

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

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



Week beginning 3rd November 2025

## Message from Mrs Copus

It is great to be back after the half term break. I hope that you had a great holiday and spent time with friends and families and made great memories.



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## Church Links

Reflection - Thank you to Mrs Smith who has shared her reflection about Remembrance. These reflections are so powerful! [Remembrance 2025](#)

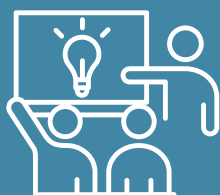




# News

## Staffing

We have welcomed Stella Castle to the Roosters staff team this week. She has a wealth of experience in childcare and we are delighted to have her join us.



## Inset Day



Our teachers had an INSET day on Monday and the sessions started with a reading focus; the library service attended and we sorted out our libraries and class reads. Then we looked at how our class reads and complimentary texts link to the writing diet and we met together as year groups to look at the writing that is happening and the development from each child. In the afternoon we looked at the inspection framework from SIAMs and our vision and values for the school. Other staff members spent the day with the team from TigerLily Training renewing their paediatric first aid certifications. This professional development is so important for the staff.



## Braille Exam



We're delighted to share that Mrs Flinders & Mrs Hayes have successfully passed their RNIB Braille exam this week! This fantastic achievement reflects their hard work and commitment to developing inclusive skills that support all our students. As a school, we're passionate about ensuring every learner has access to the best possible educational experience and this accomplishment is another positive step in making our community even more accessible and inclusive.

## PTA - Tea Towels

Please see the email sent from the PTA regarding the brilliant tea towels the children have designed in KS1 and KS2 and get your orders in before the upcoming deadline.



# News



## Remembrance

The Remembrance service is at church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. There is a procession from the Lower Street car park, if any of our children would like to join in with their parents in their school uniform they are very welcome.

In addition, if children belong to a uniformed group (i.e Rainbows, Brownies, Squirrels, Cubs etc) and would like to come to school in their uniform on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November then they are welcome to.

In our continued efforts to support charities important to us, our Year 6 children are selling poppies, wristbands, rulers, pencils etc on the front playground at the end of each day. All money raised will go to The Royal British Legion.



## Children in Need

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, we invite children to come to school in something spotty or in their pyjamas in support of Children in Need. We suggest a donation of £1 per child, which will be collected on the gate in the morning.





# Curriculum

## Topics Learning

This half term, UK and Thailand class will be doing a topic called 'Into the Woods' and this links so well with the children starting Forest School sessions. Italy, India and Australia have started learning about their senses with their topic on 'Sensational Senses'. NZ, SL and USA are learning about 'Flow' which links with rivers and a study of the River Arun. Mexico and China are learning about 'Ancient Greece' and it was delightful to see them starting in Greek costumes on the first day back as their superstarter. Year 6 have the theme of 'Frozen Kingdom'. If you would like the knowledge organiser or the homework grid for any of these topics, you can download them from the class pages. on our website - please contact your class teacher if you require any assistance with this.



## Performing Arts

Miller, Alexa, Victoria and Dilan in Year 5 were invited to a Performing Arts Day at Christ's Hospital this week. They took part in workshops on Puppetry, Music, Dance and Drama learning new skills and working collaboratively with students from other schools. They threw themselves into every activity and took full advantage of the opportunity - what brilliant ambassadors of our school!



## Class Assembly

**SL Class** - SL shared their learning about the Stone Age. We time travelled to find out about cave paintings, Stone Age necklaces, the learning in Stone Age boy as their class text. We also heard music on the saxophone, the xylophones and Violet played her flute. The children spoke with confidence and showed their love of learning.







# Sport



## Cross Country

Thank you to Mrs Castle for taking a team of Year 5 and 6 children to run in the Weald locality Cross Country event in Billingshurst this week. What a phenomenally talented bunch of runners we have in our midst! Against a huge field of pupils from local schools, our children shone. Congratulations to all of them for completing their races in tough conditions but a special mention to Isabella (Mex) and Ruairi (Chi) for winning the Year 5 girls and boys races respectively, Mattie (Mex) for coming second in the Year 5 girls race and Jayden (SA) for coming third in the Year 6 boys race - what an achievement!





## 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.

#### Nov / Dec cut off dates

Thurs 13/11 for w/c 24/11

Thurs 20/11 for w/c 1/12

Thurs 27/11 for w/c 8/12

**Christmas lunch is now  
available to order**



### Dates for your diary



Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Antibullying week

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Uniform Sale 3.15 – 3.45pm

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – School Remembrance Service

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need - wear spots or pyjamas (£1 donation)

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – PTA Bingo night

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open morning 9.30 – 11am for new parents 2026

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Advent Eucharist

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Australia, Italy and India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm

Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Production 5pm

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – UK and Thailand Production 2pm and 5pm

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Disco 5 – 6pm and 6.15pm -7.30pm

Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime in school – Aladdin

Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch (please order via ParentPay)

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term – Christmas Eucharist (wear Christmas jumpers with school uniform)

## PTA

We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing and able to manage the floats for events and ensure all the money gets collected. If you think this is you please email [pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk](mailto:pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk)

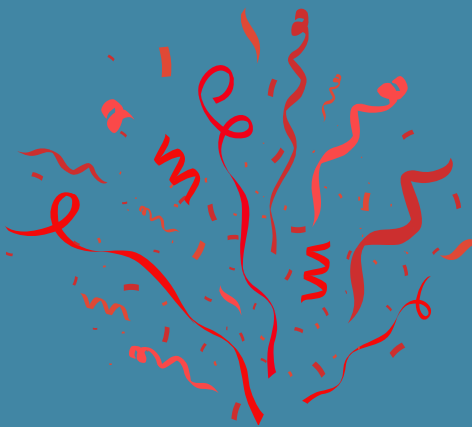


# Celebrations

## Loving House Cup

The children have collected Class Dojo points all week and this week's winners are - St Matthew's (Red Team).

Dojo's can be awarded for reading at home, kindness, politeness, upholding our school values, supporting our Christian ethos and extra curricular contributions to our school.





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## Vine Leaves

Luna (NZ) and Ada (USA) - Service - for spending their own time picking up litter around Pulborough. Rosie (NZ) - Service - for putting up posters near her house to encourage people not to drop litter. Isabelle (Ita) - Courage - for coping well in difficult times. Marnie, Hattie, Lyra and Nellie (Tha) - Perseverance - for being persistent and dedicated to their learning. They completed all the weekly provision activities independently in one afternoon. Poppy (Jap) - Wisdom - for bringing in her homework notebook each day, which is full of facts about World War 2. Martha (SL) - Friendship - for being a great friend and role model to all. Kobe (Ita) - Service - for being a brilliant role model in class. Lola (Ita) - Friendship - for looking after a friend in need. Ava M, Nancy and Amber (SL) - Friendship - for taking the time to ensure that a new friend felt included in their game and understood the rules. Daisy (Jap) - Compassion - for helping another child in year 3 who was struggling during running club. Charlotte (Mex) - Compassion - for helping another child with their maths work. Elliot (Mex) - Kindness - for showing gratitude for all that was done on Greek Day. Esta (SA) - Perseverance - for working with great determination on multiplication and making excellent progress in our times table challenge. Ella S (SA) - Kindness - for supporting a classmate with their learning this week and helping them overcome challenges.

## 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.

Italy – 13<sup>th</sup> November   Australia – 19<sup>th</sup> November  
USA – 20<sup>th</sup> November   Japan – 27<sup>th</sup> November  
SA – 4<sup>th</sup> December   China – 11<sup>th</sup> December

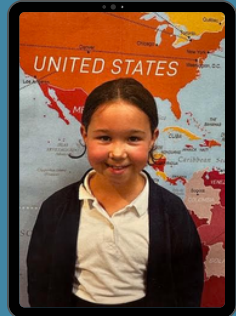




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## Kindness Shield

November 2025 - Bonnie (NZ) - What a kind and compassionate child you are! Your mile is infectious and you spread so much positivity and cheer. You are so empathetic and help anyone at any time. Keep being you!



## Achievements



Ben G (USA) -  
completed Stage 6 at  
swimming



Gracie (Ind) - completed  
Stage 3 at swimming



Miller (Mex) -  
Performed a show at  
the Shaftesbury  
Theatre in London last  
weekend!



# BREAKFAST

## *With Santa*

**YUMMY BREAKFAST | LETTERS TO SANTA | MEET SANTA | BISCUIT  
DECORATING | A GO ON OUR SNO-TUBING (FROM AGE 6) | ARTS & CRAFTS**

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025 | 9AM - 12PM

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 | 9AM - 12PM

CHILDREN £22 | ADULTS £10

Booking via our  
website under the  
'What's On' page!



Lodge Hill Centre  
London Road  
Watersfield  
Nr Pulborough  
RH20 1LZ



# **ASHINGTON FC**

## **GIRLS' FOOTBALL**

### **U7 and U8**

**school years 2 and 3**

**STARTING TUESDAYS  
AFTER HALF TERM**

**for more information  
contact the club secretary  
using the details below**



**CONTACT:**

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# CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
10AM - 12:30PM  
£45 PER PERSON

All wreath making supplies provided

Includes tea, coffee & mince pies

Please bring an apron and secateurs if you have them!



FREE ENTRY

CASH ONLY FOR ACTIVITIES

# Christmas Fair

Raffle, tombola, stalls,  
cake stall, hot  
beverages, and...

At Kaleidoscope Preschool,  
Hampers Green

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

11am-1pm







**LIFE SUPPORT  
CHARITY**

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Join us for a great cause!

# CHARITY SALE

Quality second hand items for sale

**Sullington Village Hall**  
Thakeham Road, Storrington,  
RH20 3PP

**Saturday 22nd November**  
10am - 12pm

**Toys, Clothes, Homeware, Books**  
**and more.....**

**All proceeds go to Life Support Charity**

[www.lifesupportcharity.org](http://www.lifesupportcharity.org)

Charity number: 1132406