



# St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 17th March

## 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.

Our values for this term are Forgiveness and Hope.



Hope

This year, we are taking part in the Jeffery Hale award to create a Wishing Tree for a Greener World.

This week, the children have been thinking of a wish or hope for the future and creating a 'post-it' size visual representation by drawing, making a collage, painting, or using other materials, to add to our Wishing Tree entry.

What can you do as a family to create a Greener World?

## Top Tips

Emails and letters home this week:

### **Selected Pupils:**

- ParentPay update requests.
- Y5/6 Girls football tournament
- Girls Gymnastics

### **Whole School:**

- Proposed National Strike

### **Parent Governor Ballot**

We have received four returns for this Ballot. Please check book bags and vote for your Parent Governor.



## Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress.



Whole school: week: **95.9%**  
year: **94.2%**

Maple: **94.5%** Cherry: **93.3%**  
Willow: **98.3%** Lilac: **97.1%**

Less than 94.9% - Red 95 to 96.4% - Amber  
96.5 to 99.9% - Green 100% - Gold

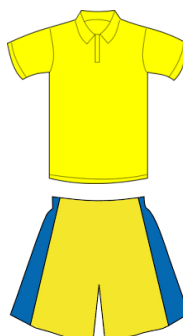
Well done, Willow Class!



## Amnesty

We are continuing our amnesty for the return of school sports kit.

Please would you check cupboards, drawers, washing baskets, ironing piles and wherever else you may have 'hidden clothes,' as we have a major depletion in school team kit, and need you to bring back any that you can find! Thank you for your help.



If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.



## St Mary's Star Skills

"Skills for learning, skills for life"



### Star Skills

Each week, one pupil from each class is identified for their 'star skills' development. Staff and other pupils share their observations of the week, which are then recognised in Celebration Assembly on Fridays. With so many developing, we choose one star skill each week for the Newsletter.



**Beau:** is developing brilliant **problem solving**, working hard, particularly in maths and becoming much more careful and logical when she solves problems.

**Aidan:** has been fabulously using his **speaking skills** contributing many more ideas to whole class teaching sessions and sharing ideas in his work group..

**Christopher:** has been impressing us all **aiming high**, with determination to write full sentences using his phonics knowledge.

**Isaac:** is developing fabulous **listening skills**, this week, listening to the story 'The Kiss that Missed' and explaining that his kiss might get blown all the way 'up to the clouds'.

**Well done to you all!**

Next week we will be looking at how Layla, Amelia, Elsie and William develop their skills.

### Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

**Jared:** for excellent teamwork and positioning, during bench ball.

**Joshua:** for excellent focus and much improved technique whilst developing ball skills in basketball.

**Khaleesi:** for great focus and perseverance during PE.

**Tuppence:** for excellent aiming, focus and control whilst working with a large ball.



### Dates for your Diary

#### March

- 19th: Mothers Day - 9:30am St Mary's Church  
Rev Julie recognising mothers
- 21st: Maple Class - Assembly
- 21st: Pioneer Gymnastics Tournament  
(selected pupils)
- 21st: Willow Class - Swimming
- 22nd: Maple Class - Hever Castle
- 23rd: Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament - Bedes
- 23rd: Lilac Class - Forest School
- 23rd: Cherry Class - Bake Sale 3:15pm
- 24th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am
- 24th: Cherry Class - Bake Sale 3:15pm
- 27th: FGB Meeting 5pm - 7pm
- 28th: Willow Class - Swimming
- 29th: Palm Sunday Service 9:30am - 10:00am
- 30th: Toast for World in Need
- 30th: Maple Class and Buddies - Forest School
- 31st: End of Term Service Church 2:30pm
- 31st: Last Day Term 4

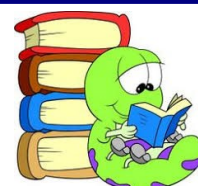


#### April

- 17th: First Day Term 5

### Reading Reward Scheme

Our Whole School Reading Reward Scheme will continue with your ongoing support required to tot up the minutes read at home. Please add additional comments in the reading records if required. Reading Records are checked each week and minutes counted for the House total.



This week's results:

**Rother:** 624 minutes

**Teise:** 505 minutes

**Cuckmere:** 264 minutes

**Medway:** **1,027 minutes**

**Well done, Medway!**



## Forest School - Thursday 16th March

It was another dull March day as Willow Class set off to the woods but thankfully soon after we had left, the sun came out and we had a beautiful afternoon!

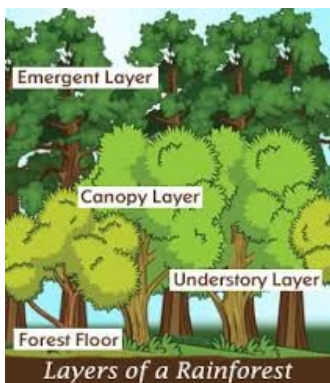
Willow class had some spring id sheets to help them learn the names of spring plants and flowers. They found primroses, celandines, crocuses, oak trees, hazel catkins and cuckoo pint plants along our journey.



The class played a game of 'owl eyes' where they had to hide in the reeds and grasses in the meadow...can you spot any of them above?

They started their session in the woods this week, by singing beautifully and using sticks to provide a rhythmic accompaniment. They learned a song about spring;

***'Snowdrops, snowdrops, little drops of snow,  
How do you feel when the cold wind blows?  
We ring a little bell, ring a ding a ding,  
Ring a ding a ding, here comes spring'***



Linking to their learning journey of rainforests, the class looked at the canopy, understory and woodland floor to have a go at learning to identify plants of British woodlands. They talked about how this was similar and different to that of the rainforests in different regions of the world, such as the amazing Amazon.



We talked about the bluebells and how we need to take care to use the paths, to preserve these beautiful plants on the forest floor.

Then the class decorated eggs as a celebration of Easter. They used pens to create different patterns and images. Some of the children took them home, some made woodland houses for them, some then peeled their eggs and tasted them and some used the ipad to create slow motion videos of them smashing!

In the woods the children explored their own interests in the woods, exploring the site, the rope swings, digging in the stream and seeing how the flow of water



could be diverted and how and where it disappeared into the woodland floor. There was great interest in exploring what they could find in the stream, mud, clay, leaves, stones and tree roots.



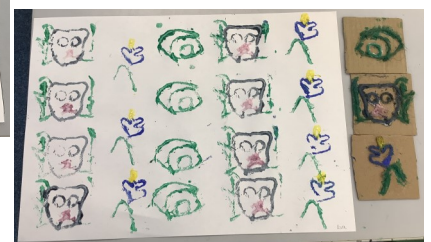
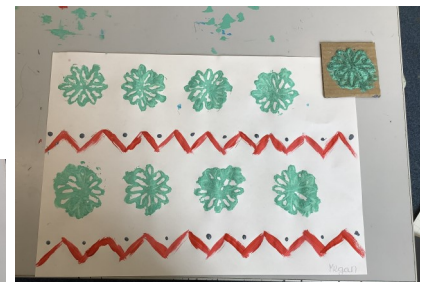
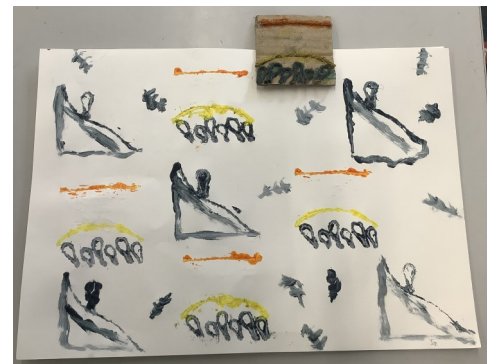


## Lilac Class

This term in Art, Lilac Class have been learning about William Morris and his printing technique using repeating patterns and symmetry.

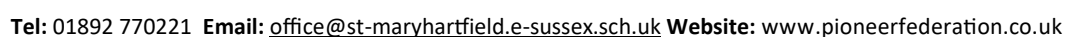
His wallpaper art often involved nature as a way for Victorians living in smoggy London to escape to the countryside. T

his week, we had a go at designing and creating our own art in the style of William Morris using printing and here are some of the results!





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.



### School Playground

Increasing numbers of children (including siblings) are playing on the equipment in the school playground at the beginning and the end of each day.

Please be aware, once you have 'collected' your children from the teachers, we no longer retain responsibility for 'keeping an eye' on their whereabouts or of activity undertaken.

Thank you.



### Hartfield Village Litter Pick

Hartfield Parish Council have arranged a Litter Pick for Sunday 3rd March.

They have the equipment and would really like to see as many volunteers and young people as possible, to get involved in cleaning up the village verges etc.

Meeting at the pavilion at 10:00am, any help with refreshments is always appreciated by tired volunteers.



### Opportunity

The East Sussex Parenting Team offer support with a variety of online courses, each with specific tips on how you can deal with the most common emotional concerns, behavioural issues; and general parenting ideas. All of the courses are evidence-based and are methods that have already been successful in supporting families worldwide through times of crisis.

So, you don't have to do it alone; you can 'get through it' together. Parents and carers can access as much or as little as they like, and just small changes will make a big difference!

Visit the school [website](#) for more information.

[Parenting Guide | East Sussex](#)

[What's On – April, May, June 2023](#)



### Opportunity

**PARENT AND CARER COFFEE SESSIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.**

Mrs Leahy (inclusion manager and SENCO) and Me and My Mind would like to invite you to join us for a drink and biscuit. Parents and carers from all Pioneer schools are welcome to all sessions!

**CONTACT**  
No booking required.  
Any questions, please email:  
Mrs Leahy  
[sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:sleahy@pioneerfederation.co.uk)

### Dates for Spring and Summer 2023:

25/4/23 Topic to be confirmed – let Mrs Leahy know of any requests 2-3pm at St Marys  
16/5/23 'Supporting Adult Mental Health in Adult Mental Health Week' 2-3pm at Park Mead  
4/7/23 'Transitions – between classes and between schools' 2-3pm at Park Mead

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## Wellbeing Poster

This week, we are continue our series of posters relating to safety on the internet. This week, Top Tips for adopting Safe and Healthy Online Habits.

# Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here...

### WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?

Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

### REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- ✓ If you have a problem online, don't be afraid reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- ✓ Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- ✓ You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

### MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES

- ✓ Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- ✓ Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- ✓ On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- ✓ Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

### PUT SAFETY FIRST

- ✓ If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- ✓ You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- ✓ Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

### KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND

- ✓ Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- ✓ Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- ✓ Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

### GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD

- ✓ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✓ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✓ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✓ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

### Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of @engage support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.

### National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

@natonlineafety /NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety @national\_online\_safety

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## Easter Services

Please be aware of the Easter Services being held at St Mary's and Holy Trinity Church.

Rev Julie, Kate Dillingham (youth worker) and everyone involved in providing these events, would love to see you there.



## Easter Church Services 2023

Date	Times	Church	Service
26 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Passiontide Begins</i>	9.30am 11am	St Mary's Holy Trinity	Morning Worship Holy Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> April <i>Palm Sunday with Procession of palms</i>	9.30am 11am 6.30pm	St Mary's Holy Trinity Holy Trinity	Holy Communion Matins Choral Evensong
6 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7pm	St Mary's	Joint Service of Holy Communion with Music and Reflections
7 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Good Friday</i>	10am  2pm	St Mary's  Holy Trinity	All age with Prayer Stations, making of Easter Garden and hot cross buns  Meditations at the foot of the cross with music and readings
9 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Day</i>	Possible Sunrise Service on The Forest Time To Be Confirmed Please check the website.		
9 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Day</i>	8am 9.30am  11am	St Mary's St Mary's  Holy Trinity	Holy Communion BCP Easter Celebration with Holy Communion  Easter Celebration with Holy Communion



For more information, Please contact Rev Julie Sear on 01892 770436 or email:

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Websites: [hartfieldchurch.org](http://hartfieldchurch.org), [colemanshatchchurch.org](http://colemanshatchchurch.org)



## Opportunities: Easter Camps



Head Coach GTC: Jon Prenelle  
07495 368571  
[kentandsussextennis@outlook.com](mailto:kentandsussextennis@outlook.com)

Kent and Sussex Tennis will be offering Easter Tennis Camps for the upcoming school holidays. Days and times are below, numbers are limited so please book as soon as possible

### **COURSE DATES & COST**

**Camp 1      Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April-Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Camp 2      Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April-Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Make up days in the event of inclement weather Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**5-9 years old 9.30am-12pm £75.00**  
**10 year and older 1pm-3.30pm £75.00**

Please remember to bring a snack, a water bottle and appropriate clothing.

Please email for more information: [kentandsussextennis@outlook.com](mailto:kentandsussextennis@outlook.com)

### **Groombridge Tennis Club Membership:**

Do consider signing your child up for membership. It is great value and offers unlimited play for just £25 membership fee a year and £15 for additional siblings. It also provides discount for joining the school tennis club.



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

## Opportunities at St Mary the Virgin Church

Please be aware of the regular activities held at St Mary's and Holy Trinity Church.

Rev Julie, Kate Dillingham (youth worker) and everyone involved in providing these events, would love to see you there.



## St Mary's Church Events



### Little Stars

If you have a under 5, then come along to Little Stars our toddler group on a Monday morning.

9.15 start, 10.45 finish at St Mary's church.

Tea and coffee are provided as well as snacks for the children.



### Connect@5

Also, if you have a child in year 5 and up, come along to connect@5 our youth group that happens twice a month at St Mary's church on a Thursday.

We play games, have food and a little Bible thought. Starts at 5pm and finishes at 6.30pm.

### Church Street Community Café

Please come and join us at our community café on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month from 2 to 4pm.

Enjoy delicious home-made cake, coffee and tea. All ages welcome.

Children's area for babies and toddlers and their carers. Donations welcome in support of St Mary's Church. Find us in St Mary's Church at the top of Church Street. For more information contact Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715 or email [msjoannegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:msjoannegriffin@gmail.com).

For St Mary's Events Contact Rev Julie: 01892 770436 or [revjuliesear1@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliesear1@gmail.com), [www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org)



## Opportunities

### Colemans Hatch Events In the grounds of Holy Trinity Church.

#### Trinity Café

Trinity cafe takes place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday every month from 9.30 to 12pm in Trinity Hall, behind Holy Trinity Church. There is plenty of parking and all ages are welcome to enjoy each other's company, home baked cakes and pastries, good coffee, and speciality teas. Our bookshelves, seed and puzzle-swap are available, and we also have toys for the children. In fine weather we erect gazebos and offer outdoor seating.



#### Kings Coronation

A Coronation Bring and Share lunch will be held on Sunday 7th May in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church. Starting at 12.30. Every family in our parish is welcome to join us to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. A service of Matins will be held from 11-12pm in the Church. Invitations are free but restricted to 150 so please book early from any of the team at Trinity Café.



#### Spring Fete

Our Spring Fete, held on 13th May in the grounds of Holy Trinity starts at 1pm with all the usual entertainment, stalls and side shows with our resident musician, Paul Stanworth.



#### Jazz on the Lawn

In summer we have an evening of "Jazz on the Lawn" starting at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd June. Relax and listen to the music of the New Orleans Echoes Jazz Band whilst enjoying your own picnic on the Tennis Lawn.



#### Trinity Talks

A monthly series of talks is held every 3rd Friday when local residents and friends of the village, share their interests, lives, careers, and experiences. The talk begins at 6.00pm. and lasts for about 45 minutes when the speaker will be happy to answer your questions. Refreshments are available.



#### Scottish Country Dancing

Scottish country dancing is our latest addition to monthly events at the hall. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday from 7pm until 10pm. £5 per adult – children free and very welcome. A break for Supper Interval—bring your own. We have an expert caller who will guide newcomers. No experience necessary.

For Holy Trinity Contact: Caroline Daszewska 07513 290482

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