Nutley Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

A FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, TO REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Nutley Parents and Carers,
Another fabulous week at our school!
The Nutley ROAR winners had an exciting trip to Uckfield Lions on Wednesday this week, to present their ideas about their 'Sol Tractor' prototype. Mrs Shearer accompanied the children to the event and was so impressed by our children's behaviour and the way they represented our school. We are so proud of our team and the hard work that went into the ROAR competition. A huge thank you also to the teachers and support staff who gave time to this project, and especially Mrs Shearer for all her hard work!
We welcomed Jess and Adam from Glyndebourne on Thursday to help us rehearse our trickiest songs for the One Voice concert in December. The children are working really hard on all the songs and remembering lots of tricky words and beats!
We continue to hold successful Open Mornings throughout this term for prospective parents and have had a good uptake this year. A huge thank you to our PFA members who have given up their time to support these Open Mornings by talking to parents about the school. This is invaluable to new parents.In addition to this we are also in discussion with Little Deers about how we can work more closely together this year as we really value growing the relationship between our settings.
Next week we welcome the Weald Cluster governors to our school to see the learning and progress being made by our school community.
Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,
Mrs Denton and the Nutley team.

Class News





RABBITS

What a wonderful week we have had in Rabbit Class, learning all about Diwali. We learnt how and why Diwali is celebrated and where the celebration originates from. We listened to the story 'Rama and Sita' and discussed this as a class. When looking at how Diwali is celebrated, we looked closely at diya lamps, rangoli patterns and mehndi henna. After, we had a go at designing our own colourful diya lamps, using a range of resources. We also made rangoli patterns out of loose parts and decorated a hand with mehndi henna designs. In phonics we learnt the new GPS's v,w,x,y and have been focussing on blending and segmenting CVC words. In maths, we have been looking at shapes and position. Have a lovely weekend, Rabbits!



HEDGEHOGS

We have had an excellent week of learning in Hedgehogs! In Science, the children have been exploring different types of trees and discovering why trees are so important to our environment. In DT, they have been thinking carefully about the importance of product appeal when designing their own toys, considering what makes a product attractive and appealing to others. During PSHE, we have been learning about making mistakes, understanding the importance of forgiveness and recognising that everyone makes mistakes sometimes. In RE, we have been exploring how Christians show their love for God. In English, we have been thoroughly enjoying reading Traction Man and developing our writing skills by using adjectives to describe nouns and beginning to create our own exciting noun phrases. In Maths, the children have been working hard to compare numbers within 100 and solve problems involving comparing both sides of a simple equation. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and fantastic effort shown by everyone this week!

Class News Cont...



FOXES

WOW! Foxes have blown me away this week with their focus, resilience, and dedication this week, particularly with England Rocks on TTRS. In maths we have been working our times tables, including our 4s and 8's. We have been using different methods to help us remember them. In English we have started to write our own Just So Stories and have been making sure we use expanded noun phrases, repeated phrases, inverted commas for speech, and adverbials. In geography we looked at maps and explored google earth as a class to get an aerial view. In science we made cartoon steps for the process of fossilisation. In RE we learnt that a covenant we a pact or promise and discussed God's covenant with Noah. In PE they have been working fantastically in groups and showing great teamwork with volleyball. Have a fantastic weekend!



BADGERS

Badgers have had a great week, as usual. On Tuesday, we had our Forest School session. We were put to work, breaking up wooden pallets, hammering out nails, digging up trees, and using heavy equipment to bury new fence posts. Luckily, we were rewarded for our hard work with hot chocolate and smores from our firepit. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions, using our skills of conversion and our times table knowledge to help us. We also took part in TTRockstars 'England Rocks', competing against the rest of the country. As a school, we finished 7th in the South East! In English, we have been drafting and improving a setting description about the island we designed. We are seeing some fantastically creative writing, and a real attempt at using colons and semi-colons correctly in their writing. In science, we learnt about natural selection, using the example of Peppered Moths to understand how it is linked to evolution. In art, we looked at how we could use shading to make an object look 3D - there were some fantastically drawn apples!

Wreath Laying at Airmans' Grave

Some of our School Councillors attended the Airmans' Grave service on Sunday 08th november. They did a super job- thank you girls for representing our school so beautifully.
(Sorry I did not add these in last week)! Photo credit: Wendy B!





Badgers Forest School







Amazing Achievements

Achievement Certificates

Badgers- Poppy T-S, Nell S
Foxes- Ethan C, Reagan G
Hedgehogs- Tessa S, Rex E
Rabbits- Ronnie M

Star Badges

Harry S- 100 stars
Imogen P- 600 stars
Jayke O- 800 stars

Staff Superstar

Miss Benjamin

Values Award- Trust

Badgers- Lewis S
Foxes- Imogen P
Hedgehogs-
Rabbits- Lucy J

Good Deed Feeds

Lachlan G



Attendance Year to Date

Just a gentle reminder that government guidelines are to fine families taking more than 5 days consecutive holiday. Please be aware of this before booking holidays during term time!

Whole School	96.1%
Rabbits	97.5%
Hedgehogs	95.6%
Foxes	96.9%
Badgers	95.7%



Dont' forget jumpers and cardigans... it can be chilly in school this time of year



Dates For Your Diary

NOVEMBER

Tue 17th Badgers Forest School
Tue 24th Hedgehogs Forest School
Fri 27th Church Worship

DECEMBER

Tue 01st YR & Y6 NCMP Screening
Foxes Forest School
Sat 05th Nutley Christmas Wonderland
Tue 08th Rabbits Forest School
Glyndebourne One Voice Concert
Fri 11th Nativity Dress Rehearsal 9.45am
Mon 14th Nativity Performance 9.45am
Tue 15th Nativity Perfomrance 2pm
Fri 18th Christingle Service in Church
Last day of Term 2

JANUARY

Mon 04th First day back for Term 3
Thu 07th Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Tue 12th Rabbits Forest School
Tue 14th Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Fri 15th INSET
Tue 19th Hedgehogs Forest School
Thu 21st Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Open Mornings for Admissions September 2027

Come and visit our amazing school.
In the heart of the Ashdown Forest, we are a small, community Church of England school, that prides ourselves on creating a safe, friendly and nurturing environment for your children.

Monday 16th November 9am

Monday 30th November 9am

If these dates do not suit you, please give us a call and we will organise a more convenient time and date.

Contact the school office for more information:
01825 712575
office@nutleyce.e-sussex.sch.uk
Nutley CE Primary School,
High Street Nutley, Uckfield, TN22 3NW

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

CHRISTMAS Youth CHOIR 2026

We're excited to be putting together our first Festival Youth Choir. We're looking for any children age 7-18 that would like to join our first Christmas Youth Choir. Our young choirs are always enormous fun where we welcome those of all abilities who simply love to sing! We encourage friendship, kindness & encouragement and love to see our youth shine during their Christmas performances!

REHEARSALS

4.30pm-6pm
The Belmont Centre
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Thursday 12 November
Thursday 19 November
Thursday 26 November

SIGN UP

Please confirm your place by emailing Sarah at sarahwiddowson@hotmail.co.uk with the name & age of your young person and performance availability

PERFORMANCES

Sponsored Christmas Sing | Saturday 28 November 9am-12pm (will depend on numbers)
Festival of Christmas Trees | Sunday 6 December 5pm
The Mayor's Carol Service | Thursday 10 December 6pm
Christingle | Sunday 13 December 10am
Carols for Thornbury Care Home Residents | Date TBC
Christmas Eve Crib Service | 4pm

As in previous years, it's wonderful to have as many youth as possible at all performances but we understand that there are other commitments to consider at this time of year, therefore appreciate that they may not be able to attend all events.

Baby and Toddler Group

New Born - School Age

First Steps

A joyful place to explore and grow



Wednesdays 9.00-11.30

During Term Time

Martindale Centre, Horsted Keynes RH17 7ED

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Activities

Seasonal craft
Baby play mat
Mixture of toys
Puzzles
Books
Playdough
Singing

What families can expect

Company and friendly faces
Warm friendly environment where you can feel looked after

Snack time for kids – allergies accommodated
Bottomless tea for the grown ups – lots of varieties available
Advice from those that have been there before

Suggested donation of £2 per family

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JOIN NOW!

BEDE'S HOLIDAY CLUB

CHRISTMAS 2026

BOOK HERE

OUR PROGRAMME

Join Bede's Holiday Club for an activity-packed programme designed for children aged 5–12. Whether your child attends Bede's or another local school, everyone is welcome!

Eastbourne

- *21st - 23rd December*
- *4th - 8th January*

Burgess Hill

- *21st - 23rd December*







15% EARLY BIRD

VALID UNTIL 20TH NOVEMBER

'XMASEARLYBIRD26'

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WWW.BEDESHOLIDAYCLUB.ORG



Christmas Holiday Clubs

FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS



- Free for benefit related free school meal (FSM) families - (both Targeted and Expanded groups qualify in December)
- Plus a small number of places available for other eligible groups.

5-16 YEARS OLD

- A variety of free clubs including -
- Sports, Games, Arts, Drama, Music
- Plus - a free meal each day

Contact HAF@eastsussex.gov.uk for info.
To book visit www.eequ.org/escchaf

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UK Government

East Sussex County Council

A CHANGE TO

HOW TO BOOK

THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

WHICH TICKET SHOULD I CHOOSE?

There are now two ticket options when booking for some clubs who are able to offer additional places to expanded free school meal families.

Targeted Free School Meals

to check if you qualify www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals

WHEN BOOKING SELECT THE HAF TICKET

Expanded Free School Meals

families on universal credit with income over £7,400 – WHEN BOOKING SELECT THE EXPANDED FSM TICKET

for more information email

HAF@EASTSUSSEX.GOV.UK

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