

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

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



Week beginning 28th September 2026

Message from Mrs Copus



We welcomed Father Paul for our Harvest Eucharist. The service reminded us about giving thanks for all the good things that we have. Thank you to the children and parents who donated gifts for our Harvest Eucharist and we know the FSW will be thrilled to receive this.

Living Church Links

Today, we gathered together in our school hall for our Harvest Eucharist. Father Paul led the service, accompanied by Mr Holloway, and we enjoyed singing together, including Harvest Samba, We Plough the Fields and Scatter and The Harvest Song. It was a lovely opportunity to give thanks for the harvest and for all the food we are fortunate to have, remembering how grateful we are for the farmers, growers and everyone who helps provide food for us all. Thank you to Year 6 for reading our prayers.





News

Harvest Fayre

What a wonderful event it was! The sun was shining and we were delighted to see so many members of our school community getting involved and enjoying the day. A huge thank you to all the children who created a scarecrow. We were treated to a fantastic range of characters, including Abraham Lincoln, Taylor Swift, Florence Nightingale, Dolly Parton and many more! As a reward for their creativity and involvement, all participating children received 100 Dojos. A special well done to Grace (Ita), who won first prize in the biscuit-baking competition, and to Max (Ita), who came second in the pumpkin competition. Well done to everyone who took part – we were so impressed by your creativity and enthusiasm!





News

Volunteers Required

During Autumn Term, we try to take each class / year group to St Mary's Church to have their class worship with Father Paul and Mr Holloway. As you can imagine, with a number of children walking from school to the church we require some additional adult support. This usually happens on a Friday morning at 9am for approximately 1.5 hours - if you are able to help on these walks, please let your class teacher know.

Staff Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a SEND Teaching Assistant to join our team. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website for further details about the role and how to apply.

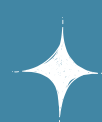
Bikeability

This week, we have welcomed West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to work with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability skills. They've had a fantastic week developing their cycling skills, building their confidence and learning how to stay safe while riding.





Things to know



96.1%

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a key priority, and we will now be sharing our weekly attendance percentage with families. Please remember to provide sufficient information when your child is absent due to illness and that holiday absences cannot normally be authorised. If you are experiencing difficulties with attendance, please speak to our friendly and supportive pastoral team – we are here to help.

Prayer Meeting

We are looking forward to hosting a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 14th October at 2.45pm. Amy-Jo Kidwell is going to host this and everyone is welcome.



Woodwind Assembly

We were joined by Mrs Osborne, our woodwind teacher, for an assembly to demonstrate the variety of instruments she can teach. Violet and Amelia did a fantastic job of showing the whole school what they have learnt so far. If your child is interested in learning to play a woodwind instrument, you can contact Mrs Osborne on 07790 473244 or at mo.woodwind@gmail.com





Things to know

Dates for your diary

Wed 7th Oct – 6 week in meeting for EYFS parents

Fri 9th Oct – Year 1 / 2 to church

Wed 14th Oct – Prayer Meeting – 2.45pm

Thur 15th Oct – PTA AGM – 3.30pm – Please come along!

Fri 16th Oct – Individual & Sibling School Photos – full school uniform please

Thur 22nd Oct – Author Visit – Lindsay Galvin – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Letter to follow)

Fri 23rd Oct – INSET DAY

Mon 26th Oct – HALF TERM

Tue 3rd Nov – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thu 5th Nov – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Fri 6th Nov – UK/Thailand to church

Fri 6th Nov – Firework Evening PTA



Celebration Assemblies

Please come and join us at 9am on these dates so the children can share their learning with parents / carers.

China – Thur 8th Oct USA – Thur 15th Oct

SL – Thur 22nd Oct Australia – Thur 5th Nov

India – Thur 12th Nov Italy – Thur 19th Nov

NZ – Wed 25th Nov Thai (Year 1's) – Thur 26th Nov

Class Assembly

South Africa Class shared their learning with us this week. They talked about their Evacuee Day and how they used our local community to bring their learning to life. They also shared their Science and Art outcomes and used freeze framing to creatively show the impact that Letters to the Lighthouse is having on their learning.





Loving Celebrations

House Cup

The school uses ClassDojo as a positive encouragement tool to build a supportive learning environment and keep parents connected. Children can earn ClassDojo points by demonstrating positive behaviours, hard work and school pride throughout the day and by demonstrating school values:

- Showing the core Christian and community values upheld by the school.
- Positive behaviour: Displaying kindness, respect, and good conduct around the classrooms and school grounds.
- Effort and focus: Putting great energy into their daily lessons and tasks.
- Achievements: Celebrating individual successes, academic milestones, and excellent work.
- Teachers track these points digitally in real-time, allowing families to see updates and celebrate their child's daily successes from home.



This weeks winners are -

St Michael's (Yellow)

Loving Celebrations

Vine Leaves

Orla (SL) - Friendship - for taking another child under her wing and helping support them in lessons. Benny (Ita) - Perseverance - for beginning to feel more confident in his writing - we have noticed your progress and are cheering you on all the way! Lagertha (Ita) - Kindness - for always having a positive attitude and bringing sunshine to our classroom! Rayne (Aus) - Perseverance - for persevering in her learning, she is unstoppable! Nelly (USA) - Kindness - for being a true friend all week Izarra (USA) - Kindness - for always being willing to help any child in the class with their work if they are finding it tricky.

Elliott (NZ) - awarded for his commitment to his team at football



Teddy (USA) - received a reward from his rugby club



Leonardo (NZ) - received an award for scoring 17 tries in two rugby matches



Andrew (USA) - received a medal for taking part in a colour run



Elena (NZ) - passed her Grade 1 RAD ballet exam





Living



Loving



Learning

OPEN DAYS

We would be delighted to welcome parents / carers and children due to start school in September 2027.

Wednesday 21st Oct 9.30am - 11:30am

Thursday 12th November 1:30pm - 3pm

Tuesday 1st December 9.30am - 11:30am



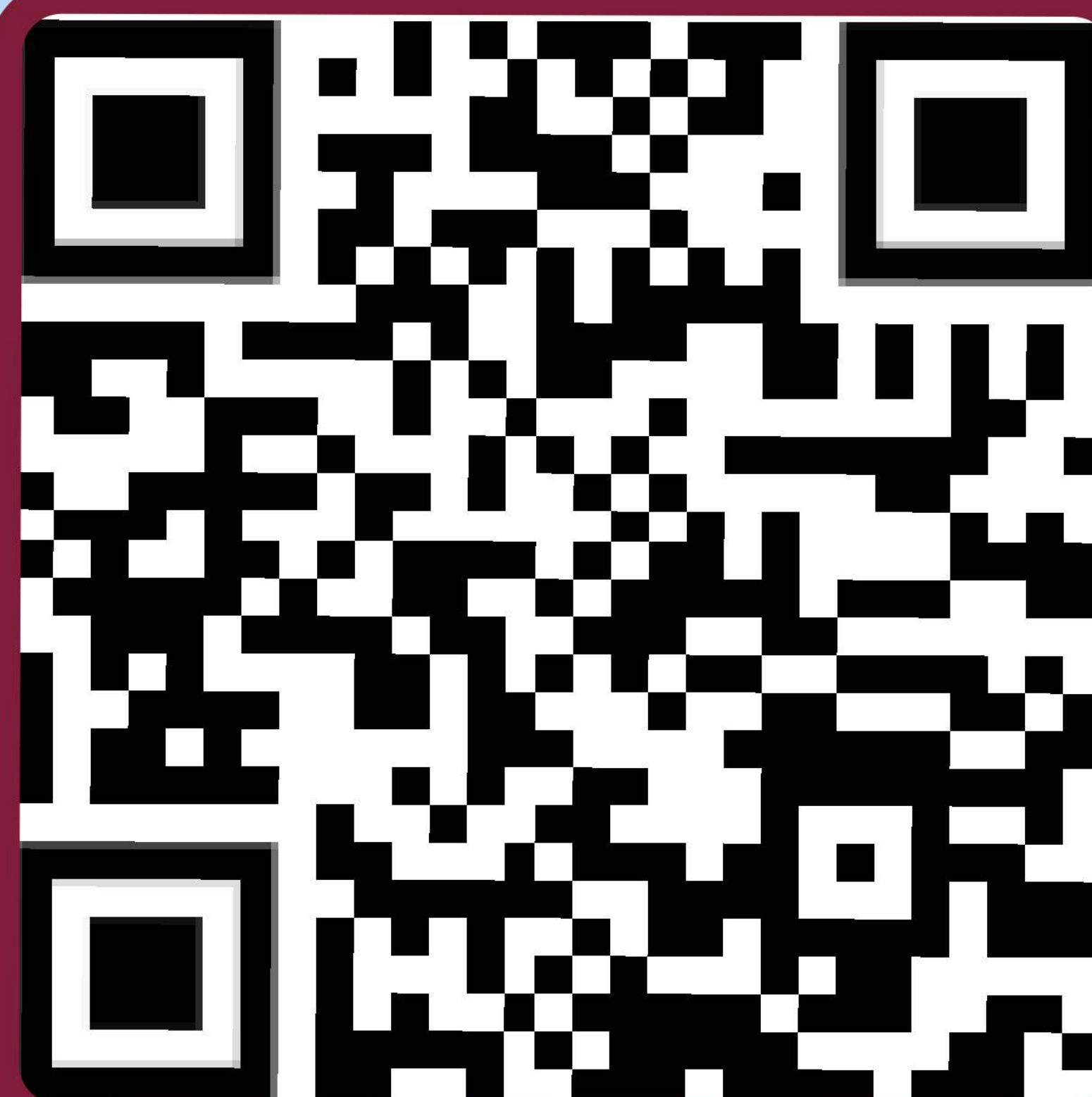
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WEBSITE



OFSTED

'St Mary's is a school that individually nurtures all of our children to ensure that they become the best version of themselves' - Ofsted 2022

After-School Regulation Toolkit

They've held it together all day. What might help now?



Crunchy or chewy snack

Can help with regulation and provide sensory input.



Drink from a sports bottle or straw

Can be easier than an open cup and support regulation.



Toilet check

They may not have noticed they needed to go all day.



Quiet, low-demand time

A safe space to just be. No pressure.



Heavy work

Such as carrying a rucksack, moving laundry or helping around the house.



Deep pressure

Such as a weighted blanket, if this is something they already use safely and find helpful.



Movement

Gentle movement can help release built-up energy and reduce anxiety.



Reduce noise and sensory demands

A quieter environment can help their nervous system settle.



Fewer questions

Give them time. They may need to regulate before they can talk.



The Autistic Teacher



**Free
Sessions**
9th, 16th, 23rd
& 30th Sept
7th, 14th, 21st
Oct

STAY AND PLAY FOR SEND CHILDREN



Wednesdays
4pm - 5.30pm
Term time only

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Splerbridge Road, RH20 4PG

A fun packed session for young
people to enjoy lots of new
activities!

We have a bouncy castle, table
tennis, soft play area, quiet area and
other activities. Parents are required
to supervise, siblings welcome.



For more information please contact your
Neighbourhood Wardens:

Email: Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk





FREE

HALF TERM EVENT FOR SEND CHILDREN

Storrington and Sullington Neighbourhood Wardens
in partnership with WSCC Horsham Family Hub



Friday 30 October

10am - 11.30am
or 1pm - 2.30pm

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

**A fun packed session for young
people to enjoy lots of new
activities!**

Enjoy the Sensory Dome with sensory
toys and games. We also have a
bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play
and quiet area. Parents are required
to supervise, siblings welcome.

**BOOK
TODAY**

For bookings and enquiries please call: **01403 213590**
For any further information please email:
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Providing a healthy community



**Horsham
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Council**