



# St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 2 Week 4 2024

Friday 29th November

## Headlines from the Head

### Focus on Parent Feedback

This week I have been analysing and acting on the feedback shared by so many of you either through our paper 'Parent Questionnaire' or via the 'google form' link we sent out. Thank you so much to those who completed these for us.

It is always so beneficial for school staff to hear the 'parent perspective' to ensure we can continue to develop and grow the school to ensure we meet our vision statement of **'being the best we can be, in a thriving community'**, so that our children receive the best possible offer.

Below is the summary of the responses to the questions asked. It is wonderful to hear your glowing comments but we do take on board the areas we hear from you that we need to improve on.

Statement	Net agree
My child is happy at this school.	100%
My child feels safe at this school.	100%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	94%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	88%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	100%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	80%
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	73%
The school has high expectations for my child.	93%
My child does well at this school.	93%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	93%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	100%
My child can take part in clubs and extra-curricular activities at school.	100%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	100%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	93%

Parents shared that they see some of **our strengths as being:** *'community ties, very personal approach and care for the children, all staff knowing our children's names, the sense of being a family, brilliant teachers who are kind and caring, being fully supported no matter what, supporting the children's development in a holistic way as well as educationally'*.

It was wonderful to hear from one parent that shared that we **"value them [children] as people, not treating all children the same, but supporting each individual's needs"** and another said that **"the school feels like an extended family as it is warm and welcoming"**.

Parents shared that areas they would like to see improve were: *"talking to parents more and keeping them informed, managing challenging behaviour from children who misbehave and disrupt others, challenging children more in their areas of strength"*. These are useful perspectives that have and will inform our plans moving forward.

Our **communication pathways** will be strengthened by our move to a new email system through 'Arbor' which allows for a more efficient system of emailing parents in groups/classes and as a whole school. We have also created a new direct email address for parents to be able to inform us of any absences by using [attendance@hartfield.school](mailto:attendance@hartfield.school) Staff continue to be on the playground everyday to meet parents and answer any questions. Furthermore, we have set up our **CommuniTEA events**, for parents to come into school regularly to talk about any topics or issues relevant to school life. The next one is due to take place on 16th January at 2pm until 4pm and will focus on our federation wide behaviour policy and the schools approach to supporting children to follow the Golden Rules of being Ready, Respectful and Safe. We would welcome parents to come to this and be part of discussions about our approach and share parental voices.

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

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

### 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:**

- Hartfield Live Nativity 13th December @6pm
- Incident at lunch on 27.11.24

#### **Cherry Class**

- Headlice
- Home Learning
- Visit to Pooh Corner

#### **Lilac Class**

- Christmas performance



### Requests and Information

Raring2go! Tunbridge Wells Winter 2024/25 Magazine has arrived and can be viewed at the following link:

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK](#)



#### **Price and Buckland orders**

The company are doing their annual Stock Take, which will involve a temporary 8-day closure of the warehouse.

[Stock Take will take place from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.](#)

During this period, they will continue to accept orders, but these will not be processed or dispatched until after the stock take is complete. This process is not only a legal requirement for them but, by maintaining accurate stock figures, it also ensures they can provide accurate information to schools and parents/carers.

### Dates for your Diary

#### **December**

- 4th: Collective Worship 9:30am church
- 5th: Cherry Class visit to Pooh Corner
- 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, 9.30am
- 11th: Christmas Jumper Day, Lunch, PTFA Elfridges
- 11th PTFA Movie night
- 12th: Forest School - Maple Class
- 13th Cherry Class Assembly 9am
- 17th: School Nativity 9.30am or 2pm
- 18th: Collective Worship - Church - Christingle
- 19th: Pantomime to children in school
- 19th: Community Café 2:00pm—4:00pm
- 20th: Christmas End of Term Service—9.30am

#### **January**

- 6th: INSET Day
- 7th: Start of Term 3
- 8th: Collective Worship 9.30am church
- 9th: Open Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
- 16th: CommuniTEA event 2pm-4pm
- 17th: Maple Class Assembly 9am
- 22nd: Collective Worship 9:30am church
- 23rd: Forest School - Cherry Class
- 29th: Collective Worship 9.30am church
- 30th: Forest School - Willow Class
- 31st: Lilac Class Assembly 9am

#### **February**

- 5th: Collective Worship 9:30am church
- 6th: Forest School - Lilac Class
- 6th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

#### **March**

- 6th: World Book Day



Please note  
end of term -  
Friday 20th



### Nativity information

There are two identical performances of the Nativity this year, at 9.30am and 2pm on Tuesday 17th December.

This is not a ticketed event, but space will be limited, so we do ask that you only attend one of the events please.

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# St Mary's Star Skills



"Skills for learning, skills for life"



SkillsBuilder PARTNERSHIP

## 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:

Abbie - You always **Listen** so attentively and this means you learn so quickly and can apply your new skills. Keep it up!

Khaleesi - For **Aiming High** and creating a lovely story board in English about how the camel got his hump. You concentrated on your handwriting as well as creating beautiful drawings to go alongside these.

Rosie - for **Staying Positive** when you found some areas more challenging, however, you overcame these and took part in tasks that you had been asked to complete.

Lander - for **Teamwork** - you showed other children in the class how to make a junk modelling rocket and helped them if they needed help.

**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:

Henry—Strength—for trying lots of new activities with a 'can do' attitude. Henry is getting better at not giving up. Well Done!

Tuppence—Faith—using and applying her knowledge that she has learnt to believe that she can complete challenges. Tuppence has shown faith in her abilities! Well done Tuppence.

Charlie—Faith—for writing a lovely prayer for the Remembrance Service, and being able to read it out so clearly to the rest of the school. When writing his prayer, Charlie was able to show great compassion and empathy towards the soldiers.

Teagan—Faith—you have shown great faith over the last week in Maths and made such brilliant progress. You keep trying even when it's been super tricky. You show just what having faith in yourself means!



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## 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.

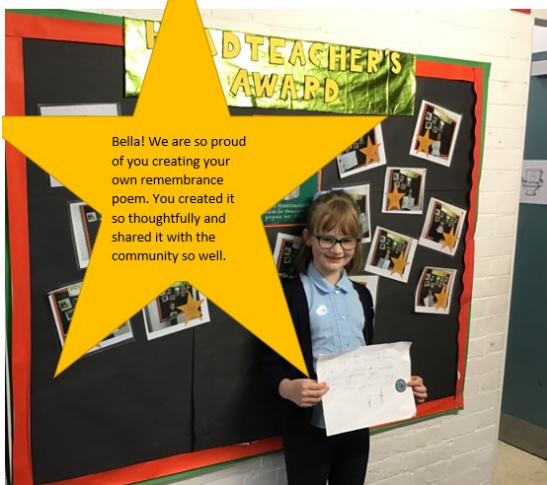
This week, we have six children who have received this:



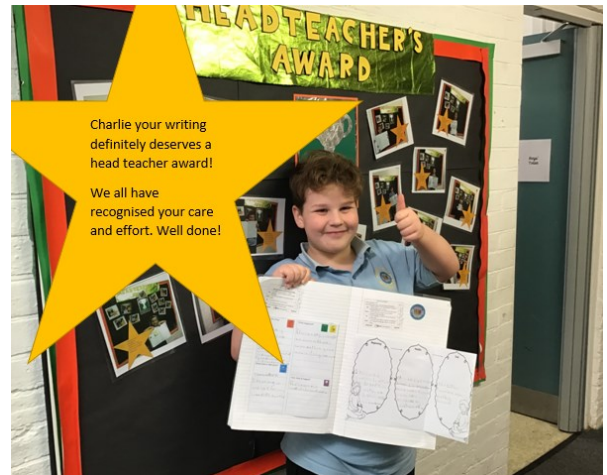
Lola! You have been practicing all your sounds and blending them together. I loved hearing you read this book!



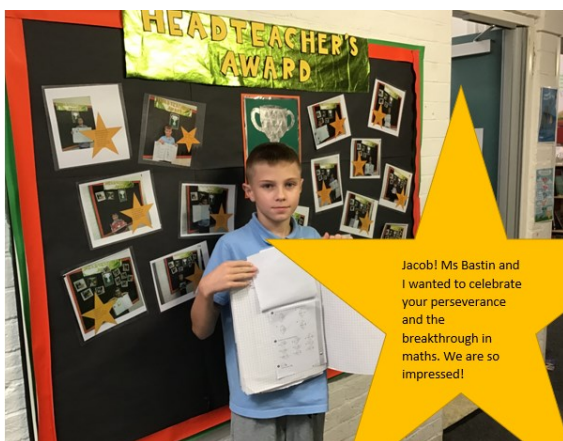
Florence, well done on your head teacher award for you own 'Just So' story plan. Your teachers and I are so proud of your careful work!



Bella! We are so proud of you creating your own remembrance poem. You created it so thoughtfully and shared it with the community so well.



Charlie your writing definitely deserves a head teacher award!  
We all have recognised your care and effort. Well done!



Jacob! Ms Bastin and I wanted to celebrate your perseverance and the breakthrough in maths. We are so impressed!

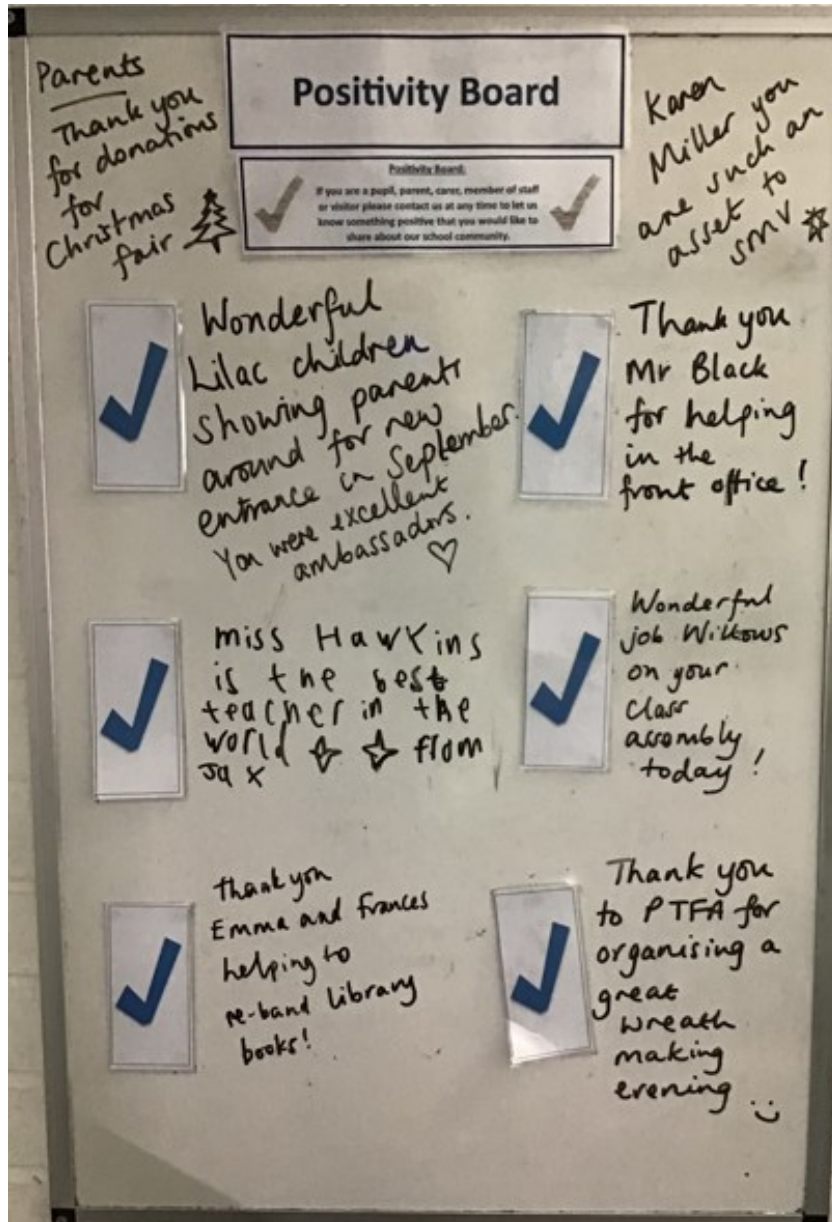


Liv! You deserve a HT award for making a 3D pop up Poppy artwork in your own time as part of remembrance in school. We are so proud of you!

**Huge congratulations to  
Well done!**

## 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.



## Cherry Forest School

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024**

Cherry class set off to Forest School on a chilly afternoon on the hunt for as many different fallen leaves as they could find. Using ID sheets of different leaf shapes the children were able to work out what the leaves they had found were and what trees they belonged to "I found a Hazel leaf".



Once in the woods some of the children chose to use the tins they had brought in to make a mini bug hotel. They did this by gathering small sticks, leaves and some moss. They then placed their gathered materials into their tins making sure to pack it well so that it doesn't fall out. As a group we talked about how important it is to create somewhere dry and out of the cold for bugs to hide "I'm making mine for a woodlouse" was said by one child as they placed sticks into their tin.

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.

With a little more water running down the stream the class were very keen to get in and start constructing. They moved larger lumps of wood to create dams along the stream. With the dams stopping some of the water from flowing away as easily it created some puddle of water that were perfect for jumping in.



To finish off Forest School Cherry class had brought with them the houses that they had made last term when they learn about the fire of London. The class chose to place their houses in rows with small gaps between the rows the same way that houses would have been when the Great Fire of London happened. The house at one end was then set alight, the class watched as the fire spread very quickly from one house to the next. As they watched they sang the London's burning song.



## Combined Forest School Years 3+4

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Today all the year 3 and 4 children from 3 different schools met for a Forest School adventure in the woods. They set off making their way across grass fields covered in frost and then along the forest way where the children spotted some spider webs sparkling in the sunshine as they were also coated with a layer of frost.



Once we were in the woods, we started with a tour of Forest School area to learn the boundaries and look at some of the activities waiting for the children to try, we also went over some safety rules for Forest School. The children were

then divided into groups ready to set off to explore by themselves, all groups of children would then rotate round giving them all the opportunity to fire light and have s'mores, construct in the stream or have free time to explore for themselves.



At the fire circle the children had the opportunity to help light the fire using a flint and steel. They did this by scraping the flint and steel together to create a spark to light a piece of cotton wool, which would then be added to the fire in the centre of our fire circle. Quite a lot of the group found it a little tricky; however, they did not give up trying until they had managed to achieve that spark and light their cotton wool. It was great to see them encouraging each other to keep striking, and those that had already done it were giving advice to the children that were finding it a little trickier. The children watching would then cheer and clap when the person struggling finally lit the cotton wool!

With the fire now roaring away the children were able to come in a roast a marshmallow. Once it was looking nice and gooey and maybe a little charred around the edges the marshmallow was placed between two chocolate biscuits ready to be enjoyed.

There was a large lump of clay that the children could use to have a go at making some leaf prints by rolling over a leaf onto of some clay, then peeling it away to leave the impression of the leaf behind. However, the use of the clay went a very different way with the children creating some amazing things. We had mugs, a bowl with its own lid, a sheep and so much more. One child decided to recreate the stone picture she had on the group label: this was of many flat stone stacked on top of each other. She made many different sized balls of clay then flattened them before stacking them on top of each other in size order biggest to smallest.

With all the rain we have had there was a good flow of water making its way down the ditch that runs through Forest School. The children enjoyed sliding down the muddy banks into the water that they then waded through, mixing up the mud the bottom of the ditch and turning the flowing water to a muddy brown colour.





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!

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



### Staffroom Puzzle Success!!



This recently donated puzzle with a picture of an elephant from Sheldrike Trust, (from where we have adopted Toto) has finally been completed by staff.

This was a great team effort and brought much joy (and some frustration at times!) to the staffroom at lunchtimes, so thank you Mr Black. We look forward to starting the next challenge.

**Christmas Lunch**  
KS1 - Free  
KS2 - £2.97

**MAINS**  
Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets  
or  
Squash, Spinach and Cream Cheese Filo Bake (v)

**SIDES**  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots & Broccoli  
Stuffing and Gravy

**DESSERTS**  
Chocolate Pinwheel and Vanilla Ice-Cream  
or  
Fresh Fruit

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN SCHOOL**

**PTFA EVENTS 2024**

**25 Oct** **End of Term Mufti Day & Treat Bags**  
Celebrate the end of term with Mufti day and a treat bag! Details will be sent via class WhatsApp chats soon!

**15 Nov** **Bottle Tombola Donations**  
Thank you in advance for donating your favourite tittle for the Christmas Fair Tombola! Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic options gratefully received!

**20 Nov** **Willow Class Bake Sale**  
Thank you in advance to Willow class parents for supplying homemade or shop-bought baked goods (nut free please). Join us at 3.15pm on the playground - Please remember your pennies!

**28 Nov** **Christmas Wreath Making**  
Following last year's successful event - we are delighted to host another wreath making evening at 7pm in School - £20/person. Adults only.

**29 Nov** **Chocolate Tombola Donations**  
We kindly ask that you donate a box, bag or bar of your favourite chocolate for our Christmas Fair - all donations are gratefully received!

**07 Dec** **The Christmas Fair!**  
Our fundraising showstopper! Come along to school from 12pm-3pm and enjoy the children's class stalls, craft room, games room, cafe and of course... Santa's Grotto!



**PTFA Christmas Raffle 2024!**

The PTFA are delighted to offer the following fantastic prizes:

**Grand Prizes:**

- ❖ Festive Afternoon Tea for 2 at The Shard!
- ❖ Brunch Experience for 2 at The Shard!
- ❖ £100 Cash Prize!

**Selection of other Prizes:**

- ❖ Meal For 2 at the Gallipot
- ❖ Drusillas Park Tickets
- ❖ Godstone Farm Family Pass
- ❖ 2 Chequer Mead Panto Tickets
- ❖ Kings Centre Swimming, Kings18 Crazy Golf, Uckfield Picture House, Volume 1 Climbing and Urban Jump vouchers
- ❖ Bottle of Champagne from Buckhurst Estate, Plants from Orchards Nursery & Brian Gow Roofing and Christmas Wreath from The Cove
- ❖ Ashdown Manna Cookery School, Evolution Dance, Red Butler Music & Active Education vouchers, Alison Berry art class
- ❖ Plus much, much more!

Please help by selling as many raffle tickets as possible to raise important funds for our School.

The raffle will be drawn during assembly on December 13th. Please return raffle tickets to the school office with cash or pay online ([Natwest](#)) - Thank you so much for your support!

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

**12 to 3PM**

**HARTFIELD SCHOOL**

**DON'T MISS A SPECIAL VISIT FROM Father Christmas**

**FREE ENTRY**

TO BOOK A TIME SLOT PLEASE EMAIL [PTFA@STMARYHARTFIELD.SUSSEX.SCH.UK](mailto:PTFA@STMARYHARTFIELD.SUSSEX.SCH.UK)

- CHRISTMAS GAMES AND CRAFTS
- LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS
- SECOND HAND TOY SALE
- CAFÉ WITH FOOD SERVED BY PROFESSIONAL CHEF
- RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE WITH SOME GREAT PRIZES

**ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT OUR FABULOUS VILLAGE SCHOOL**

**N.B Pinocchio is a PTFA organised event - please pay PTFA using their NEW bank account:**  
**Sort Code 517012, Account no. 86533436, Account name 'St Marys School Hartfield PTFA'**

**PINOCCHIO**

*The Pantomime*

**Thursday 19th December 2024**

**St Mary's the Virgin CEP School**

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## PTFA



### Support your child's future

Sign up to online cashback site, easyfundraising, and select your child's school as your chosen good cause.

Then, when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers, the retailer will give the school a free donation as a thank you for shopping with them.

It's as simple as that. No matter what you buy, from food shops to holidays and everything in between - it's a free and easy way to support your school.



### How to get started

Head to [easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause) and search for your child's school, or scan the QR code.

Registration is free and will take you less than two minutes to sign up!



17,000 schools and PTAs have raised over £12.5 million using easyfundraising.

Sign up and support your child's future today.



No cost opportunity to support your PTFA and therefore, your children!

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

No cost opportunity to support your PTFA and therefore, your children!

Sign up before your Christmas shop!

# INTRODUCING Cash Pot for Schools

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.





With **Parentkind**

### Here's How:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the till.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected items. Maximum spend £20. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required. 2.5% of the value of a customer's Asda shop is donated. Asda's funded primary schools must register with Parentkind. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30.11.24

**THE SCHOOL POEM UK 2025**

Poems can be any subject any style

Entries are £9.99

To enter use QR code above or email [poem@theschoolvision.com](mailto:poem@theschoolvision.com)

Top 50 Poems will be published in the School Vision Journal

1st Prize - £500 cash plus poem illustrated in book and turned into song

5 runners up £100 cash/voucher

All poems need to be uploaded by May 2025

Benefiting Grief Encounter

*I dream of running fast and wide, of running fast with no one by my side.*

*The woods are quiet, the trees...*

## Parent & Carer 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 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

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



[www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation)

If you have any questions please email [mhst.info@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto: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.




**BOOK NOW** [ACTIVEEDUCATIONSUSSEX.CO.UK](http://ACTIVEEDUCATIONSUSSEX.CO.UK)

# FUN FOOTBALL CAMP

Hailsham Primary Academy  
BN27 4FB

23rd December 2024  
2nd & 3rd January 2025

Breakfast Club 07:45-08:45 £6.00

Main Day 08:45-15:15 £25.00

After Camp Club 15:15-16:15 £6.00

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR FUN FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP, WITH PLENTY OF FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING: FOOTBALL, TENNIS, FOOT GOLF, FOOTBALL ROUNDEES, SHOOTING DRILLS, TOURNAMENTS, SKILL ACTIVITIES, GOALLKEEPING DRILLS, MATCHES, INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGES AND MANY MORE!

**SCAN ME TO BOOK NOW!**





# CHRISTMAS MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP

**VENUE**  
Hailsham Primary Academy BN27 4FB

**DATES**  
23rd December 2024, 2nd & 3rd January 2025

**ACTIVITIES, TIMES AND PRICES**

BREAKFAST CLUB - 07:45-08:45 - £6.00

MAIN DAY - 08:45-15:15 - £25.00

AFTER CAMP CLUB - 15:15-16:15 - £6.00

Come and join us for our Multi Activity Holiday Camp, with plenty of activities including: A Wide Selection of Sports, Fencing, Gymnastics, Dance, Painting, Festive Art and Craft Activities, Movies and many more!

All Children Welcome From Any School!

**SCAN ME TO BOOK NOW!**

[ACTIVEEDUCATIONSUSSEX.CO.UK](http://ACTIVEEDUCATIONSUSSEX.CO.UK)



**Opportunity**

**UK Rhino Challenge at Pippingford on the Ashdown Forest on 4th May 2025.**

This cycle orienteering challenge will raise money for Rhino Ark's important conservation projects in Kenya. [See our work here](#) Families can enter individually or if two or more teams from St Mary's sign up collectively then your school could win the special Youth Group prize. More details on [www.ukrhinochallenge.co.uk](http://www.ukrhinochallenge.co.uk) or book at early bird prices [here](#)



**CHEQUER MEAD THEATRE** RORY DULKU

# Beauty and the Beast

THIS FAIRY TALE EXTRAVAGANZA PROMISES TO BE FULL OF SLAPSTICK COMEDY, FANTASTIC SONG AND DANCE, LAVISH SETS, BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES, MAGIC AND MAYHEM!

Be our guest this Christmas and join us for a tale as old as time! Starring East Grinstead's favourite silly guy Callum Donnelly and his 'mum', our number one dame Kevin Gauntlett with the rest of our fabulous cast.

With generous discounts for groups as well as concessions, book your tickets today!

**PAUL DOWNING**

PERFORMANCES	
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>	Mon 23rd at 1pm & 5pm Tues 24th at 10am, 2pm & 6pm Fri 27th at 1pm & 5pm Sat 28th at 10am, 2pm & 6pm Sun 29th at 1pm & 5pm Mon 30th at 1pm & 5pm Tues 31st at 10am & 5pm
Sat 7th at 1pm & 5pm Sun 8th at 10am, 2pm & 6pm Fri 13th at 5pm Sat 14th at 10am, 2pm & 6pm Sun 15th at 1pm & 5pm Thu 19th at 1pm & 5pm Fri 20th at 1pm & 5pm Sat 21st at 10am *QS, 2pm & 6pm Sun 22nd at 1pm & 5pm	<b>JANUARY 2025</b> Wed 1st at 1pm & 5pm Fri 3rd at 1pm & 5pm Sat 4th 1pm & 5pm

\*QS - The Quiet Show, suitable for those who are more comfortable with a relaxed performance

**A BRAND NEW ENCHANTING PANTOMIME!**

KATE GAUNTLETT KEVIN GAUNTLETT JENNIFER PETERS CALLUM DONNELLY JESSICA FODDEN

# Beauty and the Beast

**CHEQUER MEAD THEATRE** 7TH DEC 2024 - 4TH JAN 2025  
[WWW.CHEQUERMEAD.CO.UK](http://WWW.CHEQUERMEAD.CO.UK)  
 01342 302000

DIRECTOR & PRODUCER: KEVIN GAUNTLETT  
 WRITERS: KEVIN GAUNTLETT & CALLUM DONNELLY PHYSICAL DIRECTOR: DAVE WARREN CHOREOGRAPHER: LUCIE HUNT  
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**HAF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
 23RD DEC 2024 - 3RD JAN 2025

**ST. JOHNS PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 CUNNINGHAM ROAD, TN4 9EW

The HAF program is free for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Enjoy over 50 activities like bouncy castles, games, Nerf wars, arch

**Kent County Council**

Don't miss out! Book your space only 15 spots available per day.

**Southeast Kids Camps** [SOUTHEASTKIDSCAMPS.CO.UK](http://SOUTHEASTKIDSCAMPS.CO.UK)  
 0333 444 5100

**Ofsted** Registered

## Opportunity

**STUDY SMART**  
Free Online Courses

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**Fully Funded School Support Course**

**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**  
**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

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Available in the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

\*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

## Fussy Eating

### Free online workshop



Fed up with stressful mealtimes? We're here to help...

As parents we want our children to eat well – and to enjoy mealtimes together

Come along and get support and new ideas for:

- How to encourage your child to try new foods - and begin to enjoy them!
- Child-friendly foods that provide what they need to grow and be healthy
- Happier family mealtimes

Event details:

Delivered by the East Sussex School Health Service. To join Call: 0300 123 4062 Complete: Online referral form: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/school-health-service-east-sussex-referral-form/>



### Lunch and Learn Online Workshops and In-person Family Hub Workshops with 'Me & My Mind'

Do you want to learn about children's mental health and how you can support your child with their wellbeing? If you do, these FREE webinars or our in-person small group workshops may be for you!

#### Lunch and Learn Webinars

How to support your child with worry and anxiety

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 1pm, to 2pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 1pm to 2pm

How to support a worrying child with transition to secondary

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, 1pm to 2pm

#### Small group in-person sessions

Supporting primary school children with anxiety and worry

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Uckfield Family Hub

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 12pm @ Hailsham Family Hub

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 12pm @ Devonshire Family Hub

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 12pm to 2pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Peacehaven Family Hub

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Lewes Family Hub

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available, and we will be providing activities to make some items to take home with you to do with your child/ren

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



[www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation)

If you have any questions, please email [mnst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mnst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Opportunity**

Contact the Early Help 0-19 Parenting Team on [EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk) if you would like to book.



**Fear- Less 10+**  
**For parents/carers with children experiencing moderate to severe anxiety**  
**Appropriate for pre teens/teens 10-19 years**

Fear-Less Triple P is designed for parents/ carers of children with high levels of anxiety that cause significant distress or negatively impact on their everyday lives.

Fear-Less Triple P has four main goals:

- To help parents/carers set a good example of coping with anxiety
- To assist parents/carers to coach all their children to become emotionally resilient
- To help parents/carers develop a toolbox of strategies for supporting children to manage their anxiety more effectively
- To help parents/carers choose effective ways to respond to their children's anxiety

Thursday 21st November to Thursday 23rd January  
 10:00-12:00pm  
 (8 sessions over 10 weeks)



**ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR**

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 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:




**WINTER TIMETABLE**

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
 If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards  
**Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**  
 go to the PARENT page

<b>FREE - Decreasing Depression</b> <b>FREE - Anxiety Explained</b>	<b>25 NOV</b> <b>20 JAN</b>
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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Winter 2024/2025  
**Newsletter**

FREE until JAN 25		<b>Understanding the Teenage Brain</b> Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.
Thursday 5th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
Tuesday 17th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>Facing Defiance</b> Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course
Tuesday 7th Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance</b> Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.
Thursday 9 Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>AUTISM: Improving Communication</b> Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

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## 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.



**LITTLE STARS**  
Parent & toddler group  
Mondays @ St Mary's Church, Hartfield

Upcoming dates

9th September	
16th September	11th November
23rd September	18th November
30th September	25th November
7th October	2nd December
14th October	9th December
21st October	16th December
4th November	

9.15 to 10.45am Tea and Coffee Provided



**Church Street Community Cafe**  
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm - 4pm.

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.  
Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

upcoming dates

Thursday 5th September  
Thursday 19th September  
Thursday 3rd October  
Thursday 17th October  
Thursday 7th November  
Thursday 21st November  
Thursday 5th December

For more information contact Joanne Griffin on  
07941 856715 or msjoanegriffin@gmail.com



Opportunities at St Mary the  
Virgin Church



Sunday 1st December  
9.30am

A Service of Peace and  
Prayer with  
Holy Communion  
At St Mary's Hartfield

*come and join us for a  
quiet reflective service  
for all ages*



All age service

*December 8th 2024  
at  
St Mary's Church  
9.30am*



**CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY**

**CHRISTMAS CAFE**  
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, HARTFIELD



THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER  
2PM - 4PM

**COME AND ENJOY DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKE, TEA AND COFFEE**



**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

for more information contact Joanne Griffin on 07941 856715  
or email [msjoanegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:msjoanegriffin@gmail.com)

**Hartfield Live Nativity**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Starts 6pm The Bear car park



**Come along to Hartfield's very special and popular Live Nativity!**

- Join the crowd following Mary and Joseph through the village knocking on doors trying to find room at the inn.
- Angels, shepherds, wise men, camels, a REAL donkey and carols.
- Procession ends in the church in a beautiful and heart warming nativity scene with baby Jesus.
- Refreshments in the church.

**If your child would like to join in as an angel or shepherd**  
contact Sall Sugg - Email: [sallyangela@icloud.com](mailto:sallyangela@icloud.com)

**Everyone welcome – a lovely way to start Christmas!**

  
St Mary's Church, Hartfield

 **HARTS** .....Life is for Living  
Hartfield Arts and Theatre Society

**Crib Service**  
At St Mary's Hartfield  
24th December at 4pm

