



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 6 Week 4

Friday 28th June 2024

Headlines from our Head of School

Focus on 'Collective Worship'

Every term we talk to a selection of children about their experiences in our Collective Worship throughout the last term. We ask what they have focused on, which moments stand out in their minds, what impact the Collective Worship has had on them and how we as a school could improve them.

This term, the children shared that they were really keen on all the assemblies and church services, though they did say sometimes the Monday assembly is too long! They were able to make connections between the Monday assembly (where an aspect of the term value is explored through a biblical story), the spiritual journal activity in their classroom and the church service on a Wednesday. The children are able to recall the vision and values statement confidently and understand why they go to church each week. One said:

"going to Church makes me think differently about the stories of Jesus".

This term our theme has been 'Truthfulness' and the children have explored the theme through a range of biblical texts, brought to life through animation, drama and discussion, including Jacob and Esau and now Jonah.

Walking back from today's church based Collective Worship with Matt Marriott the youth worker, some of the children were heard talking about prayer and reflecting with each other:

"when we pray I sometimes pray and sometimes I just think about what the words are"

"today I said Amen at the end as I liked the prayer from the Maple class about helping their mum at home".

Moving forward we are hoping to link the theme of the term into the Friday celebration assembly, helping the children to reflect on the discussions over the week and introducing the next week's spiritual journal activity. As parents are in attendance at these celebrations, I hope this will also further strengthen parental awareness and involvement in discussions on the themes and values of each term.

Jane Robinson

Head of School



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.

Dates for your Diary

Please check the dates as a couple have changed.

Thank you



July

- 1st: Transition Day - Uckfield
- 2nd: Transition Day - Uckfield
- 2nd: Transition Day - Oxted
- 2nd: Football Tournament - Y3 and Y4
- 3rd: Transition Day - Imberhorne
- 3rd: Collective Worship - church 9:30am
- 4th: Transition Day - Beacon
- 4th: Transition Day - Bennett
- 4th: Community Café - 2pm - 4pm in church
- 5th: Transition Day - Beacon
- 9th: Non- Uniform Day - Tombola Bottles
- 9th: Lilac Class Production - 1:30pm and
5:30pm
- 10th: Collective Worship - church 9:30am
- 10th: FGB Meeting
- 11th: Forest School - Lilac Class
- 12th: Celebration Assembly - 9:15am
- 12th: Sports Day - the Croft 12noon
- 12th: Reports Out
- 17th: Report Queries
- 17th: Collective Worship - church 9:30am
- 18th: Community Café - 2pm - 4pm in church
- 19th: Back up Sports' Day
- 19th: Leavers' Service
9:15am in church
- 22nd: Last Day Term 6



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognizing 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, so we ask that you **please support us and your child by ensuring their attendance is a priority.**

Attendance this year:

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

Whole school: 94.7%

Maple: 93.5%

Willow: 94.6%

Cherry: 94.7%

Lilac: 95.4%

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind, both academically and socially which impacts on their emotional wellbeing and creates further barriers to learning. Please bear this in mind when deciding whether to keep your child from school.

Top Tips

Letters, emails, WhatsApp:

All

Lilac Class

- End of year Production

Selected:

- Celebration Assembly
- Football Tournament



Group Photos

Thank you to all parents have already ordered their photographs on line with Tempest.

If you are planning to order, please be aware this needs to be done by:

Wednesday 3rd July,

to take advantage of free delivery.



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.



St Mary's Star Skills



"Skills for learning, skills for life"



Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP

From last week:

Nicco: is developing wonderful **teamwork**, shown beautifully through his cooperation with others, and his ability to share ideas and listen well to others during group activities.

Charlie: is developing fantastic **problem solving skills**. This week he has been converting between mm and cm and is able to explain then relationship between the two.

Khaleesi: is brilliant at **aiming high**, working really hard this week to add various coins together to make different values.

Well done to you all!



CELEBRATE!



School Value and Weekly Reflection

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

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

This term we are looking at:



Truthfulness

The children have explored a number of questions related to Truthfulness, including:

* what does the truth mean to you? * are there times when it is hard to be truthful? * why is it sometimes hard?

They have looked at number of Bible stories including:

* Jacob and Esau, where Esau's lies got him into big trouble and meant his brother, Jacob, missed out and

* Jonah, who ran away from God's instruction and the truths he had been commanded to share.

Their activities have included:

* creating an acrostic poem using the letters of TRUTH,

* having a look at a selection of cards to decide whether they were honest or dishonest, and

* thinking about times when it is difficult to 'do the right thing'.

Maybe as a family take some time to think about what truthfulness means to you and how it is encouraged.

Catch Up Celebrations

Last term, Lilac Class had a very busy week when they split into their year groups to complete Year 6 SATs (for which obviously a substantial breakfast is required!):



The year 5's split into two groups. One group learnt to ride their bikes independently, the others completed their Level 2 Bikeability sessions.

Well done Lilac Cass.
We are extremely proud of you all.



Hands on History



On Wednesday 26th June, Year 5/6 from East Hoathly joined Lilac Class for a Hands on History Viking Day.

Riley and Beau have kindly shared their experience of the event:

"St Mary's and East Hoathly joined together to meet two helpers who were teaching them about the Vikings. In groups the children learnt about different equipment the Vikings used and later in the day we had to remember the names when we went around the hall labelling the equipment in a Viking language!"

We learnt that the Vikings (which means pirate) invaded Britain for the farmland and they were quite gruesome.

We had chance to act out a Viking battle on the playground using shields and swords!

My favourite bit of the whole day was going out onto the field to watch the arrows being shot. Today was really fun and special, especially when they dressed us up in Viking clothes.

Well done Lilac Class for hosting your peers from East Hoathly.



Forest School - Thursday 27th June



Maple class started their session today with a few members of the class sharing some feathers that they had collected and brought in. As a group they talked about who the feathers belong to. One of the feathers that had been brought in belonged to a Great Spotted Woodpecker whereas others belonged to Wood Pigeons.



As Maple set off on their journey to Forest School they came across a bunch of feathers on the Croft, the feathers were the same as those they had just looked at in class. They belonged to a Wood Pigeon.

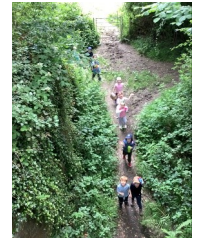


As the class made their way along the Forest Way they soon came across a bridge and the children decided to go and have a look under the bridge saying:

"maybe there's a troll"

Luckily there was not!

As the children hid under the bridge and stomped their feet across it in pretence. Still no troll, definitely a few Woodlice dropping down into those underneath.



Once in the wood some of the children helped Dormouse to put up the slackline. They wrapped the line round the tree making sure that it was not twisted, then carefully posted the end through the ratchet. Next they tested their strength by pushing the ratchet forwards and backwards to tightening it observing as it tightened: *"it's getting hard"*.



Once the slack line was up some of the children took it in turns to walk along it, however they had no top line to hold onto. Instead they were given two sticks to use as walking sticks for balance. It was great to see them give it a go even if they did find it a little wobbly; many of them went back to try and do it again.



Other members of the class went off to make improvements of their own to some existing dens that had been created by another class. They worked well together to move the sticks they wanted for their den, and to place the materials they had gathered to create some amazing shelters.

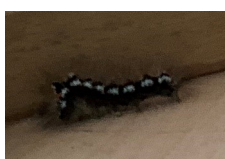
Some children chose to play in the hammock swing, taking it in turns to push each other, others practiced the sawing that they had learnt last time they visited the woods.



At the end of the session the class were today if there was anything new that they had done at Forest School that they had never tried before:

"making a den"

As this was the last trip for Maple Class, they spent time in their favoured activities, increasing their skills and continuing to learn new ones.



Well done, Maple Class, it has been a wonderful Forest School year!



St Mary 's PTFA

Upcoming Events

12th July: Summer Social (back up 19th July)

18th July: End of school disco (more details to follow)

St Mary's



The PTFA at St Mary's works throughout the year to raise money for all children within the school but they are having difficulties at the moment with volunteer help.

Without joining the PTFA, you can still be a huge support when events are coming up, such as the preparations for the Summer Social.

What is needed?

Teddies

- * We need more teddies for the tombola. Please could these be left in the prayer hut, deadline Monday 8th July



Bottles

- * Tuesday 9th July will be a non-school uniform day, please bring bottles instead of cash donations for our bottle tombola.
- * Cakes on Friday 12th July for our refreshment stall



Volunteers

- * Friday 12th July, we need help to set up the stalls and gazebos.
- * Friday 12th July we need help to run the stalls - sweets, tombola, games



If you can help, please contact a member of the PTFA or the school office for further information.

Thank you!



Pupil Governors - Supporting the wider community

Following the success of our fun run, raising money for Raystede (a little over £345 was raised, thank you so much), our pupil governors have accepted a wonderful offer to sponsor/adopt an elephant in the name of our school.

John Black (parent and governor), met with the pupil governors to discuss the work of the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and to look at the elephants being supported by this charity. It took no time for the children to agree to the adoption, more tricky was 'who to choose'. However, after much deliberation the school is now proud foster parent to an orphaned elephant named Toto.



Elephant Adoption Certificate

Toto



Adoption Period: 24/06/2024 - 23/06/2025

Dear St Mary The Virgin Primary School,

You have been given a unique and wonderful gift by John Black. You are now the proud foster parent of an orphaned elephant named Toto. This in turn is a gift of life, which will help support the care of Toto in Kenya.

Toto was rescued by the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and you can read the latest entries in our online Keepers' Diaries to stay in touch with your orphan. You will also receive monthly updates once you've activated your adoption and have access to photographs and a rescue map showing the location where your chosen orphan was rescued.

We are excited to welcome you to our wild family.

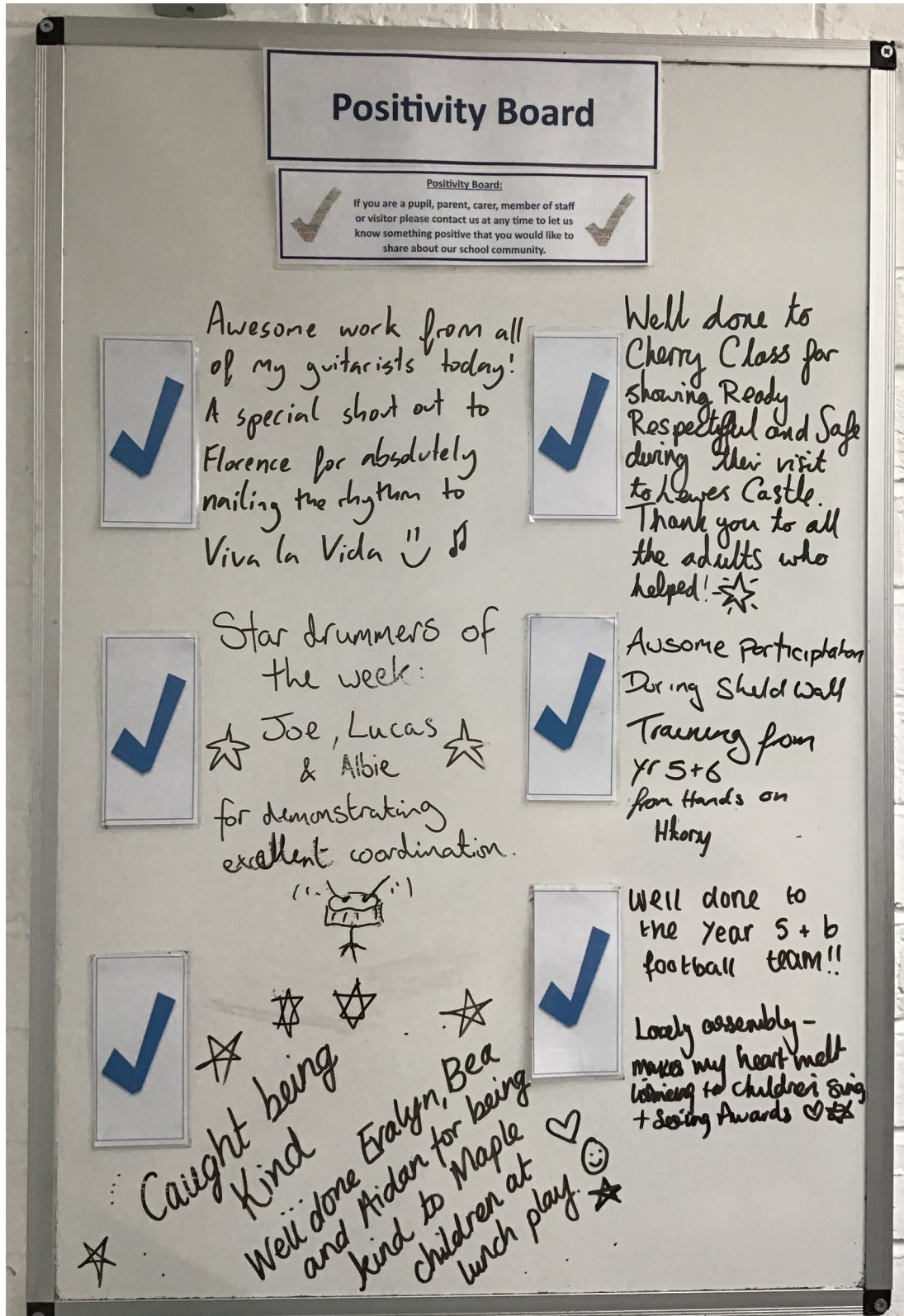
Most gratefully,
Angela Sheldrick



Positivity Board

This board enables all to write positive comments, or thoughts. From parents, carers, staff, and children to all school visitors, who would like to share with others something positive about the school, their classes, the children or events.

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



Wellbeing

With the weather continuing to be warm, this week's wellbeing poster looks at Tips for Keeping Children Hydrated in Warm Weather, taken from The [Hug Company.com](http://HugCompany.com)



Keeping Children Hydrated in Warm Weather

When a child or toddler is having fun, it's not always simple to stop them for a drink of water, but it's crucial as children may require more water to stay properly hydrated as a result of spending more time in the sun.

Water is a major component of our bodies, and we require it frequently to keep our health at its best as it transports nutrients, protects organs and joints, and helps to control body temperature.

Additionally, being hydrated offers children the energy and concentration they need for play and learning. Everyday processes like breathing and sweating cause us to lose water, and this water loss is often larger in warmer weather or during more intense physical exercise.

How to recognise a dehydrated child:

Your child might not exhibit any symptoms of minor dehydration. In fact, feeling thirsty is frequently a sign that mild dehydration has already taken place so keep an eye on young children and be conscious of the weather and their level of activity.

The following indicators of dehydration, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, should be looked out for.

1. fewer or darker-coloured urine samples (fewer wet nappies for babies)
2. drowsy and agitated
3. Absence of tears when crying
4. Dry mouth and lips
5. blotchy skin

Ideal fluid intake would be water or milk, but all liquids count, as do foods like soups, smoothies, and fruit that contains water.

Being Inventive

Serve ice pops as an appetiser.

Ice pops are a tasty way for children to stay hydrated and beat the heat. Choose fruit and fruit-juice-based ones or buy a mould and make some at home.

Create fruit-flavoured water.

Get them a Colourful, Fun water bottle!

Give your child the option of choosing a water bottle in their preferred colour or featuring a favourite character to make drinking water enjoyable. Throughout the day, keep it nearby and filled.

During transitions, provide sips of water.

Transitions are a part of summer days, so take advantage of this! Encourage your child to take a sip of water before starting a new activity, such as when going from playing indoors or outside to eating or drinking snacks, taking a sleep, or starting a new activity.

Give them a straw

For whatever reason, when water is provided with a straw, many people—including children—drink more of it. Take advantage of this by serving drinks with amusing straws. Consider using vivid colours or patterns.

Serve things with a lot of water.

While we consume the majority of the water we need for the day by drinking liquids, eating can also help us stay hydrated. Serve hydration-rich foods, especially on warm days. Along with smoothies and popsicles, excellent alternatives include watermelon, cucumbers, citrus fruits, and berries.

Set a Good Example!

Have you ever noticed how frequently children mimic your actions rather than your words?

Make the habit of drinking water throughout the day a good one by doing it yourself.

This will not only help you stay hydrated, but it will also encourage your children to drink plenty of water.



Available Support



Welcome to the Family Hub newsletter Please find below the lowdown of what we are about and what we do.

NEWSLETTER April/July 2024

We want to introduce to you Uckfield Family Hub –formerly Uckfield Children’s Centre. Based in Uckfield we provide services for families across the whole of the High Weald area including Crowborough, Forest Row, Heathfield, Groombridge and Wadhurst.

Family advice service

We have a new advice and guidance service for parents/carers across the whole of East Sussex. Sometimes it’s a challenge for families to know the best places to find the right advice offering support in:

- emotional wellbeing
- special educational needs and disabilities
- financial, housing or employment challenges
- supporting your child’s behaviour
- support for new parents.
- activities for children of all ages

For more information visit our website:

[Contact our family advice service | Family hubs \(eastsussex.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/family-hubs)

Or for enquires:

familyhubs@eastsussex.gov.uk

Early Years

At Uckfield Family Hub and in the surrounding areas we run many Early Years groups, sessions, and courses.

Every week drop ins:

Bumps to Babies
Music Groups
Discovery Tots
Out & About

Courses and sessions (to be booked on to)

HENRY
Play and Learn
Small Beginnings
Sensational Stories
Early Words
Incredible Years

For more information visit our website:

[Uckfield, Heathfield and Crowborough - What's on | Family hubs \(eastsussex.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/whatson)

Or for enquiries:

EHHighweald@Eastsussex.gov.uk

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Open for parents

The Parenting Team offer courses for FREE and ONLINE for the parents of East Sussex

When parents/carers need advice on helping their child to become more independent, getting them into healthy sleep habits, setting clearer rules, or supporting them through tough emotions and anxiety, we’ve got it covered.

Our online courses offer practical tips for dealing with common issues, and they’re based on methods that have worked for families worldwide, especially during tough times. You don’t have to figure it out alone; we’re here to support families in East Sussex.

For more information visit our website:

[Online parenting courses - children | Family hubs \(eastsussex.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/parenting)

Or for enquiries:

EH.019parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

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Family Funday Festival

We are having a party this summer holiday and every family is invited to attend:

- Cartlodge, Horam, Monday 29th July, 10-11:30am
- Selby Meadows, Thursday 8th August, 1-2:30pm
- Crowborough Community Centre, Thursday 22nd August, 1:30 - 3pm,
- Uckfield Family Hub, Friday 30th August 10 - 11:30am

All events are free and open to families with children. No need to book.

Updates can be found on our [Facebook](#) page.



Opportunity



Head Coach GTC: Jon Prenelle
07495 368571
kentandsussextennis@outlook.com

Dear Parents/players

We will be offering Summer Tennis Camps for the upcoming school holidays for students 4-18 years old. Days and times are below, numbers will be very limited so please book as soon as possible. Groups can be separated by age and ability.

Morning Sessions are recommended for 4-10 years old
Afternoon Sessions are recommended for 11-18 years old

COURSE DATES & COST

Camp 1 Monday 29th July - Wednesday 31st July 2024

Camp 2 Monday 12th August-Wednesday 14th August

Camp 3 Monday 19th August-21st August 2024

Morning Session 9.30am-12.30pm £90.00

Afternoon Session 1.00pm-4.00pm £90.00

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

For more information

Please email: kentandsussextennis@outlook.com

To book:

You will need to send

- parent full name, mobile number, other contact numbers and email address
- Child's full name, date of birth, medical information and choice of camp

Transfer information

Account name: Jon Prenelle

Account number: 12363067

Sort code: 11-11-08

Please use child name as reference

Best wishes

Jon Prenelle



Welcome to Holiday food and fun

FREE for children on benefit-related free school meals ...

A range of activities and food is available during school holidays at our Holiday food and fun clubs. It's a great opportunity for children and young people to enjoy a range of fun things to do.

Six weeks of food and fun!

For six weeks during school holidays throughout the year (Easter, summer and Christmas) local clubs will be serving up a menu of activities for children and young people of all ages, plus there's food to enjoy too.

Activities may include sports, games, arts, crafts, music, and nature although these will differ from club to club.

Many clubs can offer families advice and recipes for cooking healthy meals on a budget. Sometimes the young people get to try them out at the club.

What's on offer

Check our [events list](#) to find a Holiday Food and Fun club near you.

Each club takes its own bookings.

Need help booking?

Our events list and booking system has been tested for users of assistive technology. We know that some images on the system may not include alternative text. Read the [accessibility statement](#).

If you need help booking a place, please contact us.

Telephone: 07923 382464 or 07512 449389

Email: HAF@eastsussex.gov.uk

Is it FREE?

It's free for school-aged children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. A small number of places are available for other eligible groups.

Contact the [HAF team](#) to find out more. Additionally, some clubs also offer paid places alongside HAF-funded ones. The charges may differ from club to club.

There is also help and advice on benefits available to families:

Opportunity



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- Step 1** - Go to www.rbmsmusic.com/holidaymusicschool
- Step 2** - Register your child's details on our sign up form
- Step 3** - We'll send a confirmation email confirming the space
- Step 4** - Pay a £50 deposit to book your space and we will invoice for the final amount 7 days before we get started!

MORE ABOUT OUR TUTORS:

We are very lucky to be working with some incredible musicians and tutors. We have award winners, chart toppers, world tourers, writers, composers and master's graduates all forming our wonderful team! Take a look at our website, watch each tutor's video and find out more about their musical projects!

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Send us a message, give us a call or come and see us at our Uckfield office, we'd love to hear from you!

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FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY AT URFC THIS SUMMER

- SCRUMFEST | LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE
- PROMS ON THE PITCH - SATURDAY 13TH JULY
- HAPPY CIRCUS - SATURDAY 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH JULY
- FAMILY TOUCH - EVERY THURSDAY @ 6.30PM
SCHOOL AGE & UPWARDS - ANY ABILITY
- SUMMER CAMP - 5-12YEAR OLDS, 27TH, 28TH & 29TH
AUGUST

**NEW SEASON STARTS:
SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

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