

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 2 2024 Friday 15th November

Headlines from the Head

Pride in our wonderful children

Over the last few weeks, there have been so many wonderful examples of our super children representing the school so brilliantly. They have demonstrated the school values of 'Love, Strength and Faith, following the example of Jesus' in all they have done.

We saw **Love** from the children who attended the Remembrance Service on Sunday at St Mary the Virgin Church. They proudly carried the school banner and the poppy wreath, taking an active part in remembering and honouring those in the community who died during the war. They showed their love and gratitude in the

wonderful, respectful behaviour. Thank you.









We saw **Strength** from our Maple Class and our Year One children (from Cherry) who bravely visited the Village Lunch to sing, perform poems and talk about their learning. This initiative has been set up as part of our school wider focus on engaging in Social Justice Projects. The children 'wowed' the residents with their performance, brought smiles, and joy to the older generation. We look forward to this being a regular feature in our calendar. 'The children were really excited about sharing the songs and poems that they had prepared and practiced together over the last few weeks. Some children also chose to prepare something to say about what they had learned in the previous term. It was lovely to hear them tell the lunch guests about their topics of the 'The Great Fire of London' and 'Amazing Me.' Maple Class are hoping to continue to forge a stronger bond with other people in the community and we very much hope we will be invited to attend another lunch soon!' *Mrs Boldero*

We saw **Faith** from the lovely Lilac representatives who had to believe in themselves! Immy, Amelie, Ruby-Mae and

Dexter all took part in the North Wealden partnership Cross Country finals today at Beacon Academy. One parent in attendance shared that "There were nearly 50 different primary schools and over 350 pupils taking part in the finals today. All 4 pupils showed such an amazing effort today. Even though they were not 'placed' to represent Wealden in the final round, they all crossed the finish line with a smile on their faces. They should all be so proud themselves for getting into the finals, and representing St Mary school so well".

Well done to all our children – we are very proud of you and the impact you make on our community.

Mrs Robinson

Head of School



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Top Tips

Letters, emails and WhatsApp's home this fortnight.

Please check below and let the office know if you have missed any:

Whole School:

 Welcome back from Mrs Robinson, Class Assemblies, CommuniTEA event, Mrs Funnell and the school office

Cherry Class

- Information about the Nativity
- Spellings

Willow Class

Extra Forest School Session on 28th November

Lilac Class

- 2025 Residential updated letter re payment
- Year of Faith video

Maple Class

Information about the Nativity



Requests and Information

Forest School - when your child is next due to attend Forest School, please can you send them in with a empty clean ring-pull type baked bean tin can to make a mini bug hotel.



Parking - We have had a request from the Parish Council to remind parents to park considerately in Church Street.

Skinners School -The Skinners' School is consulting over proposed admissions arrangements for September 2026. For your information, the consultation documents can be viewed via this <u>link</u>. We would be grateful if you could share this information with your school community. We welcome any comments on these proposed changes. The consultation period will end at 4 PM on Friday 20th December 2024.

With many thanks and kind regards,
Julie Turner (Admissions Secretary 01892 578156)

BBC Children In Need - ParentPay link - We have been asked that parents use the following link to make their donation rather than pay on ParentPay in the normal way. Many thanks!

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/ Default.aspx?shopid=16822

Dates for your Diary

November

15th: Own clothes day for Children in Need 15th: Lilac residential deposit payment due 20th: Collective Worship 9:30am church

21st: Forest School - Cherry Class

21st: Open Afternoon 1:30pm—2:30pm 21st: Community Café 2:00pm—4:00pm 27th: Collective Worship - 9:30am - church

28th: Forest School - Willow Class

28th: PTFA Wreath Making 7:00pm School Hall

December

4th: Collective Worship 9:30am church

5th: Forest School - Lilac Class

5th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

6th: Santa themed Fun Run

7th: PTFA Christmas Fair 12noon - 3:30pm

8th: Christmas Praise - Church

11th: Collective Worship 9:30am church

12th: Forest School - Maple Class

17th: School Nativity

18th: Collective Worship - Church

19th: Community Café 2:00pm—4:00pm

20th: Christingle and End of Term Service—9.30am

January

6th: INSET Day 7th: Start of Term 3

Please note end of term - Friday 20th December





Change of Date

Please check your calendars to ensure you have the correct day written for last day of this academic year.

There was an initial error on the school website, now corrected.

The last day of Term 6 is Monday 21st July 2025.

Thank you

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.

Collective Worship

This week, in our Collective Worship, we visited the Churchyard war memorial.

"Some children wrote prayers and poems to remember the soldiers who died in the wars. We all placed crosses in the ground around the statue outside the church. Then we held a one minute silence to honour the soldiers and the sacrifice they made to make the world a better place" Amelia, Lilac Class.











Created by Liv Thurman to commemorate Remembrance Day



St Mary's Star Skills



"Skills for learning, skills for life"



Star Skills

Each week, one pupil from each class is recognised for their 'star skills' development. This year, to ensure we celebrate with clarity, certificates are given when a child has shown amazing growth in a particular area, which is then recognised in Celebration Assembly on Fridays.

Celebrations for this week:

Amelia - **Staying Positive** when writing her Remembrance Day poem; she thought hard about the vocabulary and rhymes to make it thoughtful. The end result is beautiful.

Cece - Leadership for helping others in Maths when using the column method for subtraction.

Jonty - **Aiming High**, working unbelievably hard in Maths this week. Jonty partitioned <u>huge</u> numbers. Showing a strong understanding of how numbers are made up.

Finn - **Problem Solving**, Finn worked with a team to make a den. He used pipe cleaners to solve a problem when the pegs didn't work.

Well done to you all!

School Values

Love: love and respect yourself and all others, treating them as you would like to be treated.

Luke 10: 25-37

Strength: recognise people's strength and use your own to be resilient and the best you can be in all that you do.

John 6: 1-14

Faith: have faith in yourself and others, and be honest and truthful. Believe that you never know what you can achieve until you try.

Luke 5: 1-11



Each week, one pupil from each class is recognised for their engagement within our school values which underpin our vision of 'being the best we can be, in a thriving community, following the example of Jesus'. Again, these are recognised in our Celebration Assembly on Fridays but we want also to celebrate them with. This term:

Lola, thank you for showing strength, for doing your best to learn all the new phonemes and using these to have a go at reading and writing. You are a SUPERSTAR!

Ellamy, for showing strength in your reading. Applying your Phonics skills to words you were unsure of.

Bertie, for strength continuing to work hard in Maths, even when it's super challenging (you never give up!)

Joshua, you've worked so hard this week - especially in Maths and English. You showed a fantastic resilience and determination to focus and show just how brilliant you can be. Keep up the hard work!









Headteacher Awards

When the children display extra-ordinary prowess through their time within school, they celebrate their success with our Headteacher, Mrs Robinson and they will discuss whether it should receive a Headteacher Award.

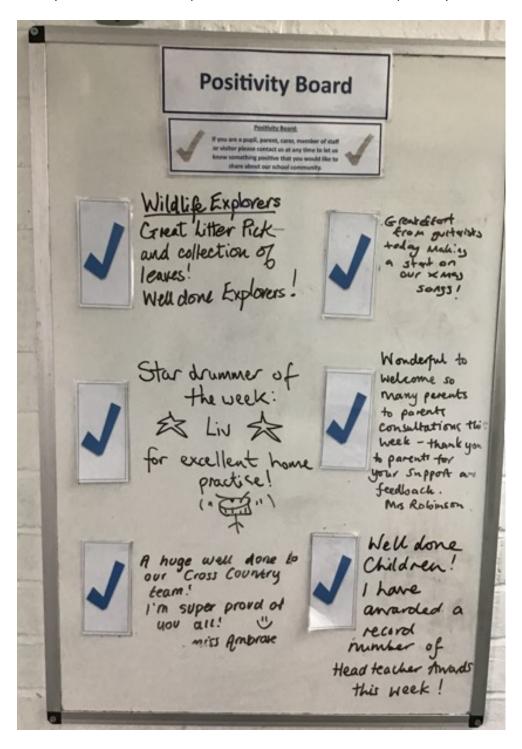


Winnie! You used your sounds and 'sound chart' to write such super sentences!

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 (or come into school) 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.



Maple Forest School

Thursday 14th November 2024

Maple class set off in the autumn sunshine for their first ever Forest School adventure to the woods. Stopping off along the way at the Wellie tree the class felt the bark "it's squishy". Then as a class they all held hands to see if they could make it all the way around the tree, they only just made it.

Making their way further the class squelched through mud, kicked through leaves and found long sticks that they then used as walking



sticks. They also learn that we shout 'Pedal Power!' when we see someone coming so that everyone know to move to the left and them pass.



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The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge the children have gained from the Forest School experience.

The impact can be seen through the skills gained, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games.

Once in the woods some children chose to go on a leaf hut looking for as many different shapes of leaves as they could find. They had an ID sheet that they could compare the leaf to so that they could work out what tree their leaves belonged to, they sound some Hazel, Holly, Oak and Silver Birch leaves. They also found a leaf that was longer than their faces; this one belonged to a Sweet Chestnut.

Others chose to go off and explore the site indecently. They took it in turns to swing their friends in the hammock; they also paddled their wellies in the small stream that runs through Forest School. A small group of children made some improvements to an existing den, working together to lift part of a long pallet and adding it to one side of the den. They then took it in turns to climb the den and slide down the pallet.







Maple class finished their session by listening to each other say what they had enjoyed most from Forest School today-

"I loved the hammock"

"I loved the walk"

"The slide"

"The woods are so peaceful"

Parents.... Any volunteers to help us 're-band' our books in the library?

(We are looking for any parents who are already signed up as a volunteer to come in and help!)

Please let Mrs Robinson know if you are available.

Thank you!

Maple Class also need volunteers for 1:1 reading... please ask at the office about how to get a DBS check!



Muses of Dionysus presents antomime 9.30am for all children! £2 per child (£3 to include Christmas treat) Thursday 19th December 2024 St Mary's the Virgin CEP School

After School Clubs for Term 2

St Mary's Yoga Club - Wednesday

Yoga has many health benefits for children, but did you know it is much more than a series of poses named after animals such as 'downward facing dog'?

As well as improving flexibility, yoga has been proven to enhance physical and mental health in school age children. Whilst yoga improves balance, strength, endurance and aerobic capacity, it can also offer psychological benefits too. Growing research has shown that regular yoga practice can improve focus, memory, self-esteem and even reduce anxiety and stress in children.

With this in mind, we are thrilled to announce that St Mary's Yoga Club started on **6th October** and will continue on Wednesday afternoons after school until Christmas!

The class is lead by Alex Whittaker (parent) who has been practicing yoga regularly for the past ten years and recently completed his 200hrs Yoga Teacher Training at Triyoga London with Adam Husler and Michael James Wong.

The classes are designed specifically for primary age groups and include breathing exercises, physical poses, storytelling from India, meditation and more!

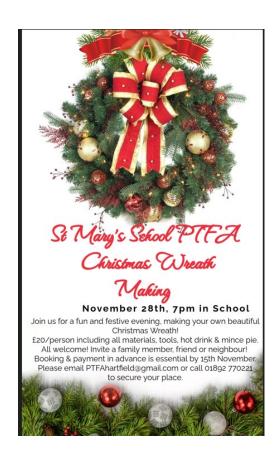
We are excited to let you know that Mr Whittaker has kindly offered to run the after school Yoga club at St Mary's on a Wednesday for children in Years 1-6.

There is no charge for this club, which can accommodate eight children and will run on a 'first come basis'. To book, please contact the school office by email, and we will come back to you to let you know whether you have a place—limited spaces still available.



PTFA







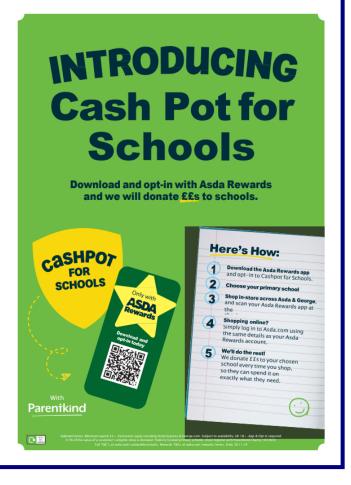
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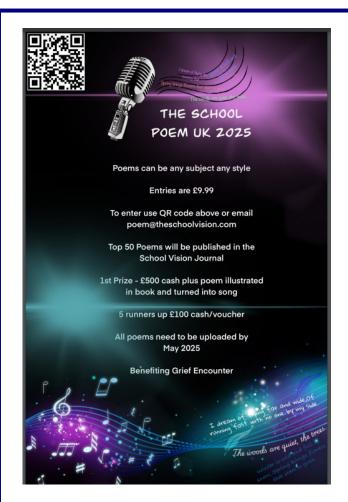


No cost opportunity to support your PTFA and therefore, your children! Sign up before your Christmas shop!

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This offer expires at the end of November so please, sign up now!









Lunch and Learn Webinars with

'Me & My Mind'

Do you have an anxious child who worries a lot?

If you do, these FREE bitesize webinars maybe for you.

Supporting a Child Who Worries (ages 7-11)

50-minute webinar, 1:00pm to 1:50pm

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Thursday 27th February 2025

Wednesday 11th June 2025

Moving up to Secondary School

50-minute webinar, 1:00pm to 1:50pm

Supporting a worrying child with transitions

Wednesday 21st May 2025

For more info and to book scan the QR code or visit:



www.tickettailor.com/events/mental healthandwellbeingineducation

If you have any questions please email mhst.info@eastsussex.gov.uk

These webinars are perfect to watch whilst eating your lunch, whether you are at work or home. You can keep your camera and microphone off.

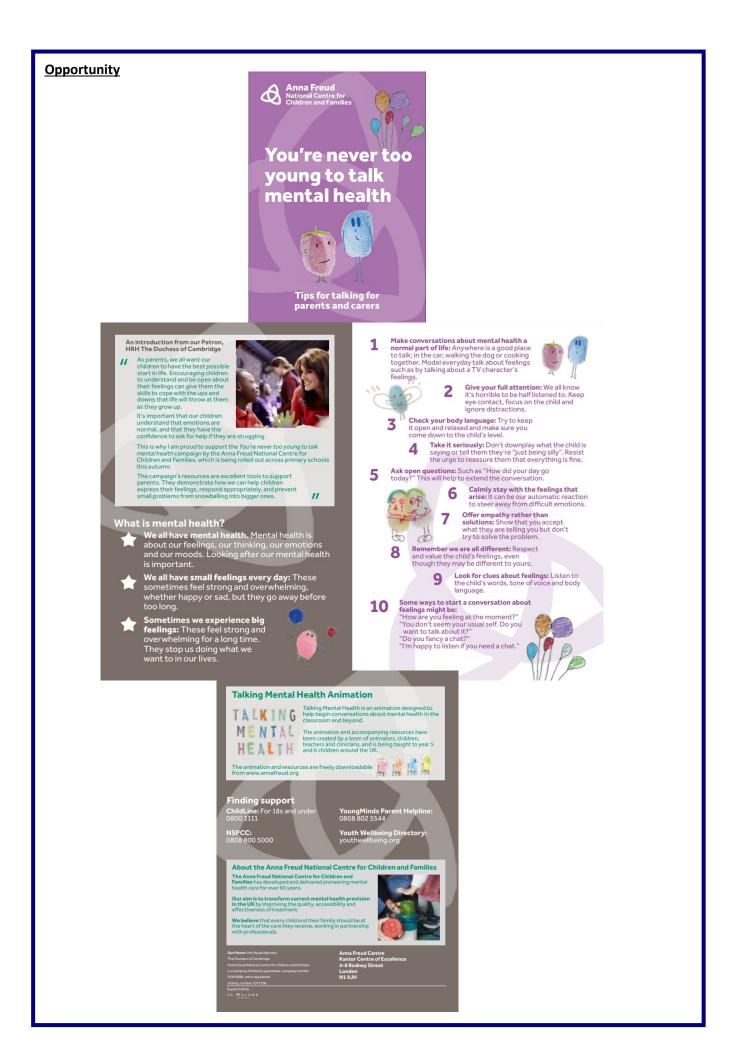
All webinars are run using Microsoft Teams. You can access this on your phone or computer. You will be provided with the link when you book.







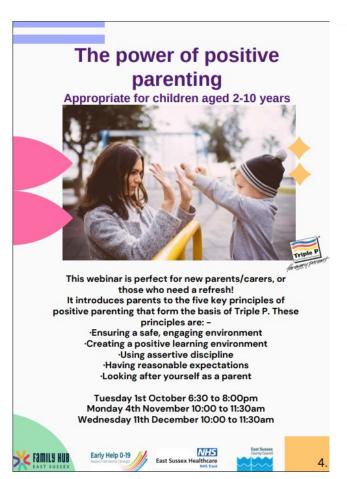




Opportunity

Contact the Early Help 0-19 Parenting Team on EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk if you would like to book.







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ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT

THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:





Opportunities at St Mary the Virgin Church

We are blessed to have such a close relationship with our church and are pleased to be able to share information about the many events they provide for the local community. They offer great opportunities and are always open to new people.



