

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

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

NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 29th September 2025

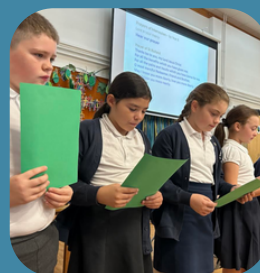
Message from Mrs Copus



It feels like the Autumnal weather has finally arrived - please ensure children have coats for play times over the next few weeks. We still managed to fit in lots of learning this week and have spent time talking about Harvest.

Church Links

Harvest Eucharist - Father Paul and Mr Holloway conducted our Harvest Eucharist this morning. The service taught us to be thankful for the farmers and the harvest that they produce. Thank you for all of the donations, these will be going to FSW. The Service started with our school choir and the church choir where they sang Look At The World by John Rutter.



Reflection - Thank you to Mrs Smith who has shared her reflection about LOVE. It is our value for this half term. These reflections are so powerful! Love - including yourself!





Sport



Football

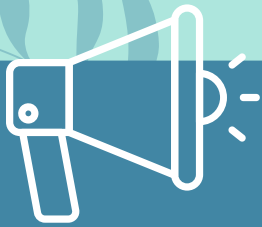
The Year 6 boys travelled to Tanbridge House for the first round of the Horsham Area Schools League on Friday.

The boys got off to a flying start with victories in their first two games. The scoreline was 2-0 against North Heath, with an energetic attack leading to goals from Anthony and Daniel. This was followed by a 1-0 win against Steyning, this time with Archie-Deane on target. There was impressive goalkeeping from Max, ably supported by William and Finnley in defence.

The third game was a tight and evenly-matched contest against Leechpool. Despite periods of pressure and goal attempts from both sides, this ended in a 0-0 draw. Our final opponents of the afternoon were a strong Southwater side with a fast paced attack. This ended in a 3-0 defeat for the team.

This places the boys in fourth place overall, with the second round of matches to follow on 10th October. Well done to the whole squad for such a promising start to the season: William, Anthony, Max, Jayden, Archie-Deane, Lennie, Finnley and Daniel





News

Time Capsule - community link with The Anchorage

Kate at The Anchorage said, "Thank you so much for taking the time to join us today at The Anchorage for our time capsule event. It was lovely to share this special moment with you, and the children were an absolute delight, as always. They read so fluently, and their future wishes were truly inspiring, they are such a credit to the school."

The children had a brilliant time thinking about the future and where they might be and how life might change.



Prefects

Following a staff vote, our Year 6 prefects have started taking responsibility for various aspects of the school improvement plan. The following positions have been allocated this week -

Art - Luca & Emily P

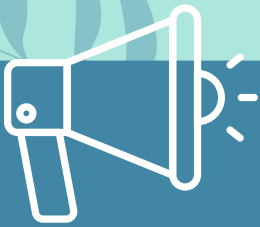
Fairtrade - Delilah, Archie P & Esta

Buddies - Skyla & Alicia

Librarians - Amelia and Emily B-N

ICT Technicians - Theo, Josh W, Alfie & Daniel





News

World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October it will be Mental Health Day – we would encourage the children to wear their school uniform but add something yellow such as hair band, socks, scarf, wristband etc.

YOUNG MINDS



Hydration Awareness Campaign

Our children recently took part in a competition with The Anchorage Care Home - the following news article was published locally to celebrate

‘The Anchorage Care Home is celebrating after being named runner-up in the Sussex Care Homes Hydration Awareness Competition, a county-wide initiative that shines a spotlight on creative efforts to promote the importance of staying hydrated. The recognition reflects the home’s commitment to residents’ wellbeing, while also celebrating the involvement of local schoolchildren and the wider community in raising awareness.

The award highlights the commitment of The Anchorage and the wider Premium Care Group to promoting health, wellbeing, and community connection across Sussex.

Adding a special touch to the celebration, Mrs Hatcher, Deputy Head Teacher at St Mary’s School, Pulborough, attended the ceremony with children who had contributed to the competition. One resident described their involvement as “just amazing, the icing on the cake.” ‘





Things to know...

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.

Oct cut off dates

Thurs 9/10 for w/c 20/10

Thurs 23/10 for w/c 3/11

Thurs 30/10 for w/c 10/11

Dates for your diary

Fri 10th Oct - World Mental Health Day - wear something yellow to support

Sat 4th Oct - Church Fete at the church

Wed 8th Oct - 6 week in meeting for new EYFS parents - main hall

Mon 13th October - Bikeability Y6

Thur 16th Oct - PTA AGM - 3.30pm - Please come along!

Fri 17th Oct - Individual School Photos - full school uniform please

Mon 20th Oct - Flu vaccinations

Tue 21st Oct - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm

Thur 23rd Oct - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm

Mon 27th Oct - HALF TERM

Mon 3rd Nov - INSET DAY

Tue 4th Nov - Greek Day in Mex and China class

Mon 10th Nov - Antibullying week

Mon 10th Nov - Uniform Sale 3.15 - 3.45pm

Tue 11th Nov - School Remembrance Service

Tue 18th Nov - Open morning 9.30 - 11am for new parents 2026

Fri 28th Nov - Advent Eucharist

Wed 10th Dec - Australia, Italy and India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm

Thur 11th Dec - Production 5pm

Tue 16th Dec - UK and Thailand Production 2pm and 5pm

Wed 17th Dec - School Disco 5 - 6pm and 6.15pm - 7.30pm

Thur 18th Dec - Pantomime in school - Aladdin

Fri 19th Dec - Last day of term - Christmas Eucharist (wear Christmas jumpers for all with school uniform)





Celebrations

House Cup

The children have collected Class Dojo points all week and this week's winners are
- St Mary's (Blue Team)...again!





Celebrations



Vine Leaves

Freddie (SA) - Perseverance - for showing a positive attitude towards his learning and making a determined effort to increase his pace this week. **Jayden (SA) - Wisdom** - for demonstrating a great understanding of rounding and even writing his own challenge questions! **Lucy (SA) - Wisdom** - for making detailed observations in Science and asking good questions to further her understanding.

Victoria C and Ella S (SA) - Responsibility - for helping Mrs Smith with the organisation of Sierra Leone Class' sponsored walk. **Logan (Thai) - Perseverance** - for spending a long time at Drawing Club practising his letter formation and sharing his knowledge with others. **Jaxon (Ind) - Perseverance** - for persevering with learning and making good choices! **Ava-May (Thai) - Wisdom** - for being an amazing role model to our EYFS children. **Bertie, Darcy, Annabelle and Keeyan (Chi) - Perseverance** - for persevering with some tricky maths and achieving great things! **Jaxon (Chi) - Wisdom** - for making an excellent start with some beautiful figurative language in his science fiction narrative. **Charlie P (Jap) - Service** - for always volunteering to help around the classroom. **Anthony (Jap) - Kindness** - for offering the use of the goal to the girls who needed it for training at lunchtime. **Lottie (Mex) - Service** - for being really helpful by collecting art materials for our lessons. **Alfie (Jap) - Perseverance** - for his enthusiasm towards his reading. **Nelly (NZ) - Friendship** - for showing true kindness to a child who has just started in our class. **Harry (Ita) - Wisdom** - for making thoughtful contributions to our worship time.

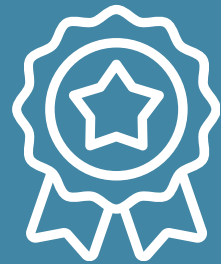
Celebration Assemblies

These will be at 9am for this term and it is so valuable for parents to share the learning that has been going on.

- NZ** - 15th October
- India** - 16th October
- Mexico** - 23rd October
- SL** - 6th November
- Italy** - 13th November
- Australia** - 19th November
- USA** - 20th November
- Japan** - 27th November
- SA** - 4th December
- China** - 11th December



Celebrations



Achievements

Mattie (Mex) - won her first ever Bronze medal in a 100m individual medley last weekend



Ben (USA) - awarded his second belt stripe in Jiu-Jitsu



ST MARYS PTA TOMBOLA

AT ST MARYS CHURCH HARVEST
FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 10-5PM

Alcohol £1
Chocolates 50p



ST MARY'S CHURCH, PULBOROUGH
HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND



SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 10am-5pm
CREAM TEAS & REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY
FLORAL DISPLAYS, STALLS & FLYING TEDDIES

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER
8am THE HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am ALL ARE WELCOME CELEBRATION
6pm SONGS OF PRAISE



Learn Guitar with Max and West Sussex Music



Hi, I'm Max! 

I'm excited to offer guitar lessons at your school. In our lessons you will learn to: Play a range of songs, read music and perform as part of a group.

Most importantly - You will have fun, whilst learning an exciting and valuable skill!


Some of my previous pupils have gone on to perform at local festivals, in musicals and at gigs across Sussex. Maybe that could be you one day?

Lessons in school, through West Sussex Music

 **£9.90 for 30 minute group lesson, £16.30 for an individual 20 minute and £24.30 for an individual 30 minute.**

 **Instrument hire available**

 **All ages and levels welcome**

 **Fully DBS checked & qualified teacher - High quality lessons, with progress tracking and feedback to parents, so your child can make the most of each session.**

Here's what current parent's think!

"Max is a great teacher and is carefully performing the balancing act of challenging Artie without pushing him so much he isn't enjoying it, it's a hard line to walk!"

Rachel, mum to Artie, age 7.

"Max has been a wonderful tutor for Apollo. He has thoughtfully worked with him to establish the fundamentals and made the learning process both engaging and attainable. Max is patient and considerate, and his supportive approach helps ensure Apollo gains a lot from each lesson and leaves feeling confident."

Victoria, mum to Apollo, age 6.

To arrange lessons please visit - www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-lessons/

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HALF-TERM DATES

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27th Oct	28th Oct	29th Oct	30th Oct	31st Oct	1st Nov	2nd Nov
2pm	11am	11.30am 2pm	11am	11.30am 2pm	11am	11am 2pm 4pm

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Supporting your child with fears, worries and emotional resilience



Online Parent Workshops



by Thought-Full MHST

Does your child **worry**? About a variety of themes?

Do you feel they worry **a lot?** or **too much?**

If so, this course is for you!

Thought-Full mental health support team is hosting a series of online parent workshops which use evidence-based approaches to help you to better understand your child's fears and worries and support their emotional wellbeing.

Thursdays



5:30-

6:45pm

SESSION TITLES

13/11 Understanding anxiety & worries

20/11 Strategies to support Session 1

27/11 Strategies to support Session 2

4/12 Emotion Coaching

11/12 Encouraging Resilience



LEARN ABOUT
THE BRAIN



GAIN
IDEAS



SHARE
QUICK WINS



CONNECT WITH
OTHER FAMILIES

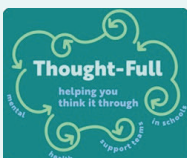


PROBLEM SOLVE
TOGETHER

How?

To secure your place,
email these details:

1. Your full name
2. Your child's school
3. Your preferred contact email address
to Thought-full@westsussex.gov.uk





Remembrance Sunday Parade

**on Remembrance Sunday we will be walking
from Lower Street Car Park
to St Mary's Church
to commemorate our service men and women.**

**10:00 AM: Assemble at Memorial Gardens,
Lower Street Car Park**

10:15 AM: Parade starts from Memorial Gardens

10:20 AM: Marshals assist crossing Lower Street and A29

10:35 AM: Parade continues through East Glebe Field

10:50 AM: Arrival at St Mary's Church

11:00 AM: Remembrance Service and two-minute silence

11:15 AM: End wreath laying of Service

**The A29 will not be closed, but safety measures
will be in place to assist participants in crossing
the road safely.**