



**St Mary the Virgin Church of England
Primary School**

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Term 4 Week 5

Friday 25th March 2022

Headteacher Awards



Thomas W: amazing writing across different styles of letters.



Lucas M: for completing the 99 club for times tables and not giving up. Fantastic!



Joshua C-D: for making speedy and amazing progress in learning times tables. Well Done!



Amelia VP: for making amazing progress in the 99 club for times tables through persevering.



Leon: for outstanding work in his reading assessment.



Troy: for fantastic questions in class, the lady from High Weald was very impressed!



Will: for simply outstanding writing that was accurate and creative. A joy to read, well done!



Nicco: for amazing work in decimals, spotting mistakes and correcting quickly. Fantastic!

School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class.

We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

This term we are looking at Justice and Hope.



Justice and Hope

We learnt about Judas' betrayal in collective worship this week.

Can you think of a situation where someone upset or let you down? How did you stay hopeful? Have a quiet time of personal prayer and reflection whilst colouring in HOPE letters.



PTFA Easter Fun

Please make sure return your forms by Monday 28th March if you would like to join in with the PTFA Easter Fun.

Thank you.

Top Tips

Letters and emails home:

Lilac Class: Trip to Parliament

Year 5: Bikeability

Willow Class: Swallows and Amazons

Whole School: LA Term Dates and PTFA Easter Fun

School Clubs: We are planning to expand our school clubs. Please see inside for further details.



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Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

Lois: for much improved technique and accuracy whilst rolling doing Partner Work.

Albie: for excellent consistency, control and technique whilst serving underarm during Tennis.

Freddie: for excellent focus and much improved footwork during Tennis.

Kishi: for excellent stick work and goal keeping skills in Hockey!



Well done to you all!



St Mary's Star Skills

With so many skills developing, we will choose one Star Skill each week to highlight in the Newsletter.

Eveyn: demonstrated a fantastic ability to **stay positive**, with her amazing attitude during assessment week..

Freddie: demonstrated great **problem solving** skills in maths, when working out decimals.

Liv: revealed amazing **creativity** when she designed and created a fabulous vocabulary book about a dinosaur.

Isaac: has shown fabulous **speaking** skills when he shared his understanding of Easter, Lent and how Christians celebrate at this time of year.

Well done to you all!

Next week, we will be looking at how Archie, Joshua, Jacob and Zenny develop their skills.

Reading Reward Scheme

Our Whole School Reading Reward Scheme will continue with your ongoing support required to tot up the minutes read at home and please add additional comments in the reading records if required.

Reading Records are checked each Thursday and minutes counted for the House total.

This week's results:

Rother: 1,545minutes **Cuckmere:** 1,071 minutes

Teise: 765 minutes **Medway:** 1,602 minutes

Well Done, Medway!



Attendance

Whole school: week: 95.8%

year: 93.0%

Maple: 100% **Willow: 95.5%**

Cherry: 93.7% **Lilac: 96.6%**

Less than 94.9% - Red **96.5 to 99.9% - Green**

95 to 96.4% - Amber **100% - Gold**

Well done, Maple Class a fabulous 100%!



Dates for your Diary

March

28th: FGB Meeting

5:00pm - 7:00pm, East Hoathly

29th: Wilderness Wood - Lilac Class

29th: Swimming - Willow Class

31st: High Weald Welly Walk - Lilac Class

31st: Bake Sale - Cherry Class 3:15pm

April

1st: Easter Service - 2:30pm in Church

1st: Bake Sale - Cherry Class 3:15pm

1st: Last Day - Term 4

19th: First Day - Term 5



Opportunity

Easter Forest School Holiday Club

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, April 2022

9.30-2.30pm
@ Sawpit Woods
Hartfield

For children Reception- Yr 6
info and booking
www.sawpitwoods.co.uk
sawpitwoods@gmail.com



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Forest School - Thursday 17th March



This week Lilac Class started their session by trying the rose hip syrup they had made in the Autumn. The spring sun shone down on us as we walked an alternative (less muddy way) to the woods.

The class investigated fallen trees, frogspawn and frogs and badgers dens along the route and enjoyed running down hills!

Challenges this week, were linked to their topic of **'SURVIVAL'**.

One group made a stretcher to carry an injured person from the woods. They sawed wood to the right length, using charcoal as a measure mark, learned to tie a clove hitch knot and square lashed sticks securely together. They wove a rope over and under to create the base of the stretcher and tested it by carrying each other around the woodland.

Brilliant achievement, teamwork, problem solving and persistence!



Another challenge was to create a glowing ember, from which to start a fire. This time the children used char cloth and King Alfred's cakes, which are fungi that grow on dried ash. They were great at creating sparks with flint and steels and showed how much their fire lighting skills have developed.



Some of Lilac Class tried a sip of birch sap, which we gathered by 'tapping' the tree and gathering the rising sap.

The stream and the hammock were the usual draw for the children, exploring how to dam the stream and change the flow of the water, then putting up the hammock and taking turns.



Many thanks to our brilliant volunteers who make our Forest School experiences possible for all of the children at St Mary's.

Cherry Class Volcanoes

This term, Cherry Class have been learning about dinosaurs and finished with making amazing volcanoes which erupted in the school playground to the delight of the whole class!



Maple Class

The topic for Maple Class this term has been 'growing' and they have looked at growing their own plants, hatching their own chicks and developing an understanding of what they need to grow healthily.



Making fruit kebabs to enjoy as a delicious snack.



Watching beans grow inside a mini greenhouse.



Daffodils flourishing with fabulous care to ensure they have enough water and sunlight.

The beautiful chicks hatched from eggs.

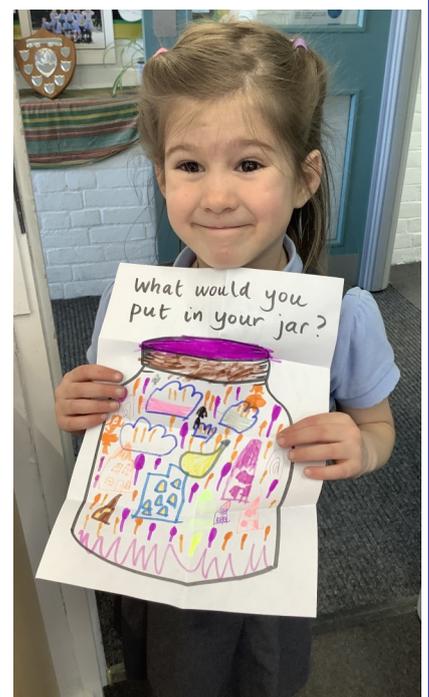
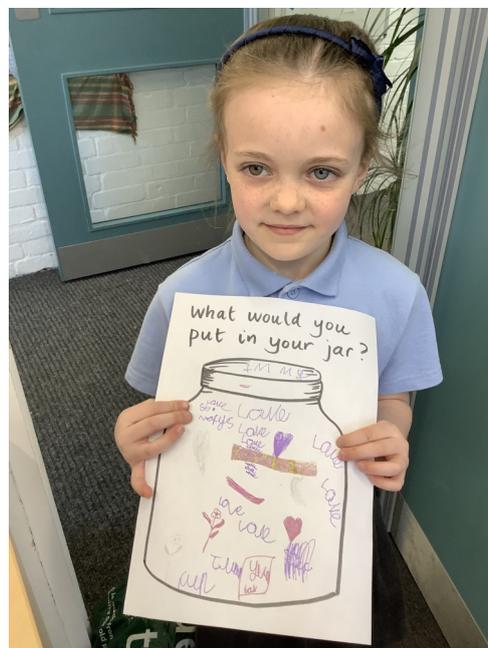
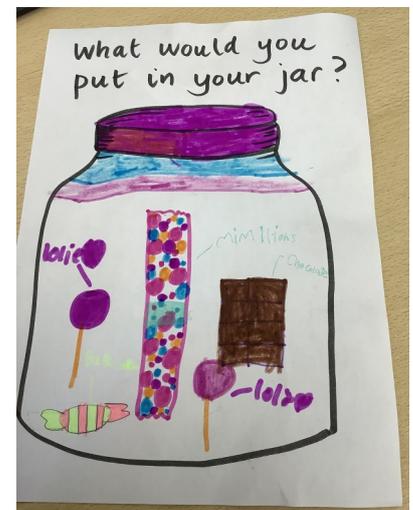
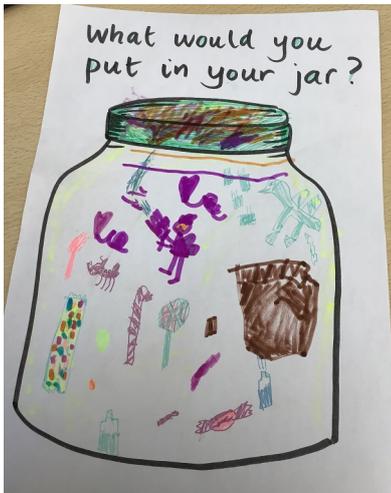
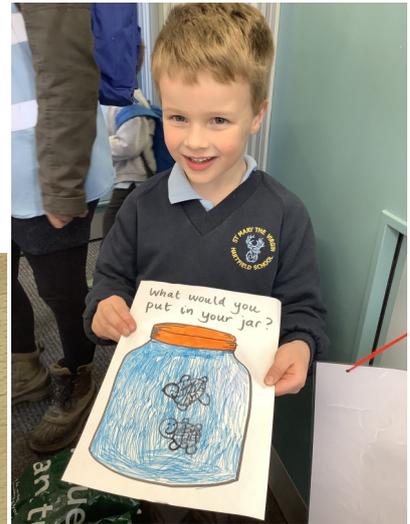


Lunchtime Art Club

Our lunch art clubbers spent time on Thursday working out 'what they would put in their jar', if they had the choice of anything.

The selections made were varied, ranging for lollypops to turtles and a great time was had by all! Thank you to Mrs Carpenter for arranging this group every week.

What would you put in your jar?



Benny

This week Benny has been encouraging fresh air and exercise with an additional piece of training in 'stick avoidance' when choosing one that is just the right size! Thank you to all of the children who walk with Benny to give him so much fun!



Children's Choir.

St Mary's Church have started an informal children's choir on Wednesday afternoons. It has been lovely watching the children grow in confidence as they learn new songs.

The first rehearsals will be on the following dates 3.15pm – 4pm in St Mary's Church.

Weds 20th April/27th April

Weds 4th May/11th May/25th May

Events:

Sunday 8th May in church for our All Age service;

June 5th Queens Jubilee.

Both these events are 9.30am in church or outdoors depending on the weather, followed by refreshments. There will also be craft and bible stories for the children.

Please could you let me know if your child is interested in being part of the Children's choir and can attend the rehearsals. We will need to print off words and choose the pieces to sing. Parents will need to remain in the church where there will be coffee and tea available. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME OF 3.15PM. It is helpful if your child can read as we learn new songs together.**

If you don't attend St Mary's School but would like to know more, please give me a ring.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Reverend Julie. Revjuliesear1@gmail.com or call: 01892 770436



PTFA

St Mary's PTFA

Our lovely PTFA continue their work behind the scenes so don't forget to have the school on your **Amazon Smile** account, be signed up to 'Easy Fund Raising', add any **clothes** to our collection bin, or to join in with the **Bingo Balls!**

Dates for your Diary

28th March: deadline for Easter Fun Forms

25th March: 50p Friday Treat - in the playground and after Mr D's Club

31st March: Bake Sale - Cherry Class - 3.15pm, playground

31st March: Easter Fun Bingo raffle - 3.15pm, playground

1st April: Bingo Ball draw in Celebration Assembly (for March)

1st April: Easter Fun Bags for collection: 3.15pm, playground

1st April: 50p Friday Treat - in the playground and after Mr D's Club

23rd April: Mumma's Market Place 1.00pm - 3.00pm



Date to be agreed:

Plans are being made to hold a Quiz Night, in the school hall so get practicing!

School Terms 2023 - 2024

The Local Authority is responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for local authority maintained schools. Foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools and academies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on a draft proposal for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023/2024 and would like to hear the views of schools, parents/carers, and other key stakeholders on the proposed dates before they are finalised and published. The consultation opened on 18 March 2022 and will run until 28 April 2022. All comments must be received by this date.



If you would like to comment on this proposal the consultation document can be viewed on:

The consultation can be viewed on the Council's [Consultation Hub](https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-es-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024) or at the link <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-es-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024>

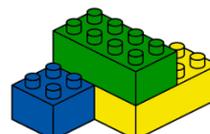


Needed

If you have any pre-loved games or puzzles suitable for Reception and Cherry Class, we would love to re-home them for you!

Please bring with any pre-loved lego (see Newsletter week 4), to the school office.

Thank you.



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School Clubs

We are planning some changes to our extra curricular clubs within school after Easter, with three new opportunities available. The clubs can only run if there is sufficient uptake so if you would like to join in, please let us know. All clubs (exception Wildlife Explorers) are available to all classes and please be aware that **registers restart at the beginning of each short term so you will need to re-book and places are allocated on a first come first served basis.**

Breakfast Club will start from the first day back (Tuesday 19th April) and run from 7:40am to the beginning of school each day.

Places need to be pre-booked through the office so please call: **01892 770221**



Red Butler Music will come in on Monday and Tuesday. If you are already signed up, they will contact you. If you would like to sign up (strings or drums), please call them: **01273 805666**



Mr D's Mixed Football Club (R-6) will re-convene on Mondays from 25th April. Please email the office to book: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk

After School Forest School (R to Y6) with Miss Munn will recommence on Mondays only from 25th April.

To book email: sawpitwoods@gmail.com



Wildlife Explorers will continue on Wednesday lunch time for

Y1 - Y6. We need to ensure that a clear register is provided to Mr and Mrs Rowberry so if you would like to arrange attendance please email the school office.

Mr D's Multi Sports Club will return on Fridays (R to Y6). Please email the office if you would like a place: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



Following on from the success of ArtyTime, we have sourced a new after school **Arts and Crafts Club** which will run from 3:20pm - 4:20pm each Tuesday, starting 19th April (if sufficient sign up). Cost, £7.99 per session.

We have two spaces on Wednesdays during school time, for children to sign up to either **singing** or **keyboard** lessons. Cost £10 per week, with Miss Rowberry.



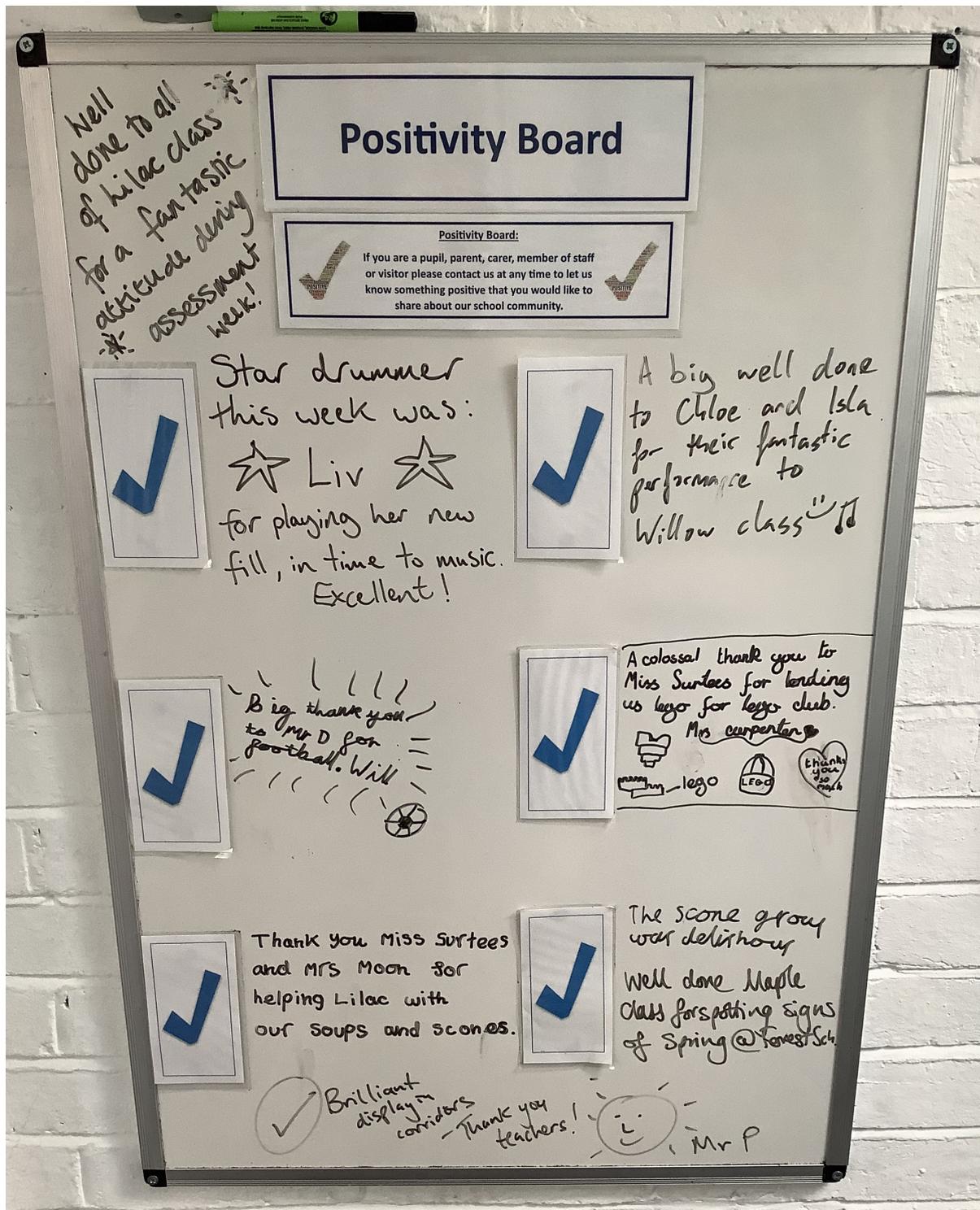
LeTennis, have offered to run an after school **Tennis Club** on Wednesdays. Again, this will be if sufficient children are interested in joining. 3.20pm - 4.20pm each week, starting 20th April.

Please email the school office, or contact Red Butler or Miss Munn if you would like to sign up. Thank you.

Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



Wellbeing Poster

With Maple Class having spent this term looking at growing, this week's well being poster looks at Exercise for Children's Growth (taken from [healthy heights.com](http://healthyheights.com)).

Exercise for Children's Growth and Development

Physical activity is important for children of all ages, providing both mental and physical benefits like improved confidence and stronger bones and it can be fun to find a few activities to keep your child active, quickly seeing the benefits on growth and development.

Types of Exercise

When exercising with your child, be creative in your choice of activity to keep them engaged and excited. There are many types of exercise, each of which contributes differently to physical and mental health. According to Harvard Health Publishing, there are four primary types of exercise and to see maximum health benefits, an exercise routine should incorporate all four. However, getting your child to participate in one or two is a great start.

1. Aerobic - More commonly referred to as cardiovascular or endurance exercise, aerobic activities increase the heart rate, cause breathing to quicken. Endurance exercise helps to increase the functioning of the heart and lungs by improving cardiovascular capacity. For children, these activities do not have to be vigorous and can include:



- Swimming
- Skating
- Dancing
- Skipping
- Playing Tag
- Climbing



2. Flexibility - Activities that promote flexibility help your child's posture and minimize the risk of injury in other activities. Flexibility will become more vital to their ability to perform tasks as they age and activities include:



- Active play on a playground
- Digging in dirt or sand
- Gymnastics
- Yoga



3. Strength - Working against resistance will help your child build strong muscles and bones. The development of adequate muscular strength allows children to move through the demands of everyday life without pain or restriction from their muscles and joints. Activities that promote strength include:

- Climbing stairs
- Playground activities like monkey bars, climbing ladders, or scaling poles
- Lifting and carrying things such as groceries or toys, within the child's ability.



4. Balance - As we age, the systems which help to maintain balance begin breaking down. Certain exercises, however, can help slow the progression of this deterioration. Plus, improving balance at a young age can help children feel steadier on their feet. Balance exercises for children include:



- Playing hopscotch
- Walking on a balance beam, or placing tape on the floor and trying not to "fall off"
- Standing on one foot



Easter Services

Holy week and Easter Services
St Mary's Hartfield and Holy Trinity Coleman's Hatch



Holy Week

Compline night prayer with short reflection

Monday 11th at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th at St Mary's Church

7.00pm-7.45pm

Maundy Thursday 14th April St Mary's Church 7pm

A service of quiet reflection with music, readings and Holy Communion

Good Friday 15th April

10.30am All Age service at St Mary's in church and grounds.

Prayer stations and making of Easter Garden.

Hot cross buns to follow with coffee.

2.00pm Service of choral meditations at the cross at Holy Trinity Church. A service with music and readings.

Easter Day 17th April

8am St Mary's BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary's All Age Easter celebration with Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Trinity All Age Easter Celebration with Holy Communion.

Opportunity



'Little Stars'
Baby and Toddler Group
St Mary's Church Hartfield.

St Mary's Church welcomes you to their new baby and toddler group.

1st & 3rd Thursday's of the month from 2.00-3.15pm.

Homemade cake, coffee and tea will be available.

Toys to play with, songs to sing and stories to hear.

A lovely way to meet together in a relaxed atmosphere.

The dates for this term in 2022 are as follows.

7th April

21st April

5th May

19th May

2nd June

Contact Jen Black on 07779586460

Or Rev Julie on 01892 770436