

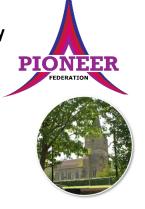
# St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

#### **Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA**

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# Term 5 Week 2 2025 Friday 2nd May 2025

# **Headlines from the Head**

#### **Focus on Summer Term!**

What a busy start to the Summer Term we have already had!

In these first 2 weeks it's been great to see so many parents supporting the Travelling Book Fair, where sales convert into books for our library - so thank you for the purchases!

Maple Class have had a sunny visit to Forest School, Lilac Class have 'wowed' us with their class assembly, and we have had an OFSTED visit for a one day inspection. We are excited to share their report with our community as soon as possible but in the meantime I wanted to thank our families for their support, the staff for their exceptional teamwork (as ever) and our children for their fantastic engagement, kindness and definitely demonstrating our vision of being "the best we can be, in our thriving community, following the example of God".



This first newsletter since the Easter break is a good time to also think ahead about all the events we have to look forward to. Next week, on the 8th of May we will be marking the 80 years since VE day with a visit from James Castle (who many of you may know from the village representing the Royal British Legion). Each class will also be undertaking an activity to explore its relevance to British values such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance. We will be talking to the children about how these values are central to remembering the sacrifices of those who served and defended our freedoms.

We have Willow and Cherry Class assemblies to look forward to, a year 5/6 intra-school football competition at Nutley School, as well as our **May Fair** event on the croft, supported by the PTFA, on the last day of Term 5!

We hope all our families have a great bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Robinson





## **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—Federation Letter from Mr Procter Breakfast Club Booking Changes from Easter Children's Forest (Community Orchard) Summer Celebration

**OFSTED** 

Lilac — Outstanding Residential payments letter

**NCMP** results

Willow-Homework for T5&6

**Cherry**—Cherry class changes

**Spellings and Phonics** 

Bible presentations to Y2

Maple— NCMP results

Maple homework for T5&6



# Influenza Nasal Spray Programme 2025/2026 Reception to Year 11

Please note this will take place in school on Friday 17th October 2025 after lunch. This will be available for all children, and more information will come out from the nursing team in due course, including how to 'opt out' if you wish.

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Congratulations to Joshua 'who was picked in his Karate club to train with Cynthia Rothrock, one of the most famous and accomplished martial artist in the world and who has been in many films. It was an amazing experience and he thoroughly enjoyed it!'



#### May

5th: Bank Holiday—no school

7th: Collective Worship 9.30am at church

8th: Forest School—Cherry Class

9th: Willow class Parents Assembly at 9am

11th: (Sunday) Community Orchard Summer Celebration

2.30-4.30pm

12th to 15th: Y6 SATs

12th to 15th: Y5 Bikeability

14th: Collective Worship 9.30am at church

15th: Forest School—Willow Class

15th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm 16th: Cherry class Parents Assembly at 9am 20th: Pioneer Football tournament (morning) 21st: Collective Worship 9.30am at church

22nd: Forest School - Lilac Class

23rd: PTFA May Fair 26th to 30th: Half Term

#### June

2nd: INSET Day

4th: Collective Worship 9.30am at church 5th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm 10th: Class Photographs being taken 11th: Collective Worship 9.30am at church

11th: Y6 Safety In Action

12th: Forest School—Maple Class

13th: Maple class Parents Assembly at 9am

16th to 20th: Lilac class Residential

18th: Collective Worship 9.30am at church

19th: Forest School—Cherry Class

19th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

20th: Sports Afternoon







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.

# **School Values**

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

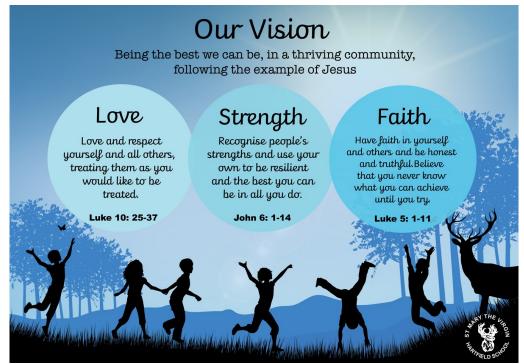
Luke 10: 25-37

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:

Rosie—Strength—Rosie has shown such strength in her writing. When unsure of what to write, Rosie developed her thoughts and then created a brilliant diary entry all as if she were Neil Armstrong, about to walk on the moon. Well done Rosie!

Charlie—Strength—Charlie, for doing his best to improve his writing and letter formation.

William—Faith—when subtracting fractions, William was able to work independently to complete questions. He showed great strength and faith in the task, not giving up and being determined to even complete the task! You are AMAZING! Well done William

Leo—Faith— You have shown <u>so</u> much faith, resilience and determination in so many areas this year. I have been especially blown away by your faith in yourself in Maths and how far you have come this year.



# 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 since the last newsletter:

Sami—Leadership—Sami has helped members of Cherry to settle into a new classroom routine. Sami has helped his friends to find resources and to follow new routines.

Jay-J—Listening—During a French listening task, Jay-J was able to use his listening skills to find out what the French speaker was talking about. Jay-J was able to work out what they were saying very quickly!. It was a very challenging task and you were amazing, well done!

Scarlett—Leadership— You are so consistently reliable and show just what it means to be a Year 6 at St Mary's. Thank you for all you do—especially in helping Maple.

# **Head teacher Awards**

When the children display extra-ordinary prowess through their time within school, they celebrate their success with our Head teacher Mrs Robinson and they will discuss whether it should receive a Head teacher Award. We have six children who have received this since the last newsletter!













# **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.

This is the board for the last week before Easter.



#### **FOREST SCHOOL—Combined Forest School 1st April**

Today, all the Reception and some Year 1 children from three different schools met for a Forest School adventure. They set off in glorious spring sunshine listening to the birds sing as they made their way to the woods.

Once we were in the woods, we started with a tour of the 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 able to head off into the woods to explore for themselves.

Many of the children headed straight to the stream. Once there, they worked together

to move lumps of wood to create a dam blocking the flow of water. This also created a muddy pool that the children enjoyed splashing in.

A fire was lit for the roasting of Marshmallows! The children were called to the fire circle in small groups where

they learnt how to be safe around the fire. They were then able to come in, get their marshmallow on a stick and have a go at roasting it over the fire. When the marshmallow was nice and gooey it was placed between





two chocolate biscuits ready to be enjoyed: these went down very well!

Many of the children chose to practise their balancing skills by walking along the slack line. They

climbed on at one end making sure to hold onto the top line for balance, and worked their way along the line all the way to the other end, before jumping off. They also enjoyed the use of two hammocks, taking it in turns to swing

their friends.

There was a selection of bird teddies that joined the children at Forest School today. The children were able to gather their own natural materials to make

their own natural materials to make nests for the birds and used decorated stones as eggs which they placed inside the nests.

It was great to see the children from all three schools mixing and making new friends, well done Reception and Year 1! Everyone then came together to enjoy a picnic lunch in the woods.

## FOREST SCHOOL— LILAC 3RD APRIL

Lilac class made their way a little earlier to Forest School, meeting Dormouse at the woods. Once in the woods, the class sat around the fire circle to quickly recap how to be safe at Forest School.

A selection of children helped to tackle the brambles that are growing next to the log store ready for the dead hedge construction next term. They did this by follow the bramble to the point that it grows from the ground and pulled it out by the roots. This was a little tricky as they are very well rooted but with a good hard pull they were able to get them out.







Lilac class were joined at Forest School today by a selection of bird teddies. The children took the bird

and gathered up some natural materials like twigs and moss to make their own nests for the birds. There was real variety of nests being created; some were made in a Hazel coppice, whereas







straight onto the ground. The ones in the Hazel coppice started with a layer of sticks being balanced from one side of the coppice to the other and then a layer of moss was then placed on top to finish off the roof, this made for a well camouflaged nest. The ones created straight on the ground were made up from a circle of layered sticks that was in-filled with moss.

In the stream the children set to work creating one large dam. They used a big length of wood to block the

stream fully, packing it with clay-like mud all the way along the front and at the sides stopping any water from getting past. This created a rather large puddle for them to wade in!

A couple of children enjoyed a bit of bug hunting. They rolled logs over to see what they might find hiding underneath, what they found was worms, beetle and spiders.





## FOREST SCHOOL—WILLOW CLASS

# Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Arriving at the Wellie Tree, the class sat down as a group ready to find out what we would be trying to make on our way to Forest School. Pouring some cream into a tub, the children were tasked with shaking it as hard as they could with the hope of turning it into butter. They all tried hard and with a little adult help, we soon had butter. They class then had the opportunity to try some of the butter on a cracker; this went down very well, with many of the class wanting seconds.

Along the way the children spotted dandelion clocks, so they picked them and, blowing the clocks, they watching the seeds float away.



Once at Forest School some children chose to have a go at whittling a piece of hazel. They did this by putting a glove on They also saw different wild flowers and a little green caterpillar.

the hand that would be holding the piece of hazel, and using a peeler they stripped off all the bark. The class did really well at this, making sure they removed every bit of bark. They were then able to add a point to one end



making a pencil. Using wool, they added a soft grip as decoration to their pencil.



Heading off to the stream to investigate the water level the children discovered that the water was almost gone. All that was in the stream was a load of gooey, sticky mud!











## NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

<u>Census Day</u> (15th May) menu switch has now been uploaded to ParentPay. This means that the kitchen will be serving fish fingers and Quorn nuggets on Thursday 15th, and Thursday 's menu on Friday 16th May. If you have already booked for either/both of these days, then ParentPay will have automatically cancelled those bookings, so <u>please re-book your choices</u> taking into account the swap.

<u>New Menu</u>—there has been some confusion over certain aspects of the new Spring /Summer menu, a copy of which is attached to the newsletter, for your information.

We'd like to explain to parents about the new options on the menu, so there is no confusion about what each individual item has in it.

Panini

Mozzarella & Tuna or Grated cheddar

Wraps

Grated cheddar WITH mayonnaise

Toastie

Mozzarella

Baquettes and sandwiches are made with butter unless there is a special request not to.

<u>May – Fair</u> - Friday 23rd May — This is a school picnic day which means fish/Quorn & chips will be served Thursday 22nd May instead.

Many thanks for supporting Chartwells school meals!

## The Summer Reading Challenge is coming soon!

There are two ways you can take part:

# THE READING

#### READING Summer Reading Challenge

You can take part in person at your local library. The library will give you a special sticker poster and other special incentives, and help you find books to read for your Challenge.

Alternatively, take part online. Set a reading goal and log your books on

your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock a limited-edition online badge and certificate!

The in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in person.

For more information please see this link: https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in



#### **PTFA**



We are keen to increase visits to our school, and have spaces in many year groups, so please spread the word!







# **Hartfield Remembers**

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Hartfield Parish is participating in the international tribute with a short service in the Memorial Garden, followed by lighting the beacon on the Town Croft.



TIMETABLE 8 May 2025 8:45 pm - 9:45



8:45 pm Welcome address and prayer from Rev. Julie Sear.

Tributes from Hartfield Parish & the Royal British Legion.

9:30 pm Lighting the Beacon

9:45 pm 'Last Post' followed by the ringing of the church bells.



# SUMMER CELEBRATION

Hartfield Food Forest

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE NEW COMMUNITY ORCHARD PLANTED BY THE CHILDREN. SHARE SEASONAL SONGS, DANCING AND HELP THE YOUNG TREES TO THRIVE WITH
2.30 -4.30 PM SOME TREE TENDING ACTIVITY

PRICE: BY DONATION

BOOKINGS: PLEASE BOOK ONLINE AT:

CHILDRENSFOREST.EARTH/COURSES





The School Health Service takes over from the Health Visiting Service when a child is of school age.

Our nurse-led friendly team can help with:

- sleeping problems
- · emotional health and wellbeing
- · wetting the bed and day wetting
- healthy eating and healthy weight
- worries and troubles including changing schools
- self care and hygiene
- · referrals to other services for more complex health needs.



( we care )

Please contact 0300 123 4062 or visit

# **Healthy Families: Growing Up**



# Healthy, thriving children and families



HENRY's free Healthy Families: Growing Up programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children - it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits

Enjoying life as a family

Programme details An 8 week healthy lifestyle programme run by East Sussex School Health Service for families in East Sussex with children aged between five to 12 years focusing on helping families adopt a healthier lifestyle.

This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a





Join the HENRY programme delivered by the East Sussex School Health Service
Please call 0300 123 4062
Or fill in our online referral form:
https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/school-healt
h-service-east-sussex-referral-form/

# **Opportunity**

# 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/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.







www.yourspacetherapies.org

#### May Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids! §

Explore Calm, Connection, and Confidence with Our Gentle Ponies!

Date: Friday 30th May 2025

Time: 9.30am- 2.30pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9BH Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies. What to Expect:

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Mindfulness Time with Ponies: Learn calming techniques and emotional regulation skills while spending quality time with our gentle ponies.

Pony Care: Discover the joys of caring for ponies through grooming, feeding, and building a bond.
Riding and Mounted Games: Experience the joy of pony rides and engage in fun,

team-based games that promote confidence and cooperation.

Mindful Nature Art: Unleash your creativity with activities that inspire observation

and connection with the natural world.

© Connect with Nature: Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of our beautiful, quiet stables and serene surroundings.

Make New Friends: Build connections and friendships with other children in a supportive, nurturing environment.

Spaces are limited to 12 children! Email now to ensure your spot.
Contact: <a href="mailto:bookings@yourspacetherapies.org">bookings@yourspacetherapies.org</a>
Cost: £110 plus VAT

Join us for an unforgettable experience that combines mindfulness and pony magic!



# Do you enjoy singing?



We are recruiting boys and girls aged 7 to 18 to join our thriving Junior Choir at Edenbridge Parish Church

No experience necessary – just an enjoyment of singing and an enthusiasm and willingness to learn

#### Benefits include:

- · Working together as a team and making new friends
- · Earning pocket money for every attendance
- Choir outings which have included bowling, rock climbing, crazy golf and pantomime
- · Learning to read music whilst singing
- · Helping to develop reading and mathematical skills
- Singing in Cathedrals
- Gaining medals and awards through the Voice for Life singing scheme
- · Developing leadership and responsibility by helping younger singers

If you are interested come along to St Peter & Paul, Edenbridge at 6.30-7.30prn on a Friday. For further information please contact Fiona Glidewell by ernail: flona.glidewell@gmail.com or phone 07748 632160

# Fussy Eating Free online workshop





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

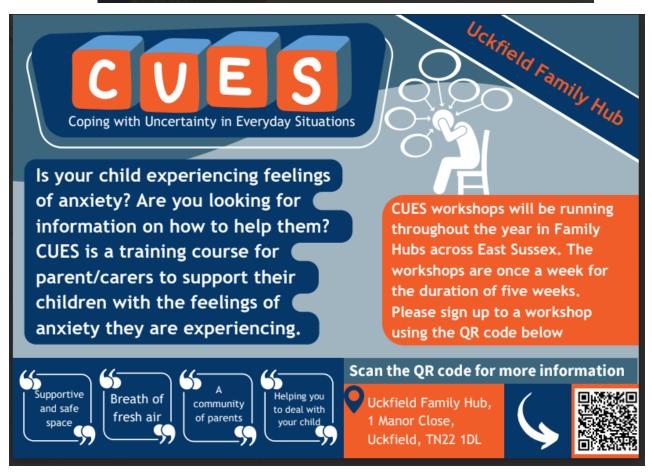
#### Event details:

Delivered by the East Sussex School Health Service, to join Call: 0300 123 4062 Complete:Online referral

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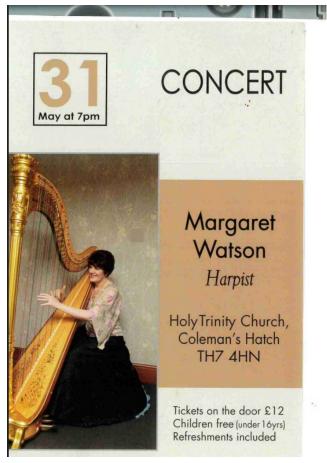
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# ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR, SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with therapeutic practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. The expert speaker will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Register now and equip yourself with the tools to better understand and support your child to manage anxiety.

Price: £28

To book please go to: Book Anxiety Toolkit for Parents and Carers

## The UK Rhino Challenge—this weekend!

A unique cycle challenge - school family entries!

The UK Rhino Challenge is a cycle orienteering event with team building tasks that will be fun for all of the family. It is set in the beautiful bluebell woods of Pippingford Park in the Ashdown Forest on **Sunday 4th May 2025**.

Suitable for all ages and abilities there are three challenge levels and prizes including one for the school or youth group whose two best teams score the highest points. Please encourage families from your school to enter representing your school.

Full details are on www.ukrhinochallenge.com

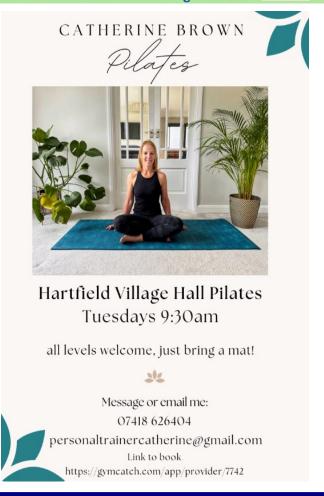
See the fun we had last year here <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Oo5RIqHecg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Oo5RIqHecg</a>
This fundraising event helps Rhino Ark with their conservation projects in Kenya.

Many thanks
Ian Purcell
Trustee for Rhino Ark UK
07765465100
I'm riding 100 miles for Rhino Ark
Rhino Ark origins and projects









# **St Mary's Church Information**



Held in The Oast from 9.30am, for breakfast and chats, before heading back to church for communion.

Come, relax and chat as we build relationship with Jesus and each other!!

For more information please contact Matt Marriott at m.marriott@btconnect.com

Sunday dates are: 4th May 18th May 15th June 6th July 20th July Discover us every 1st & 3rd Sunday morning at 9.30am, as we find out more about our Creator

Upcoming dates: 4th May, 18th May, 15th June 6th July, 20th July

For more information please contact Rev Julie Sear at revjuliesear1@gmail.com or 01892770436

# LITTLE

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



#### <u>Upcoming dates</u>

28<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> May 9<sup>th</sup> June 19<sup>th</sup> May 16<sup>th</sup> June

NOT 5th May or 26th May due to Bank

9.15 to 10.45am

Tea and Coffee Provided revjuliesear1@gmail.cc



Join us for games, food and fun From 5-6.15pm in the Village Hall Thursday dates are:

1st May 19th June 15th May 3rd July 5th June 17th July

For more information please contact Matt Marriott at m.marriott@btconnect.com



Held in the Oast House in the Anchor car park from 5pm-6pm, A monthly meeting for our Connect crew.

Where we read and question, while exploring the Christian faith together.

For more information please contact Matt Marriott at m.marriott@btconnect.com

For young people aged 10+

Thursday dates are: 8th May 12th June 10th July

# Church Street Community Cafe lst and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 2pm - 4pm. Homemade cake, tea, and coffee.

Homemade cake, tea, and coffee. Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

#### <u>upcoming</u> dates

Thursday lst May
Thursday lSth May
Thursday Sth June
Thursday 5th June
Thursday 17th July

Find us at St Mary's Church at the top of Church Street in Hartfield

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

