



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 3 Week 1 2024

Friday 10th January 2025

Headlines from the Headteacher

Welcome Back to School at the beginning of the Spring Term, 2025!

I hope all families and the community had a restful, healthy and happy Christmas break.

I thought I would use this opportunity to share a range of updates from school life.

We have worked hard as a team of staff and volunteers over the Autumn Term to **reorganise and re-band our school library**. Thank you to all those who have helped! There is now a clear system for children to ensure they are able to choose appropriate books for their phonetical awareness level. The staff have worked hard to ensure books are categorised according to the phonics scheme 'Little Wandle' that we follow here and then progress on through a coloured banding system that supports the children to incrementally move through from these phonic stages to books that develop their fluency and comprehension skills as independent readers.



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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:

CommuniTEA event
PINS Webinar

Cherry Class

Year 1 and 2 Spelling and Phonics
Sheets for Term 3
Cherry class newsletter for Term 3

Lilac Class:

Lilac class homework

Willow Class:

Willow class newsletter for term 3



Dates for your Diary

January

11th: Open Morning 10-12am
16th: Forest School—Maple Class
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

4th: Free To Be Me Day
5th: Collective Worship 9:30am church
6th: Forest School - Lilac Class
6th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
11th: Forest School extra session for Cherry with GST & Nutley schools
13th: Forest School—Maple Class
14th: Willow Class Assembly 9am
17th to 21st - Half Term
20th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

March

6th: World Book Day
6th: Forest School—Maple Class
6th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
7th: World Book Day Showcase 9.15am for all parents
13th: Forest School—Cherry Class
14th: Cherry Class Assembly 9am (**changed from 7th**)
20th: Forest School—Willow
20th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm
21st: Maple Class Assembly 9am
27th: Forest School - Lilac Class
28th: Community Health team in school (Y6 & YR)



More from the Headteacher!

As you can see from the front of the school, there has been a significant amount of **building work** over the holiday. This is part of the planned programme of work in response to the flooding and leaks in October this year. In school, a team of brilliant builders (Parkerbuild C&C) have been repairing our Larch classroom – it has a brand new floor, newly plastered and painted walls and is now ready for us to reuse it as the wonderful flexible use space that has been so missed. Outside school, a great team of workers have been ‘diverting’ our drainage systems to ensure rain water no longer flows under the school leading to overflowing ‘wells’ and instead bypasses the building around the outside. We carefully planned this work, in coordination with the Diocese (who have funded all this work), to avoid major disruption to the school building including possibly affecting the original wood floors in the hall! Phew!

Finally, we are busy planning our **‘Free to be me’ day** on 4th February. This is a workshop for all children in the school to take part in, where we will explore each child’s unique qualities and the importance of them feeling that they belong and their differences will be celebrated and valued by the rest of the school. This day is planned for as part of Children’s Mental Health week 2025 which this year focuses on **‘Know Yourself, Grow Yourself’**.

Throughout the day, children will come to work with their houses, on activities led by Mrs Thurman and myself. More information is coming home soon that will ask you to help your child in advance of this day to consider and explore what makes them unique, ready to share and be celebrated by their school community!

Thursday 16th January—CommuniTEA! 2-3pm

Are you interested in how we manage behaviour in school?

Do you want to learn more about managing behaviour at home, and discuss Thrive and Emotional Regulation strategies for your child?

Come and join us for tea/coffee—everyone is welcome!

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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:

Willow— staying positive— She is often seen smiling and helping others around her if they seem upset.

Florence—staying positive—Florence has put her best effort into her learning this week. Florence worked really hard in her Maths using addition and subtraction.

Bertie—staying positive— For having a great start to Term 3. Bertie has been so positive coming back to school, and he has been aiming high in all of his work and completing extensions. Keep it up Bertie! :)

Rory— problem solving— Your Maths this week has been **AWESOME!** You've used what you already knew to learn a new method and used it to solve problems! WELL DONE! :)

School Values

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

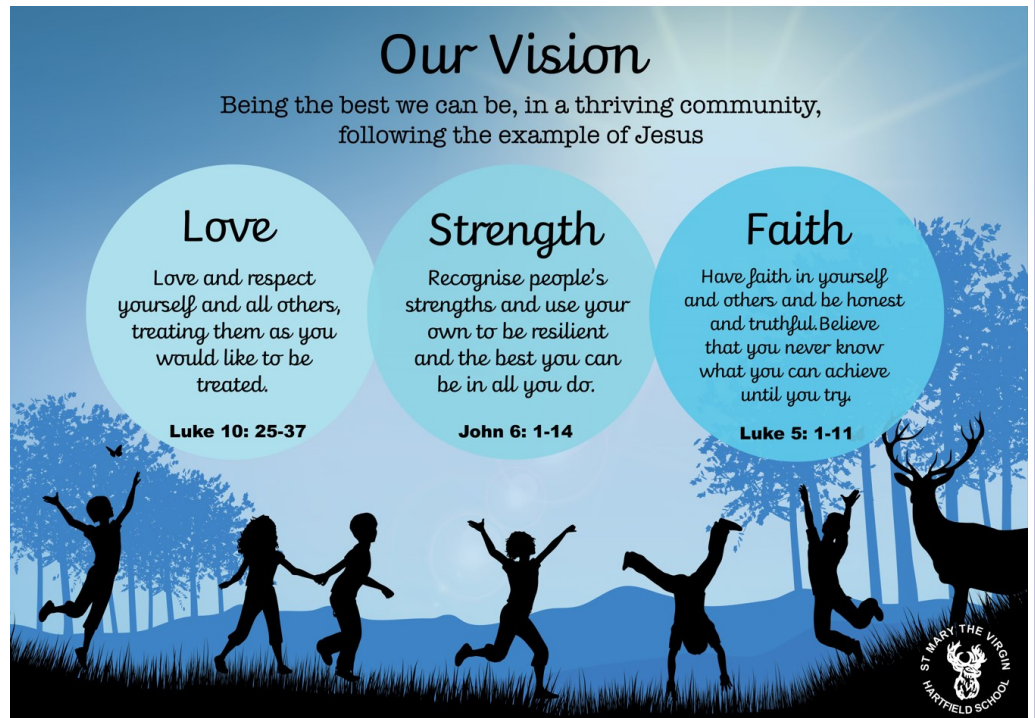
Luke 10: 25-37

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:

Charlie—Strength—Charlie does his best when learning something new and is getting very good at not giving up if he is finding something tricky. Well done Charlie!

Charlie G—Love— For showing kindness in his play with others. Charlie has worked really well with his peers this week. Cherry class love having you as part of our class.

Scarlet—Love— For showing love when helping others in the classroom when they had lost something. She showed great perseverance when looking for the lost things as well as great team work. You are a great asset to our class Scarlet!

Jacob—Faith— You showed such FAITH in yourself this week. The multiplication method was brand new and I know you found it super tricky to start with. BUT you were so resilient and because of your perseverance you SMASHED it! Keep it up—you're amazing! :)



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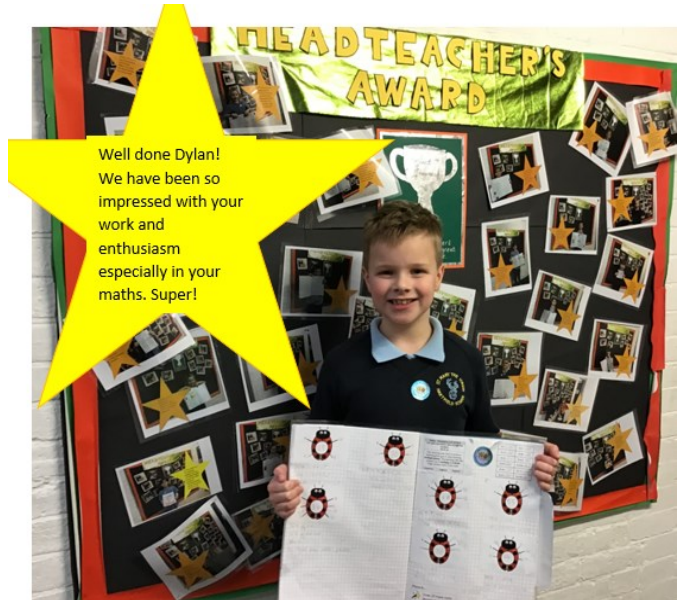
Headteacher Awards

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 four children who have received this since the last newsletter:



Well done Reece!
We have been so impressed with your work and enthusiasm especially in your maths. Super!



Well done Dylan!
We have been so impressed with your work and enthusiasm especially in your maths. Super!



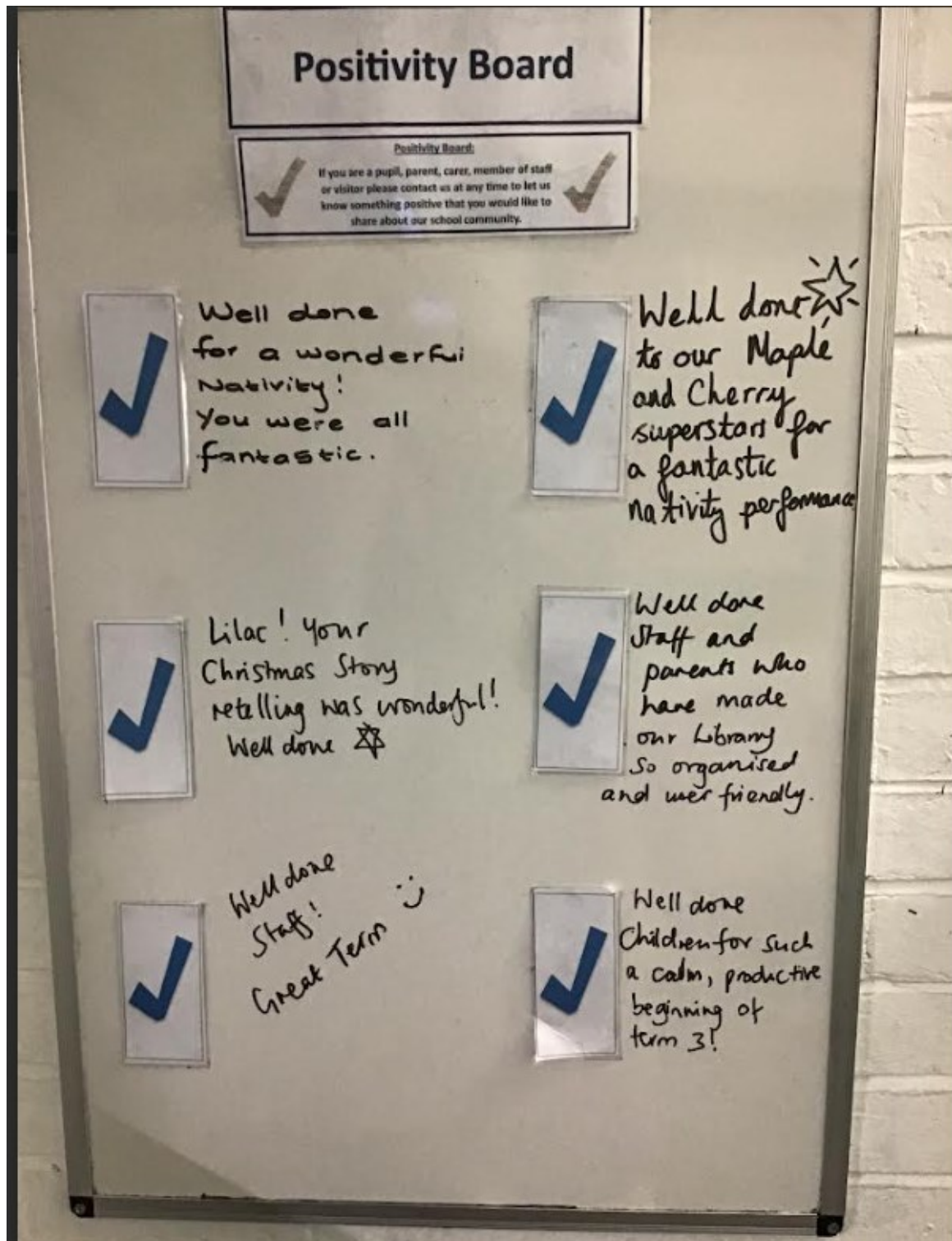
Khalessi! You deserve huge celebration – you have worked so hard in maths and have made great progress! Your numbers all face the right way.!



Charlie – we have been so impressed with your hard work since coming back after Christmas! We love seeing you making progress and learning so much!

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.



What to wear to Forest School in Winter

Winter is our coldest and sometimes wettest time of the year. Because of this I would recommend wearing a comfortable thermal layer, followed by trousers and a long sleeved t-shirt with a jumper on top. Over this I would recommend wearing a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers. A thick pair of socks and waterproof boots or wellies should be worn, also a hat and gloves to help keep you warm.



Trousers, long
sleeved t-shirt &
jumper

Thick Socks



Waterproof Boots
or Wellies



Warm
waterproof
Coat



Winter

Thermal Layer



Waterproof
Trousers



Hat & Gloves

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



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 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.

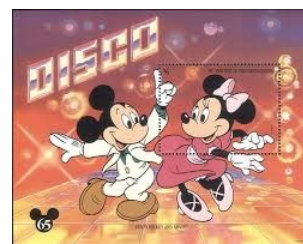


Coming Soon! - PTFA Disco Night

Save the date: Thursday 13th February 2025

Time: 3.30-4.30pm

The PTFA will send out an order form with more information on the Class WhatsApp chats soon.





UPCOMING CLUBS

TERM 3

St Mary the Virgin Primary School
[Book Now: activeeducationsussex.co.uk/book-a-course/](http://activeeducationsussex.co.uk/book-a-course/)

GYMNASTICS CLUB **MONDAY**

Day: Mondays
Year Groups: Reception - Year 6
Time: 15:15-16:15
Dates: 13 January - 10 February 2025 (5 Sessions)
Cost: £30.00 (£6.00 per session, £30.00 for the term)



MARTIAL ARTS FITNESS CLUB **FRIDAY**

Day: Fridays
Year Groups: Reception - Year 6
Time: 15:15-16:15
Dates: 10 January - 14 February 2025 (6 Sessions)
Cost: £36.00 (£6.00 per session, £36.00 for the term)



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 or book at early bird prices [here](#)





LEGO CLUB

BRIDGES
 Kids aged 8-11
BRIDGES, Edenbridge
 High Street, TN8 5AJ
 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, 18/3, 25/3, 1/4
 Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
 in term time
 For more information & to book a place
 contact:
 07900 890 159 mary@bridgescentre.org



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 21st May 2025

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



www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation

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.




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Opportunity

NEW! Harmony at home

For parents/carers that are still together, but are experiencing regular disagreements and conflict



Everyone has arguments from time to time - they are a normal part of relationships. How they are resolved is the most important thing. If they happen often, are intense or not resolved properly they can negatively affect children's mental health and wider development.

Harmony at home is designed to help parents/carers to help themselves at the times when arguing and poor communication are overwhelming their relationship.

Wednesday 5th February
To
Wednesday 26th March
10:00-12:00

7 Sessions over 8 weeks,
with a break for half term



Fussy Eating

Free online workshop



Join
us!

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-ser vice-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 27th February 2025, 1pm, to 2pm

Wednesday 11th June 2025, 1pm to 2pm

How to support a worrying child with transition to secondary

Wednesday 21st May 2025, 1pm to 2pm

Small group in-person sessions

Supporting primary school children with anxiety and worry

Wednesday 2nd October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Tuesday 8th October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Uckfield Family Hub

Monday 27th January, 10am to 12pm @ Hailsham Family Hub

Thursday 30th January, 10am to 12pm @ Devonshire Family Hub

Wednesday 5th February, 12pm to 2pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Monday 10th February, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Peacehaven Family Hub

Monday 10th 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

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

The Parenting Team



EarlyBird Plus

from the National Autistic Society

Appropriate for parents of children aged 4-9 years who are diagnosed with autism or on the pathway to diagnosis

EarlyBird Plus is a programme for parents/carers of autistic children aged 4 to 9 years from the National Autistic Society. This programme empowers parents to understand more about autism in their children.

The aim of the EarlyBird plus programme is to equip parents/carers to develop a greater understanding of their child's needs whilst waiting for or following diagnosis. It also aims to develop a consistent approach across settings (e.g. home and school)

Thursday 30th January - Thursday 20th March
10:00-12:00pm

7 sessions over 8 weeks, with a break for half term

To book your place, please contact us:

01424 725800

EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk



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Opportunity

Contact the Early Help 0-19 Parenting Team on 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

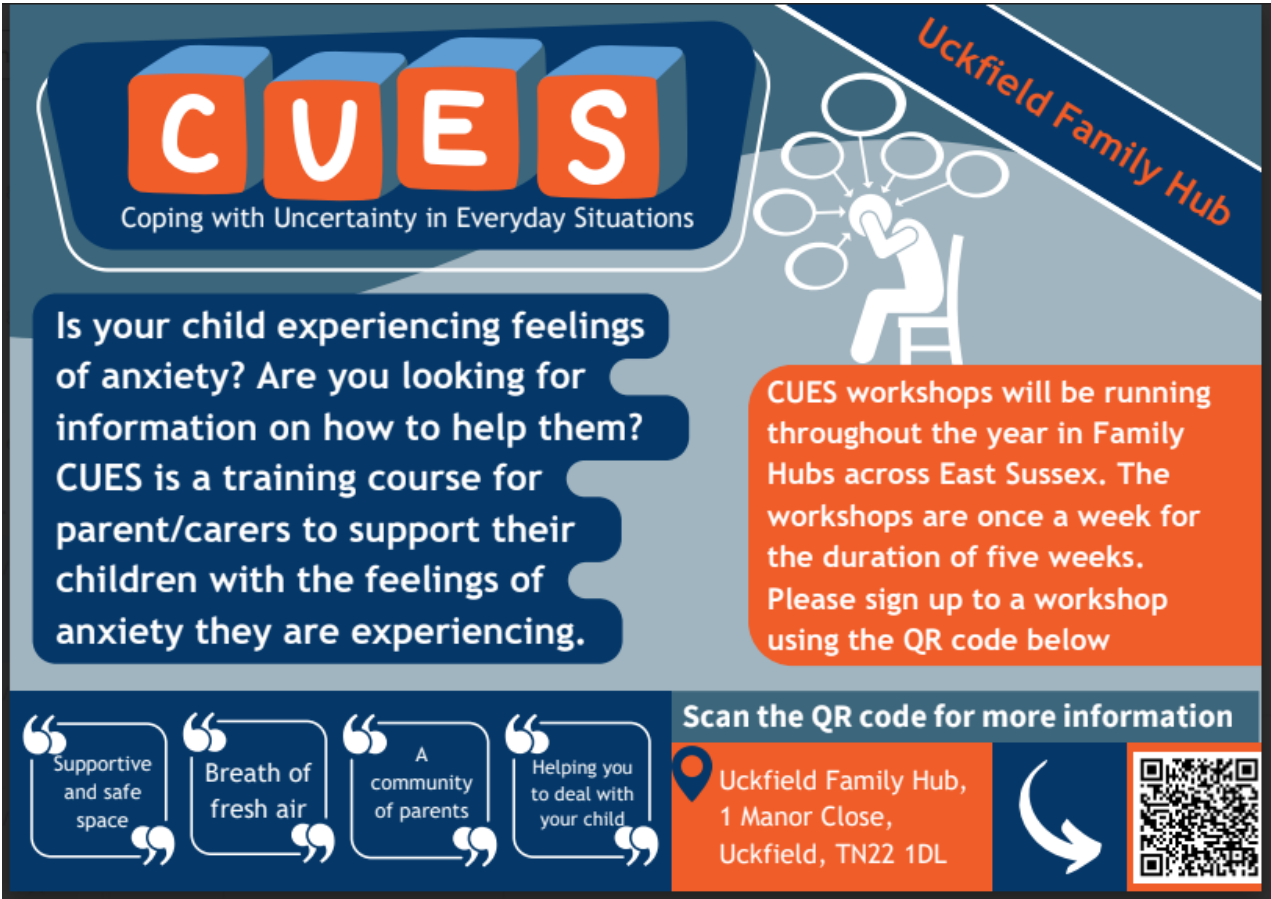
SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

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:



CUES
Coping with Uncertainty in Everyday Situations

Uckfield Family Hub

Is your child experiencing feelings of anxiety? Are you looking for information on how to help them? CUES is a training course for parent/carers to support their children with the feelings of anxiety they are experiencing.

CUES workshops will be running throughout the year in Family Hubs across East Sussex. The workshops are once a week for the duration of five weeks. Please sign up to a workshop using the QR code below

Supportive and safe space
Breath of fresh air
A community of parents
Helping you to deal with your child

Scan the QR code for more information

Uckfield Family Hub,
1 Manor Close,
Uckfield, TN22 1DL