



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

Executive Headteacher: Mr James Procter

Head of School: Mrs Jane Robinson

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Term 6 Week 4 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

Headlines from the Head

Focus on Sports Day Success!

Last week saw another wonderful Sports Day run smoothly by Active Education. We were all relieved that the soaring temperatures did not reach any new heights and that some cloud protected us slightly. It was a pure joy to see the children enjoying the wide range of activities, as well as parents and staff getting involved too!



For some children, this was their first Sports Day and they embraced this new experience whole heartedly, for others, they are now 'experts' and had the opportunity to continue the long standing tradition of 'race for the train' as part of their last year at primary school.



It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the PTFA Summer Social and coming together. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Robinson



It also seems we have a new tradition too!

If you

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

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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—trip to Ashdown Forest Centre—please return your permission slip if you haven't yet done so.

Lost Property

Pioneer Leadership and Governance Structure Sept 2025

Lilac— Baby and Reception photos request, Lilac PSHE

Willow— Ancient Greek Day

Cherry—Class trip to British Wildlife Centre

Headlice in Cherry

Maple— Homework

Maple class trip to The Briars

Headlice and worms in Maple



Y6 Diocese Leavers Service at All Saint's Church in Crowborough



Dates for your Diary

July

1st: Pirate/Ocean day for Maple— see information below

2nd: New Reception children stay and play 9.30-10.30am

2nd: Collective Worship 9.30am at church

3rd: Forest School—Maple Class change from before

3rd: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

7th: Cherry visit to British Wildlife Centre

8th: Ancient Greek Day for Willow Class in school

8th to 11th: Phunky Foods visits each afternoon to Maple

9th: Collective Worship 9.30am at church

10th: Forest School—Lilac Class change from before

10th: New Reception children stay and play 9.30-10.30am

14th: Maple class trip to The Briars

15th: Lilac Class performance at school—matinee and evening shows (time tbc) (previously was 16th July)

16th: Whole School visit to the Ashdown Centre

17th: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

17th: New Reception children—play at The Croft 2-2.45pm

21st: Last day of term for all children

September

3rd to 5th: INSET Days

8th: Children return to school

October

7th: School Photographers here for individual and sibling photos

17th: Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6 1-3.15pm



Check this website out for things to do in the holidays:

<https://eastsussex.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/ages-five-to-eleven/activities>



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

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:

William—Love—you are a thoughtful friend. You are wonderful at following Jesus' example to treat others as you want to be treated. We love the thoughtful gestures and polite attitude that you show to everyone.

Amélie—Strength—For showing great strength in starting a new school and creating AMAZING friendships in the class. You have settled in so well and it has been wonderful to get to know you. You also always do your best in every piece of work, well done!:))

Dexter—Strength—I've been so impressed at how speedily you've been learning your lines for the play & how great you are on the stage— encouraging others too!

Ted—Strength—Ted listened and followed instructions with a partner to make a building. He didn't give up during the game!

"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:

Elsie—Staying Positive—for staying positive during Forest School when trying to practise your fire striking skills. You showed so much perseverance and strength, while also showing some great encouragement to your peers. I'm so proud of you for keeping going and getting that fire started!)

Joe—Aiming High— for being so brilliant in our play rehearsals and for the incredible Texas accent you are doing with some really tricky lines!

Sami—Aiming High—In Maths we've been looking at 'Time', which is super tricky. Although Sami struggled, he applied himself by working really hard to understand!

Year 6 Lilac children—Leadership—for being amazing buddies to our Maple class children this year.

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 one child who has received this since the last newsletter!



The Summer Reading Challenge is coming soon!

There are two ways you can take part:

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!

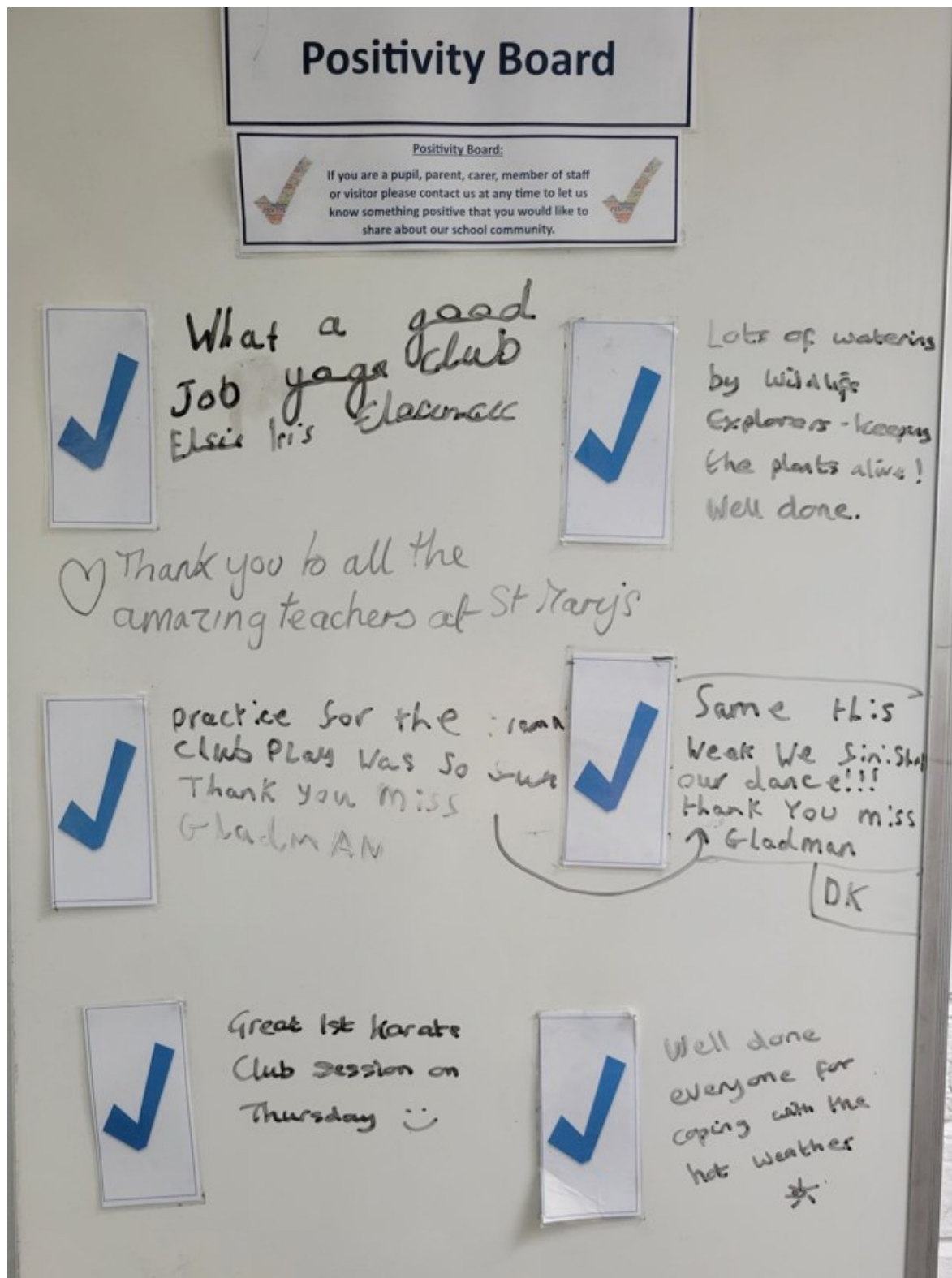
The in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in person.

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



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.



FOREST SCHOOL— 19TH JUNE 2025

As Cherry class made their way to Forest School, they noticed as we walked across the fields how much the grass has grown. They talked about how they would disappear if they were to go and lay down in the long grass.

Walking along the Forest Way, there is a bridge that we go over. The children set off to explore under the bridge: the class was convinced that there was a troll living under the bridge!

Once in the woods, some children used leaves to create some leaf printed pictures. They did this by sponging paint onto the back of their chosen leaf and then pushing it down onto some paper. When it was peeled off it left behind a print of the leaf. Some chose to be more creative by adding more than one colour to their leaf. They also used different leaves leaving different patterns.



Many of the class set off to explore the stream, hoping to find some running water. However, with all this warm weather, there was none. This did not bother them as the ground was nice and soft - perfect for digging in.

The children also enjoyed taking it in turns to push their friends in the hammock, and exploring some



dens made from sticks that they found in the woods.



Using a tea light, the class were able to take it in turns to roast a marshmallow that was then placed between two chocolate biscuits for them to enjoy.

FOREST SCHOOL— 26TH JUNE

As Willow class made their way to Forest School, they noticed many changes in nature. They noticed an increase in vegetation saying “it’s like a jungle”, they also noticed all the birds singing around us. A little further on they found a ditch full of soft mud that was full of foot prints. Upon closer inspection, the children decided that the footprints belonged to deer.

Once in the wood, the children had the opportunity to practice their fire striking skills. Some found this a little tricky but were determined not to give up. With some great encouragement from their classmates, they finally managed to strike the spark and light their piece of cotton wool.



With the fire nice and warm, the children took it in turns to come in and roast a marshmallow: this was then placed between two chocolate biscuits ready to be enjoyed.



Using paint and leaves, the children were able to get creative and make some beautiful leaf printed pictures. First they sponged their paint onto the back of the leaf and then carefully placed it down onto some paper, making sure to rub the entire leaf before peeling it off to reveal the print of the leaf, showing all the veins.



While off exploring by the stream, the children came across a toad. They also enjoyed tree climbing and taking it in turns to push their friends in the hammock.



easyfundraising

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.



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




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TOURS WELCOME!

COME & VISIT OUR NEW & IMPROVED AREAS

WRAPAROUND CARE LAUNCHING FEB 2025!
BREAKFAST CLUB - 7.40-8.40AM
AFTER SCHOOL - 3.15-6.00PM

CONTACT US ON
01892 770221
FOR MORE INFO VISIT
[PIONEERFEDERATION.CO.UK/STMARYS](https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/stmarys)

IN YEAR SPACES AVAILABLE

Forest School

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Good Provider



Multi Activity Holiday Camp

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS AGES 4-11

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

VENUES **SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO BOOK NOW!**

HAILSHAM HOLIDAY CAMP
Hailsham Primary Academy, Bulrush Lane, Hellingly, BN27 4FB

EASTBOURNE HOLIDAY CAMP
Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, BN20 8XN

DATES

HAILSHAM HOLIDAY CAMP HAF funded spaces available for selected dates at this camp venue
Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - Friday 22nd August 2025

EASTBOURNE HOLIDAY CAMP
Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - Friday 22nd August 2025

PRICES

Breakfast Club (07:45-08:45) - £6.50 per session
Half Camp Day (08:45-12:00) - £15.00 per session (Aged 4 Only)
Main Camp Day (08:45-15:15) - £27.50 per session (Aged 5-11 Only)
After Camp Club (15:15-16:15) - £6.50 per session

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Fun Football Camp

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS AGES 4-11

Come and join us for our Fun Football Holiday Camp, with plenty of football activities including: Football Tennis, Foot Golf, Football Rounders, Shooting Drills, Tournaments, Skill Activities, Goalkeeping Drills, Matches, Individual Challenges and many more!

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FIRST CLASS FOOTBALLS SUMMER:

SOCCKER SCHOOL & MULTI-SPORT CAMP

23 - 25 JULY **SIR HENRY FERMOR CROWBOROUGH** **SOCCKER SCHOOL & MULTI-SPORTS CAMP**

9AM-3PM * OPEN TO CHILDREN IN YEARS R-9 * PRICES START FROM £25 PER DAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK VISIT:
WWW.FIRSTCLASSFOOTBALL.CO.UK

Opportunity



JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

<p>Thursday 31st July 19:00 - 20:00 FREE</p>	<p>Supporting Healthy Screen Use Screens are here to stay. Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.</p>
<p>Monday 21st July 10:00 - 11:30 £24 <small>recording available</small></p>	<p>Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p>Monday 28th July 10:00 - 11:30 £24 <small>recording available</small></p>	<p>Facing Defiance Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.</p>
<p>Tuesday 29th July 10:00 - 11:30 £24 <small>recording available</small></p>	<p>Anxiety Based School Avoidance Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FACE July Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am



East Sussex School Health Service

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.



Please contact 0300 123 4062 or visit www.eastsussexchildren.nhs.uk

Service provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Healthy Families: Growing Up



Join our parent group

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.

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 sessions and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- 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

Get in touch to sign up now!

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




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.

Contact Us

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.kentcch.nhs.uk/forms/school-health-h-service-east-sussex-referral-form/>

Opportunity



□ Summer Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day's for Kids! □

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

Dates: Friday 8th August, Monday 11th August, Monday 18th August, Monday 1st September.

Time: 9am- 2pm

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.

Your Child's Special Day with the Ponies will include:

- Mindfulness Time with Ponies, Pony Care, Riding and Mounted Games and Mindful Nature Art.

Spaces are limited to 15 children per session! Please visit the Eventbrite links below now to ensure your spot. Once your booking is confirmed we will contact you to gather further information.

Friday 8th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Monday 11th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Monday 18th August Mindfulness pony Day. Book now!

Monday 1st September Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Contact: bookings@yourspacetherapies.org

Cost: £140

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



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-service-east-sussex-referral-form/>

Opportunity



STUDY SMART
Free Online Courses

Aspire Education

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Education & Skills Funding Agency

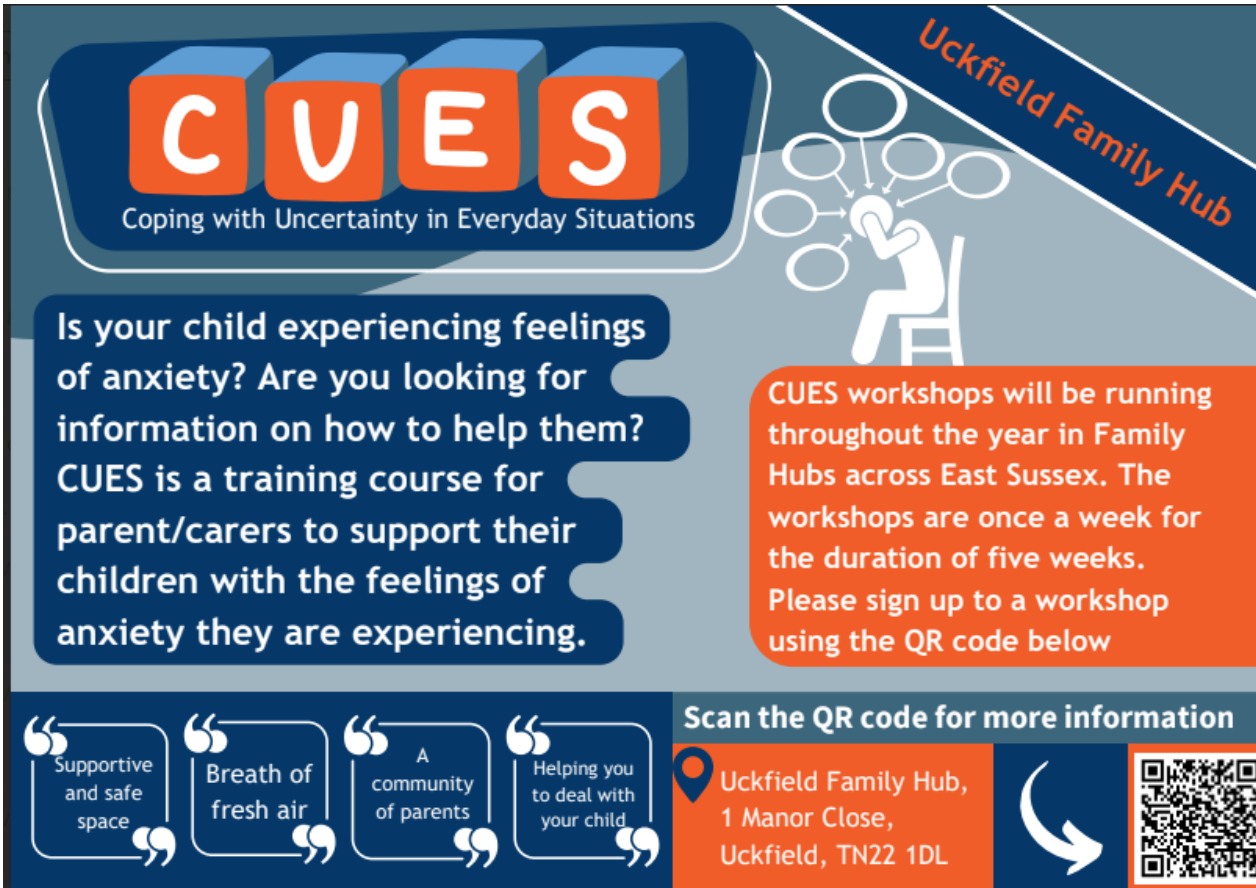
Fully Funded School Support Course

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

www.studysmartuk.online



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



Opportunity

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 6.30-7.30pm on a Friday. For further information please contact Fiona Glidewell by email: fiona.glidewell@gmail.com or phone 07748 632160

Wild Wednesdays & Nature Makers

10am-12noon

5-12 years (with accompanying adult)

Holiday fun for families on Ashdown Forest learning about nature.

Wild Wednesdays - seasonal nature activities, games and exploring

Nature Makers (Thursdays) – craft inspired by nature and outdoor exploring



Wednesday July 30 and Aug 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursday July 31 and Aug 7, 14, 21, 28

ASHDOWN FOREST CENTRE
Wych Cross, RH18 5JP

BOOKING ESSENTIAL please book a place for each child
£10 per child

ashdownforest.org



CATHERINE BROWN
Pilates



Hartfield Village Hall Pilates
Tuesdays 9:30am

all levels welcome, just bring a mat!



Message or email me:

07418 626404

personaltrainercatherine@gmail.com

Link to book

<https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/7742>

St Mary's Church Information

Sunday CONNECT For young people aged 10+

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

**Sunday dates are:
6th July
20th July**

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

**There will be no dates
in August due to the
school holidays**

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



Sunday Discoverers

**Discover us every 1st & 3rd Sunday
morning at 9.30am, as we find
out more about our Creator**

**Upcoming dates: 6th July, 20th July
There will be no dates in August
due to the school holidays**

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

LITTLE STARS

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



Upcoming dates

23rd June 7th July
30th June 14th July

9.15 to 10.45am

Tea and Coffee Provided revjuliesear1@gmail.com

CONNECT For young people aged 10+

**Join us for games,
food and fun
From 5-6.15pm in
the Village Hall**

**Thursday dates are:
3rd July 17th July**

**There will be NO dates
in August due to the
school holidays**

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

CONNECT EXTRA

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

For young people aged 10+

**Thursday dates are:
10th July**

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

**There will be NO
dates in August due
to the school
holidays**

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

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 3rd July Thursday 7th August

Thursday 17th July Thursday 21st August

Thursday 4th September

**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**