lundy Lester came and presented the school with a cheque for £300. We are very grateful for this amount of money which goes to support the children in their classrooms.



Gate Tokens



We are missing many of the tokens that operate our entrance gate. We'd be incredibly grateful if you're able to check and return any that might have snuck home as they are very expensive to replace and we'd rather spend our limited budget on resources for the children! We're happy to award dojo points to any child that is able to bring some back into school.

PE Kits

The children in KS2 will continue to come to school in their PE kits in September. A timetable will be shared in the Autumn Term.





✦ Things to know... ✦



Class Celebrations

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.

September cut off dates

Thurs 21/8 for w/c 1/9

Thurs 28/8 for w/c 8/9

Thurs 4/9 for w/c 15/9



✦ Dates for your diary

18th July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm

19th July – Year 6 Prom

22nd July – 9.30am Final Assembly for Year 6
(2 seats available per child)



Celebrations



Vine Leaves

Macie (NZ) - **Compassion and Kindness** - for noticing someone who was upset and getting an adult to help. **Harrison (USA)** - **Service** - for giving 100% to the choir performances. He danced, sang and knew all the actions, a superstar! **Tai (Chi)** - **Humility** - for always being so polite and caring towards everyone around you. You're a great example of how to use good manners! **Leo (NZ)** - **Perseverance** - for trying hard even when it is difficult. **Horatio (NZ)** - **Friendship** - for always being there to help his friends. **Elliot (SL)** - **Perseverance** - for always trying his best even when faced with a challenge. The resilience and determination he has shown this year, especially in maths, has been phenomenal. **Aria (SL)** - **Friendship** - for always looking out for others and being a kind friend to everyone in Sierra Leone Class. **Immy (SL)** - **Creativity** - for taking her time to create a beautiful fossil out of clay. It is clear that you really took your time over the intricate details in the clay. **Joshua C (SL)** - **Kindness** - for always spreading positivity, smiles, and laughter to everyone in Sierra Leone Class. **Marlie (Ita)** - **Service** - For being a brilliant role model and always showing brilliant listening skills! **Phoebe (Chi)** - **Friendship** - for being an excellent friend multiple times this week. **Arlo (Chi)** - **Creativity and Service** - for turning up to each performance ready to sing sensibly and beautifully.

Achievements

Freya (Chi) - Achieved
Stage 7 in swimming



Martha G (NZ) - received
her Bronze Scout Award
at Beavers





Celebrations



Achievements

Harper (NZ) - Achieved
her Bronze Award at
Brownies



CHIEF SCOUT
BRONZE AWARD



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West Sussex



Amber (Ind) - Achieved
her Bronze Scout Award
at Beavers. It's the highest
award a Beaver can
receive!

Elena (Ita) - moved up to
Stage 4 swimming and
completed her ballet
showcase before moving
up to Stage 1 in September!



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FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER UPDATES

Daily	09:00 – 21:00	MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) Currently only football & netball are available, more to follow. Book via: https://prdf-web.clubspark.pro/PulboroughParishCouncilMUGA/Booking/BookByDate#?date=2025-03-13&rike*quest
1st Thursday	18:00	THE PULBREW BOOK CLUB at the café To read the latest award winning books £7:50 per month includes coffee & cake, but not the book. To book your place Contact: info@pulbrew.com
Tues 15th July	09:30	AGE UK @ THE PANTRY, PULBOROUGH Are you thinking about wanting to meet new people? Do you need any information and advice? Would you like to know what's going on in your area? Visit The Pantry and have a chat
Wed 30th July	10:00 – 15:00	RWB AUCTIONS in the Village Hall Sell your coins, silver jewellery & watches with the experts. Gather together unwanted valuables, meet our friendly team of specialists and get a professional valuation for free.
Sat 9th August	10:00 Registration	P.I.S.T. '25 Pulborough Rugby Football Club RH20 4HP Squads of 12 Minimum 2 males & 2 females on pitch at any time. Age 16+ £60 Team Entry. BBQ & Bar available. To enter a team please Contact: 07818 422263, pulboroughpist@gmail.com
Sat 30th & Sun 31st August	11:30 – 16:00	ANNUAL OPEN WEEKEND at ABC ANIMAL SANCTUARY Jugs Lane, West Chiltington, RH20 2JS Meet the animals, variety of stalls, face painting, groom a pony, fire engine, refreshments. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.
Sun 14th September		PULBOROUGH HERITAGE WEEKEND It has been decided to hold this on Sunday only – more information to follow
Sat 4th October	10.00- 17:00 To be confirmed	TRADITIONAL CHURCH FETE at St Mary's Church There will be stalls run by local groups with the Flying Teddies a firm favourite AND there will be irresistible Cream Teas.



Story Garden

Join thousands of children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 12 July
View our [Story Garden video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the **online registration form** at arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src
- Tell library staff the **secret code word**
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- **Collect rewards** for reading library books and completing special 'Extra Mile' Book Quests
- Read **any library books** you like—it's just for **FUN!**
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!



It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part
Let's get GROWING!