

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

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



Week beginning 10th November 2025

## Message from Mrs Copus

The weather is due to change this weekend and cold weather is meant to hit. Just in case the weather forecasters are correct, I have popped the snow plan up on the website - let's see what happens!

Please can I encourage all parents to regularly read with their child and record this in the reading log. It is so important and makes a huge difference.



Living

## Church Links

**Reflection** - Thank you to Mrs Smith for this week's reflection on Perseverance.





# News

## Staffing

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Flinders as our new Learning Mentor. She will take up the position on 24<sup>th</sup> November.



## Andrew Griffith Christmas Card competition

We have had the most amazing entries come in for the Christmas Card competition for Andrew Griffiths MP. Have a look at how very talented our children are! Thank you to everyone who took part and we look forward to seeing the results of the competition.



## Antibullying week



The school council led our Anti-Bullying assembly this week. The theme is 'Power for Good' and the children have been talking about what we have in place to keep them safe. We discussed buddy bands for playtime and our worry cards in our drawers.

## PTA - Bingo Night & Grotto

The PTA are holding a family bingo night tomorrow, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, in the school hall. There are limited tickets still available to buy via Ticketsource where you can also purchase tickets for Santa's Grotto on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - click [HERE](#) to purchase.



# News



## Remembrance

The school took time to remember those that sacrificed their lives. Ella shared a poem and Ayden shared a prayer and the whole school paused and reflected for the two minute silence. Miss Taylor played a beautiful rendition of The Last Post on her trombone. Our Head Boy, Head Girl, the Deputy Head Boy & Girl attended a remembrance service at the memorial garden in the village with members of the community.

Japan class thought about Remembrance and produced their own worship stone and South Africa class produced their own 3D poppies - this shows such creativity. This has been a focus this week in school alongside the Christian value of Hope and Courage.



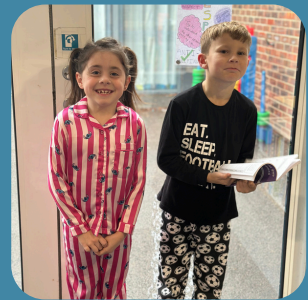




# News

## Children in Need

Today we supported Children in Need by coming to school in something spotty or our pyjamas. We raised a total of £260.03 - thank you for all of your donations!







# Curriculum



## Learning Science

**Year 6** - South Africa and Japan have been learning about the circulatory system in Science this term. This week, we have been extending our knowledge of the components of blood in an active, memorable and engaging practical activity! The children used water and yellow food colouring to represent plasma, Cheerios coated in red food colouring to represent red blood cells, mini marshmallows to represent white blood cells and purple pom poms to represent platelets. We learnt about the functions of the different components and the ratios that are present in the human body.



## Reading

**Year 6** - A group of our Year 6 readers visited The Weald School on Wednesday afternoon for the 'Speedy Books' event. They had the opportunity to take part in activities based on this year's Weald Book Award titles, led by Year 7 and 8 students from The Weald. An interactive and enjoyable afternoon of 'book talk' for all!



## Class Assembly

**Italy Class** - Italy sang to us about dinosaurs, taught us about how animals are classified, and shared their incredible Drawing Club stories. Their stunning artwork of dinosaur eyes left us all amazed, such creativity and attention to detail! We couldn't be prouder of Italy's confidence, teamwork and excitement for learning.





# ✧ Curriculum ✧

## Learning

### Year 3 / 4 - WWT Arundel Visit

On Monday our Year 3 and 4 children had a wonderful and informative day at the Arundel Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust as part of their topic on rivers and water.

After exploring the beautiful wetlands, they visited Pelican Cove to hear all about Ava's Story, a fascinating journey that connects children with the wonders of the natural world. Each pupil received their own Generation Wild login, giving them the chance to continue Ava's adventure online and take part in fun nature activities at school, in their gardens, and around local green spaces.

Once they complete their activities, they'll even earn a special certificate. A lovely way to celebrate their connection with nature!

A huge thank you to all the adults who helped make this trip such a success, we couldn't have done it without you.





# Curriculum

## Learning Church Visit



**UK & Thailand** - This morning, the children from UK & Thailand class headed to church for their class worship. They met Father Paul who spoke to them about the lectern and the altar, the arches and the boat roof. He also told them a story about the lady with ten coins.



# Sport

## Football



One of our year 5 & 6 football teams, along with Mr Coomber travelled to Tanbridge House on a drizzly Friday afternoon for the commencement of the Horsham Area Primary Schools League. Many were playing their first ever competitive football matches and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm from the off.

The team came up against some very good teams and whilst they found it difficult to compete, they showed commitment and a sense of togetherness which endured to the end of the evening. They are keen to go again in two weeks' time.



Well done to the whole squad.





## 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.

**Christmas lunch is now available to order**



#### Dec cut off dates

Thurs 20/11 for w/c 1/12

Thurs 27/11 for w/c 8/12

Thurs 27/11 for w/c 15/12\*

\*incl Christmas lunch

### Dates for your diary



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

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Road Safety Week

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

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - 9am Papaya Tea and Chat session - Smartphones - please do come along

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 - Australia, Italy and India Christmas 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)

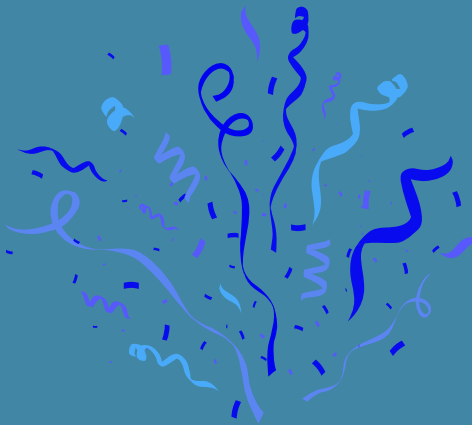


# Celebrations

## Loving House Cup

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





# Celebrations

## Vine Leaves

**Stephan (USA) - Wisdom** - for writing a well written diary entry for each day he was away in Nigeria. **Andrew (USA) and Ben F (USA) - Perseverance** - for working hard to learn their times tables. **Will (Ita) - Kindness and Friendship** - for helping others and making thoughtful choices. **Gael (Ita) - Courage** - for being so brave after an injury. **Noah (Ita) - Thankfulness** - for showing gratitude to the adults he works with. **Milo (SA) - Courage** - for being very sensible and calm when he felt unwell at the Armistice service. **William (Tha) - Friendship** - for helping another child when he was struggling with the zip on his coat. **Freddie (Tha) - Friendship** - for being such an amazing friend and for setting such a calm and supportive atmosphere around you. **Ruby (NZ) - Wisdom** - for confidently sharing her knowledge of our class read with other children. **Theo R (Jap) - Wsdom** - for making a spreadsheet for Mrs Martin Wells to record attendance at computing lessons – what a fantastic thing to do! **Jayden (SA) - Perseverance and Humility** -for his exceptional attitude and willingness towards his learning **Jaxon (India) - Compassion and Service** - for being so wonderful when a different member of staff was supporting him **Louis (SA) - Perseverance and Creativity** - for his English work. Louis has approached his tasks with creativity and determination, sharing wonderful ideas and showing dedication to doing his best. **Darcy (Chi) - Service** - for consistently doing the right thing, trying her best and supporting others whenever she can. **Annabelle (Chi) - Perseverance** - for showing great determination in maths. **Finley (Chi) - Service** - for making a conscious effort to make an excellent start to the term- keep it up!

## 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.

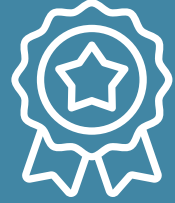
**Australia – POSTPONED** New date TBC  
**USA – 20<sup>th</sup> November** **Japan – 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**SA - 4<sup>th</sup> December** **China – 11<sup>th</sup> December**





# Celebrations

## Achievements



Aria (Mex) - received  
Trainer of the Week  
for her football team  
this week

Victoria (SA) - came  
third in the 50m fly  
at the Atlantis swim  
gala



Hettie (Chi) - completed  
Stage 7 at swimming

# Christmas Lunch

Serving on Thursday 18th December

## MAINS

Roast Turkey  
Or  
Quorn Roast

## SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,  
Mini Sausage, Gravy,  
Broccoli & Carrots

## DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com **no later than**  
**Thursday 4th December.**  
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



[www.ParentPay.com](https://www.ParentPay.com)



**Chartwells**

<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>





*The Anchorage Care Home*  
*Pulborough*



# *Christmas Card Competition*

## How to enter:



Create a design for a Christmas Card and send us your artwork via post or email!

You must include "The Anchorage Care Home" somewhere in your design.

Submissions must include:

Your Name

Your Age

Your School



★ ★ ★  
Your design  
will be made  
into our official  
Christmas card  
for our friends  
and families!  
★ ★ ★



**Deadline 05.12.25**

**[Enquiries@anchoragecarehome.co.uk](mailto:Enquiries@anchoragecarehome.co.uk)**

**The Anchorage Care Home, Pulborough, RH20 1AG**





# Christmas

## FESTIVE DAY

 **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am – 5pm**

 **Chanctonbury Leisure Centre**

### Special Highlights:

- Christmas Stalls, come and buy your festive gifts.
- Santa's Grotto run by Life Community Church Storrington (Gingerbread decorating, reindeer food making and see Father Christmas for a special gift).
- Live Performances from Tom Foolery, the Sunshine choir, local Primary schools and more.
- Places to purchase food and drinks.

**This Festive day is brought to you by:**





# Umbrellas

## Parent Support Group Autumn 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)

9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

### Littlehampton Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 3rd Dec

### Worthing Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Durrington Community Centre

16th Sep / 14th Oct / 11th Nov / 9th Dec

### Horsham Umbrellas

**Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Horsham Family Hub

17th Sep / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 17th Dec

### Chichester Umbrellas

**Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

Donnington Parish Hall

25th Sep / 23rd Oct / 20th Nov / 11th Dec

### Burgess Hill Umbrellas

**Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am**

The Cherry Tree Centre

23rd Sep / 21st Oct / 25th Nov / 16th Dec

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](mailto:outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk)



[www.reachingfamilies.org.uk](http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk)

## Umbrellas Online

### Thursdays via Zoom

**11th Sep**

**7.30 pm - 9 pm**

**9th Oct**

**7.30 pm - 9 pm**

**6th Nov**

**7.30 pm - 9 pm**

**4th Dec**

**7.30 pm - 9 pm**