



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 Week 3 2025

Friday 26th Sept 2025

Headlines from the Head

Pupils as Leaders

At the start of a new year, there are many new beginnings including new roles. The children have been thinking about roles of responsibility across the school that they would like to apply for. These include Library monitors, Peer Guardians, Head Gardeners, Playground Monitors, and Pupil Governors. Giving children responsibility helps to develop and nurture accountability and an awareness of the role that they play to make a difference and the impact they can create. Children were told the job description and for some of these positions they had to apply for, including sharing why they think they are suitable for the role. The rest of the school then voted for the person that they thought would have the greatest impact. We talked about democracy having the opportunity to vote, that enables us to have our own voice and make decisions together.



Our new Pupils as Leaders this year are:

Head Boy	Joseph
Head Girl	Amelie
Pupil Governors	Dottie, Archie, Oliver, Cece, Joe, Finn, William L
House Captains	Cuckmere: Rory Medway: Jacob Teise Lucas Rother Imie
Library Monitors	Zach, Lola, Ruby, Ida, Scarlet Lottie H, Teagan
Playground Monitors	Winnie, Finley, Khaleesi, Joshua, Albie
Peer Guardians	Zenny, Evie W, Isaac R, Abbie and Dylan
Head Gardeners	Rosie, Willow Lois, Charlie G, Jay-J, Isaac F, Oliver

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Spirituality Day

On Monday 15th September we explored the concepts of looking Up, In and Out. The children worked together in their houses with children from across the school. The focus for the day was to explore the new definition '*That which inspires us, moves us, makes us wonder and makes us loved.*'



In

The children were given apples to explore. Children were encouraged to ask questions, to wonder and be curious as they looked in detail at the fruit.



Out

The Christian charity International Needs joined us to share with the children about children in Uganda, who have very little. The children thought about how they could look 'out' to support others.



Sharing our Learning

At the end of the day, we presented the day and all that we had learnt to our families.

UP

The children were introduced to the new prayer garden. This is land that the children will help to nurture, by planting trees, and plants. The garden will be used as a place for reflection. To mark the opening of this space, The Bishop of Lewes, planted a tree and prayed for the opportunities we will have to use the garden to draw near to God, to be inspired, to wonder and feel moved. Rev. Julie and Matt, worked with children to create design for how the children want the garden to look. Children had great ideas including, ponds, mazes and lots of places to stop and sit.



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— Forest School permissions

Flu Vaccinations consent process

Harvest Appeal

School Open Event invite to help 18th Oct

Car Park use

Young Voices—final numbers of children needed by Monday

Lilac— Newhaven Fort trip, Homework

Cherry— Wakehurst Place trip

Y2 CGP books

Maple— Online Health Questionnaire



Dates for your Diary

October

- 1st: Harvest Festival
- 7th: School Photographers here for individual and sibling photos
- 10th: School Disco 3.15-4.30pm
- 13th: Healthy Eating Day
- 17th: Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6 1-3.15pm
- 21st: Lilac Bake Sale 3.15pm on playground
- 24th: Lilac Class Assembly - 2.45pm
- 24th: End of Term 1

November

- 3rd: Start of Term 2
- 11th: Remembrance Service at Church
- 21st: Own Clothes Day (for a donation of bottles to the PTFA)
- 28th: Own Clothes Day (for a donation of sweets to the PTFA)
- 28th: PTFA Wreath Making 7.15pm in school hall

December

- 1st: Children to bring in an orange for Christingles
- 3rd: Christingle Service at Church 9.30am
- 6th: PTFA Christmas Fair, time TBC
- 9th: KS1 & EYFS Nativity, time TBC
- 12th: Willow Class Assembly– 2.45pm
- 17th: Christmas lunch/Jumper day & Elfridges
- 19th: Christmas Service in Church 9.30am
- 19th: End of Term 2



Do you have any children's size gardening tools that you are able to donate to school? We would love to have more tools for our school garden tool shed, now we have new soil beds to dig and plant in. Please leave any donations at the school office, thank you!

School Census Day is on 2nd October—please read the information on page 6 about the menu swap!



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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 you. Since the last newsletter:

Love—Charlie C— For your love of school and all your friends. You are a brilliant member of our class

Love—Isaac—For being such a good example in the classroom and out. He always follows the school rules and promotes our school values beautifully. As well as this, he has been such a great friend to others and helping when needed. Such a great start to the year!

Strength—Cece—For being brave and not giving up in Maths this week!

Love—Finn— He shared great kindness to all his friends at Forest School, particularly when he had to wait patiently and letting others go before him.

Love—Khaleesi—For being such a great buddy to all the Year 3's, and setting a great example. You always help others and look out for others in and out the classroom.

Faith—Bella—She worked really hard on Spirituality Day and had a really good go at every activity. She drew a beautiful apple when we were exploring how spirituality comes from 'IN' us.





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:

Aiming High—Maïa—Thank you Maïa for your amazingly infectious love of writing and your incredibly high standards. You're an inspiration! :)

Aiming High—Jay-J—For having a great start in Maths this term and completing all of the challenges and really focusing. He is applying his knowledge from last year so well, and helping those around him. Super start to the year, well done!

Teamwork—Dylan—Helping others with their learning and pointing them in the right direction.

Staying Positive—Sid—He showed AMAZING resilience when he was counting 'one more' in Maths—he never gave up, even when it was super tricky.

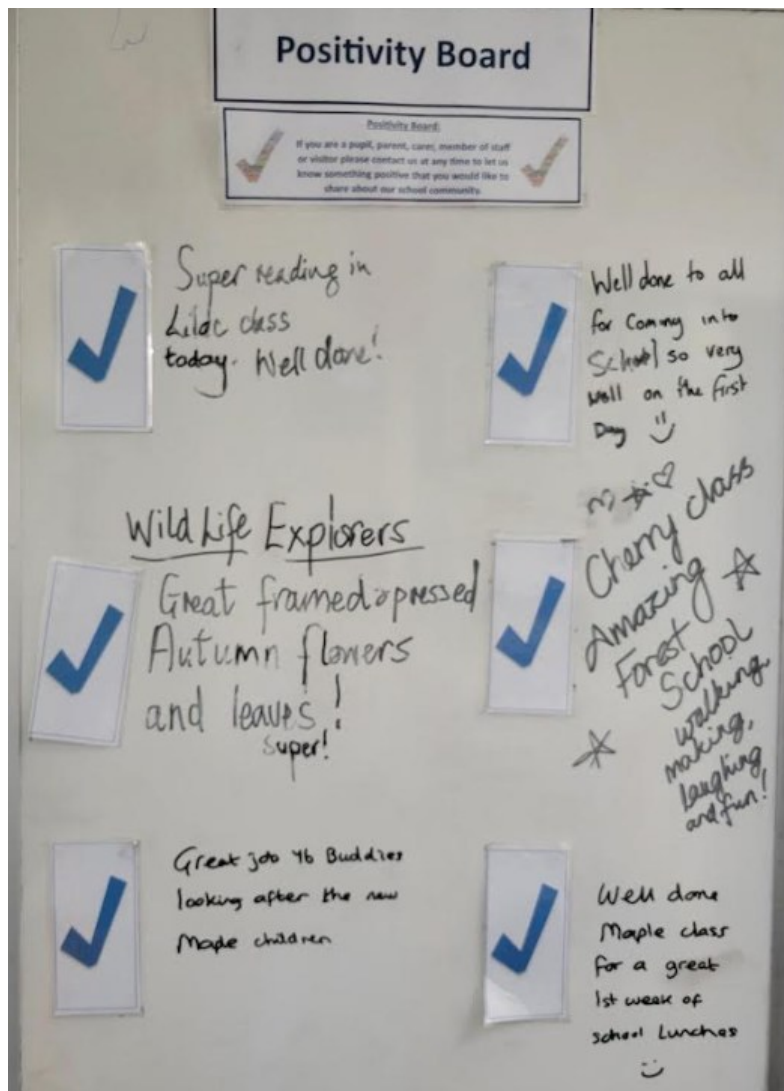
Staying Positive—Zenny—Amazing independent learning this week, especially in Maths and French. He has aimed high in all his work focusing on presentation and his handwriting. Well done:)

Staying Positive—Bea—She has taken to Year 6 so well and has been trying so hard in all subjects, but especially English. Well done, Bea!

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.



Autumn School Census Day and Change of Menu on 2nd and 3rd October

The Census is on Thursday 2nd October, and the various data collected by County is used to help determine how much funding the school gets in the next few months. One set of data collected is how many children eat a school dinner on Census day.

Therefore, the kitchen are swapping the food they serve on the 2nd and 3rd October, as 'Fish Friday' is very popular! Unfortunately, this swap cannot be reflected on ParentPay, so please note the following:

- if your child normally eats on both days, then no action is required as the **Friday food will be served on Thursday and vice-versa**
- If your child normally eats only on Friday (not Thurs) then book their lunch for Friday as normal
- If your child normally eats only on Thursday (not Fri), then book lunch for Thursday as normal
- If your child has a packed lunch on one of these days, remember to send it in on the 'other' day!

The kitchen will simply swap what they serve on these two days.

PTFA

Wreath Making

28th November
at 7.15pm—
poster to follow
with more de-
tails.



Lilac Bake Sale
on 21st October



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!

FOREST SCHOOL

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

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HARTFIELD COMMUNITY ORCHARD
**TREE TENDING & AUTUMN
HAWTHORN CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY 28 SEPT 2-4PM HARTFIELD

Hearty Fields - Accessed via the footpath off Church Street

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ALL WELCOME



*JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON AT THIS
WONDERFUL COMMUNITY PROJECT;
CARE FOR NEWLY PLANTED TREES, PLANT
HAWTHORN SEEDS, DRINK TEA, MAKE JAM, PLAY
GAMES & EXPLORE LOCAL WILDLIFE*

Please dress for the weather

MORE INFO CALL JEN ON 07793811809 OR EM 07881784450

Hindleap, local to school, are launching an Adventure Camp this October half term.

Running from Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October, the day camps offer activity-based childcare for children aged 8–12.

Each day runs from 8:30am–5:30pm and the cost is £40 per day (sibling discount available). All the info is available here:

www.hindleapwarren.org/families/holiday-camps

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FACE	
October Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



www.yourspacetherapies.org

October Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2025

Time: 9am- 2pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9AG

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:

- ♥ Mindfulness Time with Ponies
- 🐾 Pony Care
- 🐾 Riding and Mounted Games
- 🌿 Connect with Nature
- 👋 Make New Friends

Scan the QR code or click this link to book: [Mindfulness Pony Day 29th October 2025](#)



Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 15TH OCTOBER.

Spaces limited to 15 children

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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This Harvest, you are invited to...



Harvest Supper

Saturday, 4th October,
6.30pm-8.30pm

for all 3 churches, hosted at St Mary's Church, Hartfield.

Please bring your own plate, bowl, cutlery, and drink of your own choice.
Glasses and jugs of water will be provided.

Including a guest speaker from Jigsaw South East, a short talk and activities, and a main course.

Please bring a pudding or a salad to share (NO NUTS). Sign up sheet in church

RSVP to Lisa Gibbs-Murray,
admsmht@gmail.com or 07927 939116

Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th October

St Mary's Hartfield - 9.30am, Holy Communion (all age)

Holy Trinity - 11am, Morning Worship &

6.30pm, Harvest Choral Evensong

An opportunity to give thanks to God for all we have this harvest time.
Food donations will go to Foodbank.

Harvest Festival Service at Cowden

is on 28th September at 10.30am

All financial contributions this year will be going to:
Jigsaw South East, charity no: 1147696, which provides information and guidance to help support children and young people facing or coping with the death of a loved one.

St Mary's Church Information

CONNECT Sunday For young people aged 10+

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:
19th October

There will be no Sunday Connect on :
5th Oct
(due to Harvest Festival)
or 2nd Nov
(due to school holidays)



Sunday Discoverers

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

Upcoming dates: 19th October

There will be no Sunday Discoverers on 5th October due to Harvest Festival or on 2nd November due to 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

29 th September	20 th October
6 th October	3 rd November
13 th October	10 th November

There will be NO Little Stars on 27th October due to the school holidays

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:

2nd October
16th October
6th November

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 2nd October
Thursday 16th October
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 20th November

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 msjoanegriffin@gmail.com