



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 6 Week 5

Friday 5th July 2024

Headlines from our Head of School

Focus on 'International Links'

We are aiming for our children to not only think beyond themselves and their immediate lived experience, but as part of their courageous advocacy to head out into the world as people motivated to make positive change.

To support this:

The children were excited to learn last week that we have been gifted the sponsorship of an adopted elephant named 'Toto'. In assembly, Mrs Perry and the pupil governors talked to the school about one of our parents and governors, John Black, sponsoring Toto for us as a school in order to support The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. The children learned about conservation organisation, dedicated to the protection of wildlife and the preservation of habitats in East Africa.



<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/about>

The adoption will provide the opportunity for our children to learn more about conservation and explore a wide range of important issues. These include endangered habitats, threats to biodiversity, and the delicate balances in ecosystems as well as reflect on how people can support endeavours to fight for these causes and develop safe havens for wildlife.

With the aim for all our children to develop into global citizens with a personal commitment to social justice, next year will see the return of our school link with a school in Malawi.

Discussions are already underway, assemblies and workshops are planned for early September when the children will be re-introduced to Chris Knott and his work with the Starfish Malawi organisation. We are planning for the children to make meaningful links with school children in Malawi through regular FaceTime opportunities, to challenge stereotypes, broaden their experience of the world and consider their place through shared projects. Our first will focus on sharing stories that are important to us and hearing stories from the children in Malawi that matter to them.



<https://starfishmalawi.com/>

Next year each class will also be taking on a 'social justice cause' locally so watch this space!

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

9th: Non- Uniform Day - Tombola Bottles

9th: Lilac Class Production - 1:30pm and
5:30pm

9th: FGB Meeting

10th: Collective Worship - church 9:30am

11th: Forest School - Lilac Class

12th: Celebration Assembly - 9:15am

12th: Sports Day - the Croft 12noon

12th: PTFA Summer Social - the Croft

12th: Reports Out

17th: Collective Worship - church 9:30am

17th: Report Queries

18th: Community Café - 2pm - 4pm in church

18th: PTFA Disco

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: 93.6%

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

- Summer Reading Challenge

Lilac Class

- DT Materials
- 'Wings' request
- Trip to The Briars

Year 6

- Healthy Schools Survey
- Stepping Up and Moving On

Year 5

- Year 6 Buddies

Cherry Class

- Transition Booklets

ParentPay

Please pop onto to ParentPay and check outstanding payments. Thank you.



School Uniform

Teachers have been noticing an increase in uniform 'variations' and we would request increased consideration of our school uniform policy.

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of belonging
- is practical and distinctive
- identifies the children with the school
- makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance
- reflects the sense of community that the school takes pride in.

Expectation

There is a formal school uniform to which children are expected to adhere, and the co-operation of parents in maintaining the standard of dress is expected

- Only wristwatches and stud earrings are permitted and hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- Earrings are required to be covered or removed for P.E. sessions.
- On health and safety grounds, no jewellery is to be worn at school.
- All sweatshirts or cardigans must have the school logo on them
- Shoes should be black
- Socks and tights should be plain grey, black or white.



If you have any queries about our uniform please visit our [website](#).

The 'School Gate'

Thank you for working with us on changing the way the children come into school; coming straight into classrooms has had a positive impact to the start of the school day and their readiness to learn.

At the end of the day, it is great to have time for parents to have 'spot chats' with teachers, and we know that friends catch up with each at the 'school gate'.

Please remember that as soon as your child has been 'handed over' by the teacher, you are responsible for their safety and being aware of their 'whereabouts' and that for issues of safeguarding we request that your mobile phones are not in use or taking photos.

If you have any queries, please speak with our Head of School, Mrs Robinson.



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

This week, the children have continued to look at the story of Jonah and the fact that he had to admit his mistake to God and others and how he needed to listen to God for help and support.

In classes they then wrote a prayer in which they were encouraged to be honest with God about a mistake they had made, looking at how they could say sorry and make it right.

Maybe spend time as a family looking at how you help each other share mistakes and put things right.

Celebrations

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 football team who placed 3rd at an interschool football tournament this week.



Congratulations to Joshua who recently took his karate and went up to a blue belt.

Joshua has worked so hard for a year to achieve this as it's quite a tough belt to get!

Congratulations also to Skye who entered a gymnastic competition at the weekend and was placed 3rd.



Well done to all of our children who work so hard both in and out of school to achieve the very best they can.

Keep sending your celebrations from home so we can celebrate with you.

The Briars

On 25th June 2024, Maple Class had a wonderful time at the Briars! They enjoyed pond dipping, walking to Pooh Bridge, looking for different plants, footprints and animals on route, and a walk through the woodland and the wildflower meadow. Mrs Rowberry began by explaining what sorts of animals, insects and pond creatures we were likely to see and the children were fascinated and excited to start.

The pond dipping was incredible! The children had small nets to dip into the pond and they were encouraged to gently shake their nets to release anything that they had found. They saw some amazing things, using microscopes to help them spot small details. They found newts (both an adult and a baby), mayfly and midge larvae, water boatmen, pond skaters, blood-worms and dragon fly larvae. The plants were also amazing with waterlilies and pond weed, as well as a whole host of other plants supporting the pond life.



On the walk to Pooh Bridge, the class spotted a wide array of plants and insects, as well as some gorgeous horses. The children worked hard to spot different footprints in the mud and created some of their own. Once there, they wrote some small notes for Pooh Bear and posted them in the box!



After collecting some little sticks, they had a game of 'Pooh Sticks' throwing them over one side of the bridge to see which one travelled the most quickly to the other.



It was then time for a special mini-beast peek turning over sections of big trees and discovering lots and lots of wonderful mini-beasts! Maple Class learned about how careful they needed to be with all of the creatures and plants around them and they watched as the creatures tried hard to keep out of the light.

Setting off back through the woods, Mrs Rowberry had made some little traps to catch insects in and the children were able to see beetles and woodlice close up. In the meadow, they used nets to sweep along and see if they could find any creatures in the long grass.



After a lovely picnic lunch, the class headed back to school. It was a long walk but they enjoyed listening out for the birds and spotting familiar things in the landscape. Happily, the children noticed the church spire from a long way away which helped them to find their way back to school!



Diocese of Chichester Leavers' Service

On Thursday 27th June, our Year 6 went to Crowborough for the Diocese of Chichester Leavers' Service.

Noah has kindly written up the event for our Newsletter:



We left lovely Lilac and went in our Mum's and Dad's cars to be dropped at The Green, a field just outside the church with sparsely placed trees. We all met up together and had lunch.

Twenty minutes later we went into the breath taking church. Once we were settled, the parade started with Noah holding the candle and Finlay and Jared holding the school banner. On making it to the front we were welcomed by the Bishop and placed the items to their designated places before sitting back down ready for the service to begin.



Children from East Hoathly started us off with a prayer and a reading, following which we sang and had a very fun talk from the Bishop about peace. There were several songs and it was interesting that different schools knew different versions of the same ones!

The service finished with a procession walking back through the church which included Noah, Finlay and Jared and on leaving the church Mrs Mandy gave us all bibles, took a picture and then we went home.



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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!



Wellbeing

Our wellbeing poster this week, recognises that while parenting is a privilege and a joy it also requires significant amounts of time, energy and emotional strength.

The East Sussex Parenting Team work hard to offer support and have sent the following information regarding Free, up coming, online courses and webinars:

The **Parenting Team** offer **Free, Online** and stand-alone webinars.

To book email EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

July- September 2024

The Power of Positive Parenting (2-8 years) What is positive parenting? •Monday 1st July 10-11:30am •Thursday 8th August 10-11:30am •Wednesday 11th September 12:30-2:00pm	Managing Anxiety and Raising Resilient Children(2-12 years) Support your child and their self-esteem. •Tuesday 16th July 12:30-2:30pm •Tuesday 20th August 10-12:00pm •Monday 16th September 12:30-2:30pm	Primary School (Reception to Year 3) Gain some top tips around starting primary school. •Monday 15th July 12:30-2:00pm •Thursday 15th August 10-11:30am	Top Tips for Encouraging Positive Behaviour 4-10 For parents of SEN Children •Tuesday 2nd July 12:30-2:30pm •Thursday 12th September 10-12:00pm	Learning about Neurodivergent Children Intro into Neurodivergence and how to support your child. •Tuesday 30th July 6:30-8:30pm •Tuesday 27th August 10-12:00pm •Monday 23rd September 12:30-2:30pm
Encouraging Positive Choices and Listening Skills (2-12 years) build a strong bond through effective communication. •Tuesday 9th July 12:30-2:30pm •Tuesday 6th August 6:30-8:30pm •Friday 20th September 10-12:00pm	Managing Fighting and Aggression (2-12 years) How to manage behaviour positively •Thursday 4th July 10-12:00pm •Tuesday 10th September 10-12:00pm	Healthy Sleep Webinar (4-11 years) Run with East Sussex School Health Team. •Monday 15th July 10-11:00am •Thursday 12th September 1-2:00pm	The Importance of Play (2-10 years) Why is play essential to your child's growth. •Wednesday 10th July 1-2:30pm •Wednesday 18th September 10-11:30am	Building Teen Survival Skills (10+ years) How to talk to your teen about staying safe and making choices. •Tuesday 20th August 6:30-8:30pm •Monday 30th September 12:30-2:30pm
	Managing Screen Time (2-10 years) How to keep your child safe online •Wednesday 10th July 10-12:00pm	Managing Screen Time (10+ years) How to keep your teen safe online. •Tuesday 23rd July 6:30-8:30pm	Starting Secondary School 10+ (90mins) Things to think about before your child starts secondary school •Wednesday 14th August 6:30-8:00pm •Friday 30th August 10-11:30am	



The Parenting Team offer courses for **FREE** and **ONLINE** for the parents of East Sussex. July- September 2024

Triple P Group FEAR-LESS Ages 4-9) For parents of children with 'moderate to severe' anxiety .	• Tuesday 17th September – 5th November 2024 10:00-12:00pm
New Forest Parenting Programme (3-11 years) – For parents of children with moderate to severe symptoms of ADHD	• Wednesday 25th September – 13th November 10:00-12:00pm
Triple P Group Stepping Stones – (4-10 years) For parents of children with Additional Needs.	• Thursday 26th September – 21st November 10:00-12:00pm
Triple P Group TEEN Teen Programme for Parents (10+ years) – 7 weeks	• Wednesday 25th September – 13th November 6:30-8:30pm
Group Triple P – Positive Parenting Programme (2-10 years) 7 sessions	• Tuesday 24th September – 12th November 10:00-12:00pm



To Book Email- EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

For more opportunities visit: <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Parenting-Guide-July-Sep-24.pdf>



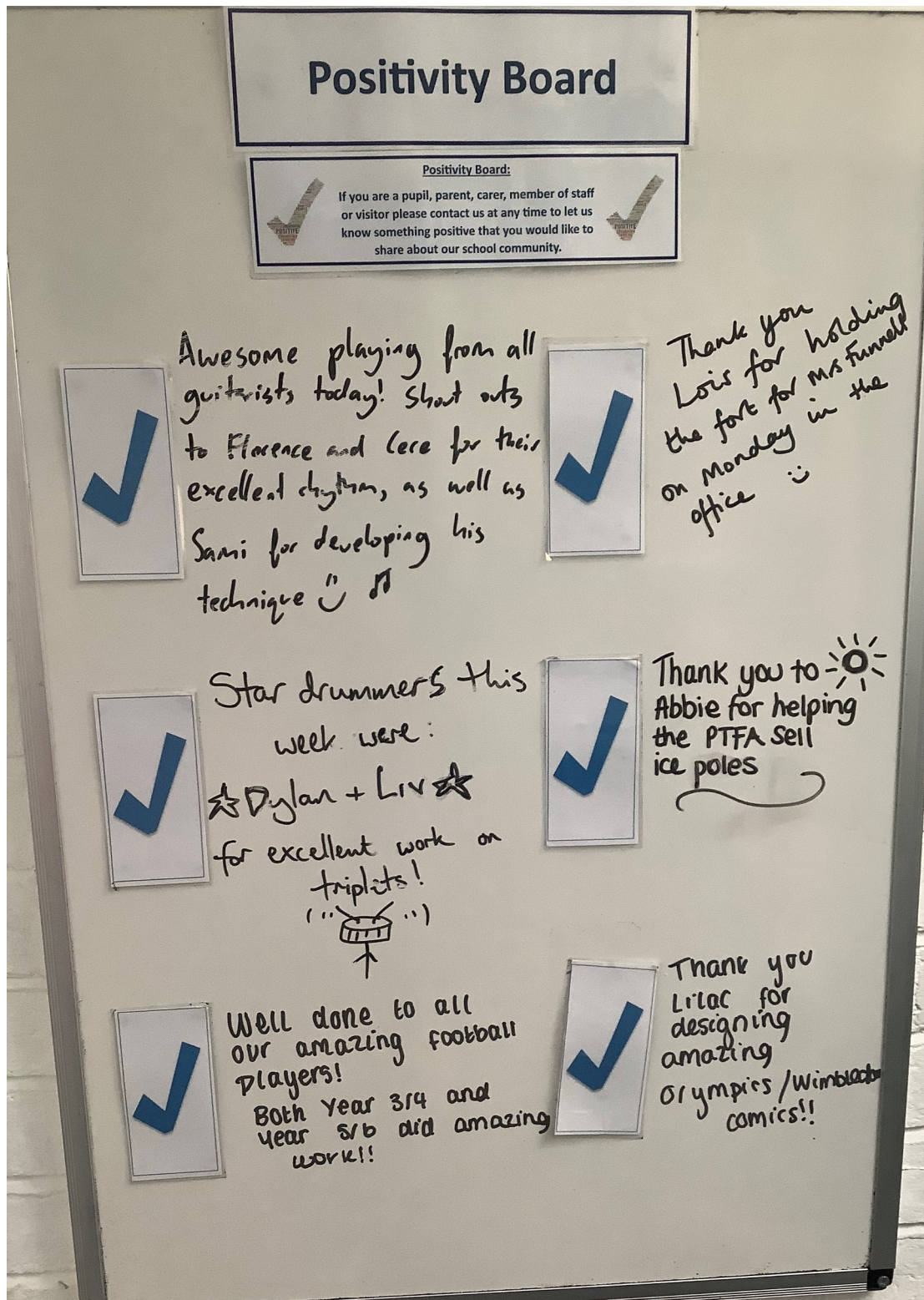
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Positivity Board

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.



ST MARY THE VIRGIN
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Sports Day Summer Social

- Bar
- BBQ
- Cafe
- Tombolas
& More



Come and support
your village school and
enjoy the children's races

Friday 12th July – 12 Noon – The Croft, Hartfield

Summer Reading Challenge

The children had a visit from the Library Service today to learn about the Summer Reading Challenge which runs from Saturday 6th July to Saturday 7th September. To take part in the Challenge, children need to read six books of their choice that they borrow from the library or download from their e-book library over the summer holidays. They are given rewards for each book they read and a certificate and medal if they manage to complete the Challenge.

Brought to you by The Reading Agency. Delivered in partnership with Public Libraries. [Learn more](#)

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

2,078,132 books read so far

Marvellous Makers

Home Books Authors Activities News About Games Quizzes

How it works

The 2024 Challenge starts on 22 June online and in Scotland, and on 6 July in England and Wales

Online At your library

- 1. Sign up**
Click 'Join now' to create your account
- 2. Read books**
Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review
- 3. Earn digital rewards**
Unlock rewards for your reading including a new online badge and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!

Join in NOW!

Take on the Summer Reading Challenge!

This year it is all about getting CREATIVE. Music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story-writing... the possibilities are endless.

Discover fantastic new books, unlock rewards along the way, and achieve something amazing this summer.

Create your profile or sign in on the home page.

[Meet the characters!](#)

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

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For more information visit: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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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HOW MUCH: £45 PER DAY (10% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)

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Get ready for an unforgettable week of music exploration and learning, led by our team of expert tutors. With 4 - 6 professional music tutors on-site, children will embark on an exhilarating journey, discovering the world of electric instruments in a band setting.

Our program encompasses a wide range of instruments, including electric guitars, basses, keyboards, vocals, and the heart-pounding rhythm of drums. But that's not all; we warmly welcome the inclusion of other instruments like ukuleles, cellos, violins, and mandolins, a diverse and harmonious musical experience for all. Join us for a week filled with laughter, creativity, and the thrill of making music with friends! 🎸🎤🎹🎸🎸🎸

MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.RBMSMUSIC.COM

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MORE INFORMATION :

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MAKE A BOOKING :

It's never been easier to book a space on one of our courses!



- 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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**BOOK
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SUMMER SERVICES

St Mary's

Sunday 7th July

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th July

9.30am Morning Woship

Sunday 21st July

9.30am Holy Communion

From 28th July we will be providing a breakfast from 8.30-9.15am, followed by our Sunday services from 9.30-10.15am

Sunday 28th July

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Songs of Praise

Sunday 4th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 18th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th August

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 1st September

9.30am Holy Communion



Website
Hartfieldchurch.org



We would love to see you and your pets for a
**Pet Service of Thanksgiving
and Blessing**

taking place in the grounds of Holy Trinity
Church, Colemans Hatch
on
Sunday 1st September at 11am

To ensure that no pets are harmed, we politely
request that dogs are on leads and small pets are
safely in baskets.

If your pet can't come, you are welcome to bring a
photo or your cuddly pet toy with you instead.

Horses and sheep welcome too.

To find out more, please contact Donna Dewar:
01342 326424

*Refreshments afterwards for both pets and
humans.*

Invitation from St Mary the Virgin Church

Let's have a Picnic

We are arranging a picnic on the croft in Hartfield on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer holidays with games organised for the Children

From 23rd July - 27th August
5.30pm - 8pm

Please bring a picnic with you

We look forward to seeing you there!



Opportunity

Music in Country Churches, a charity which promotes concerts of beautiful music in our splendid country churches, will bring the award-winning choir Tenebrae to Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch on Saturday, 20th July.

As part of the mission of MICC is education, in the afternoon between 2pm and 3pm they intend to provide an interactive workshop for children aged between 7 and 11 years. The children will need to be accompanied by their parents for the hour and should arrive at Holy Trinity Church at 1.50pm. Parking is available on the day in the field next to the church –



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