



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 1 Week 7 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Headlines from the Head

Celebrating our learning in Term 1

As we come to the end of our first time, it is amazing to think the children have only been back at school for 7 weeks. We have had a brilliant first term full of so many activities. Spirituality Day, Cross Country, Forest School Sessions, Harvest Festival and this week a focus on healthy eating, with our fabulous healthy eating day on Tuesday.

There has been so much learning and the progress the children have made is brilliant to see across all subjects.

Here is a look into what each class have been learning this term...

Maple class have had a wonderful first half term at school full of fun, learning, and new experiences! A big highlight was Buddy Time and Healthy Eating Day. Forest School has been another favourite—exploring nature and discovering the outdoors. It's been a fantastic start to the year, and we can't wait to see what adventures next term brings! Getting to know the wonderful new Maple Class children and seeing them settle so quickly and make such nice connections with the children and staff at St Mary's. It has been wonderful watching the Lilac Class buddies cherish and relish their new role, offering genuine and much needed support to their new buddies in Maple Class. Enjoying the excellent new playground and all that is offering the children. We have been loving it! The children have been really enjoying and appreciating the new mixed provision sessions with Maple and Cherry - watching friendships blossom and grow, seeing the older children guide and support the younger children.

This term Cherry class (Year 1 and 2), has been immersed in exploring the range of materials that they can use to create marks. They have learned about the different effects materials such as charcoal, graphite and chalk make on paper and using them to create different qualities of tone. This is linked perfectly to English where we practically created a story scene using toys and learned to describe it with our impressive adjectives. After that, we applied our knowledge of mark making and tone to draw the objects as an illustration that helps to tell a story.

One of the highlights this term was seeing our Year 3 and 4 pupils design and create their own light boxes in DT, successfully following their plans from concept to completion and producing wonderful final products that showcased both their creativity and practical skills.



Lilac Class have really loved learning about World War Two. We have had some brilliant writing, focused around this topic. We have loved singing old war time songs as well as designing and making our very own air-raid shelters.

We hope all our families have a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing you all ready for new learning in November.

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 Miller.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Pupils delight in attending this welcoming school' OFSTED 2025

We would love you to come and see our fantastic school!
Open events are on:

Wednesday 1st October 1.30-2.30pm

Monday 6th October 9.15-11am

Thursday 9th October 9.15-11am and 6-7pm

Saturday 18th October 9.30-11.30am

Friday 7th November 1:30 – 2:30pm

Monday 17th November 9.15-11am

Thursday 4th December 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 9th January 1.30-2.30pm

Book a space by calling the school office on 01892 770221



**Achievement for All
Learning Together
Learning for Life**



'The school is ambitious for its pupils. Pupils achieve well across a broad range of subjects'

'I am so pleased that my child is lucky enough to attend a school that is so supportive, kind and inclusive.'

'The excellent behaviour of pupils, demonstrating respect and care for one another across all year groups, reflects the distinctively Christian values and ethos of the school.'

'Teachers provide all kinds of interesting opportunities for pupils to learn in different ways.'

Pupils say they enjoy coming to school and that the school feels like "one big family."
'Playtimes are joyful'



Information Governance Team
Children's Services
East Sussex County Council



Sporting Achievements

Crowborough Cross Country

On Wednesday 15th October a group of KS2 children represented our school at the inter school Crowborough cross country event. There were some pre-race nerves, but the children were fantastic and demonstrated such determination and focus, and all coming in brilliant places. Congratulations to Isaac for coming first in his age group and to Liv and Cece for qualifying for the next round.



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— 'Help Inform Childcare in East Sussex' survey

Reminder of take—home password form to return
Active Education clubs for T2
Clinic information for missed flu vaccinations
Healthy Eating Poster competition

Lilac— Reminder to apply for secondary school by 31st October



Dates for your Diary

November

- 3rd: Start of Term 2
- 5th: Lilac trip to Newhaven Fort
- 10th: Parent Consultations Y5-Y6 only 3.30-6pm
- 11th: Parent Consultations YR-Y4 3.30-6pm
- 11th: Remembrance Service at Church
- 12th: Cherry trip to Wakehurst Place
- 13th: Forest School—Maple
- 13th: Parent Consultations YR-Y4 3.30-6pm
- 14th: NCMP Screening for Y6
- 17th: Parent Consultations Y5-Y6 only 3.30-6pm
- 20th: Forest School—Cherry
- 21st: Own Clothes Day (for a donation of bottles to the PTFA)
- 27th: Forest School— Willow
- 28th: Own Clothes Day (for a donation of tombola sweets and/or teddies to the PTFA)
- 28th: PTFA Wreath Making 7pm in school hall

Advanced notice

26th June
2026—Sports Day!





Please be aware that our caterers are introducing their new **Autumn Winter menu** from Monday 3rd November (which will be week 1). If you have already booked meals from that date, you may wish to check for any changes and amend your child's choices if required.



December

- 1st: Children to bring in an orange for Christingles
- 3rd: Christingle Service at Church 9.30am
- 4th: Forest School—Lilac
- 6th: PTFA Christmas Fair, noon to 3pm
- 9th: KS1 & EYFS Nativity, time TBC
- 11th: Forest School—Maple
- 12th: Willow Class Assembly— 2.45pm
- 17th: Christmas lunch/Jumper day & Elfridges
- 19th: Christmas Service in Church 9.30am
- 19th: End of Term 2

January 2026

- 5th: Start of term 3



End of the School Day

As we have many clubs that use the playground at 3.15pm, please ensure that you vacate the playground as soon as you have collected your children. Please do not allow your children to play on the equipment as they will not be supervised.

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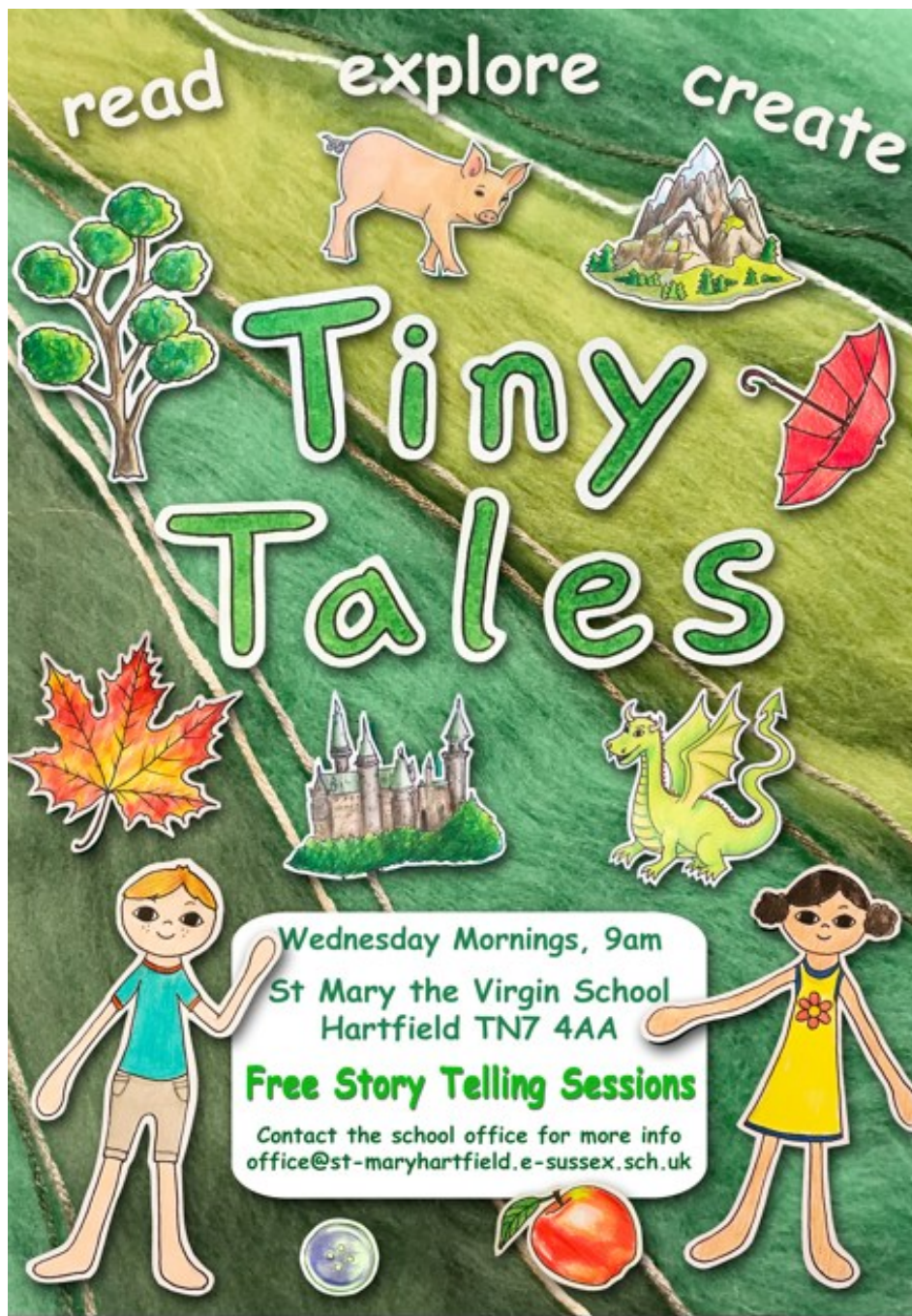
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Photographs taken on 7th October 2025



Have you ordered your child's portrait school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 28th October 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Story Time!



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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—Harry—you are so loving and kind to other children in our class.

Faith—Sami— for showing great faith in our R E lesson, when learning about Hinduism. You showed great compassion and awareness for learning about a new religion, and this also came through with your answers. You were also successful when comparing Hinduism and Christianity. Well done.

Love—Skye—you are such a kind friend! Whenever you get something, you help your friends to get theirs—like lunchboxes or water bottles or book bags! Well done!



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 since the last newsletter:

Speaking—Henry—for your speaking in French Lessons when having a conversation, using the correct greetings and pronunciation! It was lovely to see your confidence shine through when speaking to your classmates in French.

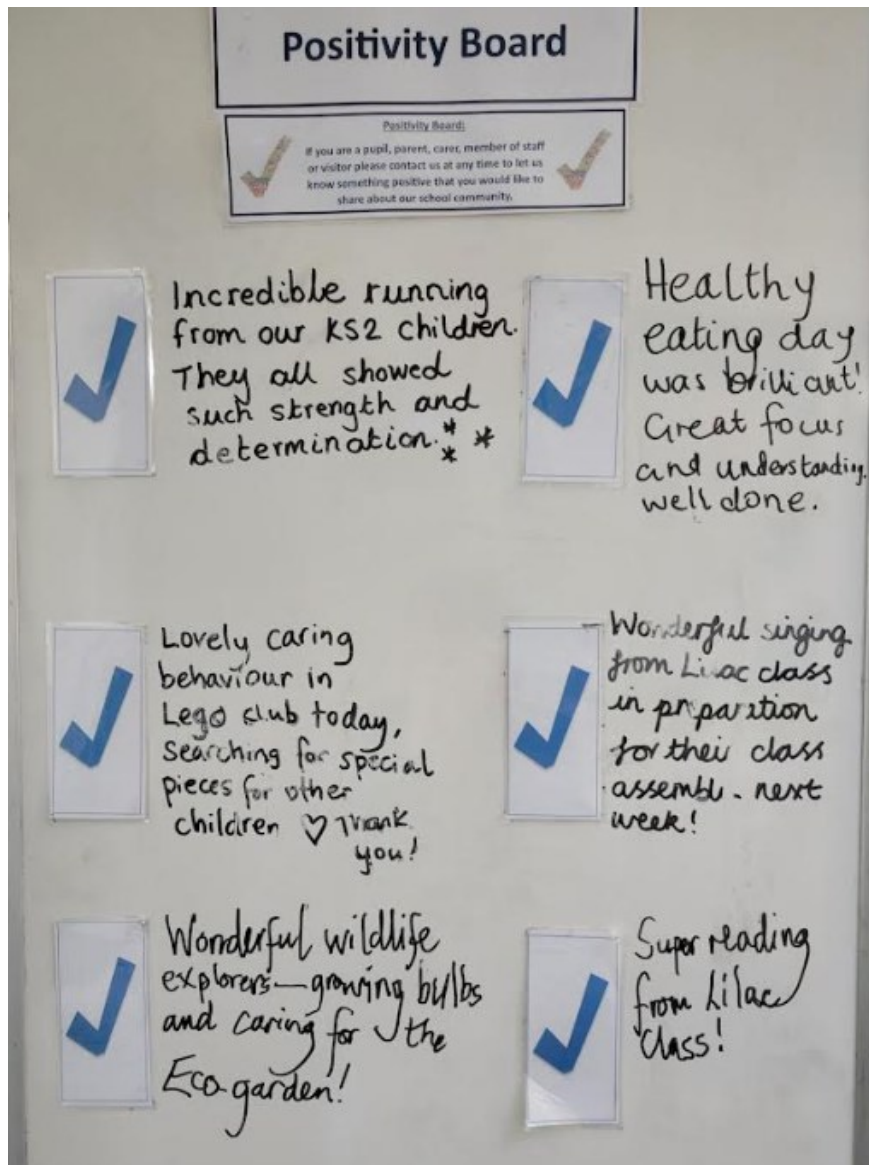
Listening—Ophelia—when I look around, you're always listening. You listen to lessons, your friends and your teachers. Thank you Ophelia!



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.





Wildlife Explorers Club (Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Rowberry), and Yoga (Tuesday's in Term 2 at 3.15pm with Mr Whittaker) have spaces available for those who are interested. Please email the office to register your child. Spaces are filled on a first come, first serve basis.



Forest School Term 1

For Maple class's first ever Forest School, they were joined by their Year 6 buddies on the school grounds. Teaming up with their buddy, we held a conker rolling competition to see who could get their conker all the way across the playground. They also enjoyed preparing and tasting some cinnamon apples— Maple children defiantly enjoyed the making more than the tasting!



As the classes have made their way along the Forest Way to Forest School, they have been looking up into the trees at all the changing autumn colours. The children in Maple class listed all the different colours they could see on their first ever journey to the woods, these are a few of the colour combinations they said?: “yellow and green”, “brown with some red”.



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Once in the woods the children have been practising their fire lighting skills, using a flint and steel to create a spark to light a piece of cotton wool. With the fire roaring away, the classes were able to enjoy trying cinnamon apples that they prepared and cooked over a fire. These were a success, with many of the children wanting seconds!



Using conkers and some clay, the children got creative and made themselves a snail. They used clay to make the body of the snail and the conker was used as the shell. They then found two sticks that they used to push into the clay body as eyes. One class made so many snails that they lined them up along a long log.



We are keen to increase visits to our school, and have spaces in many year groups, so please spread the word about our open events, and share and like our Social Media posts!



PTFA

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.



PTFA PLANNER
Christmas 2025

21st Nov - MUFTI DAY
In exchange for Christmas Fair
Tombola Bottles

28th Nov - MUFTI DAY
In exchange for Christmas Fair
Tombola Treats & Teddy's

28th Nov - WREATH MAKING
7pm in School.
Please use link to book your place

6th Dec - CHRISTMAS FAIR!
12pm-3pm in School
Come support our fundraising
extravaganza!

17th Dec - CHRISTMAS FUN DAY
in School
Christmas Lunch,
Christmas Jumpers & Elfridges store.
Please use link to make your
Elfridges order


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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

7pm AT HARTFIELD SCHOOL

Join us for a fun and festive evening, making your own beautiful Christmas Wreath! All welcome! Invite a family member, friend or neighbour. Booking & payment in advance is essential by 15th November

£25 per person

This includes all materials, hot drink and mince pie

Please email PTFAhartfield@gmail.com
or call 01892 770221 to secure your place.



SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
12 TO 3PM



Christmas Fair

HARTFIELD SCHOOL



Don't miss a special visit from

FATHER CHRISTMAS

To book a time slot please email: PTFAHARTFIELD@GMAIL.COM

Free entry!

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

All money raised will benefit our fabulous Village school

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LIMITED SPACES
BOOK NOW

AGES 6-12

Theatre Camp

£40 Per Child, Per Day

WILD ROOM THEATRE

OCTOBER 27TH & 28TH

9:00am - 3:30pm

Join us for 2 action-packed days of singing, dancing, acting and stage magic at our Performing Arts October School! Mini Showcase for parents/carers on second day!

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Hellingly Community Hub
Hellingly
BN27 4EP

07713976396
Cydneyedwards21@gmail.com



HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL

DIGGING
MAKING
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BLACKBOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL
30th-31st Oct 2025
7-12 yrs £45 per day
10am-3pm

★ Motivate ★ Nurture ★ Inspire ★

HALF TERM DANCE

for dancers aged 4-13yrs

- ★ Contemporary Dance
- ★ Creative Dance
- ★ Commercial Dance
- ★ Arts, crafts, games & prizes
- ★ Performances at the end of each day


29th and 30th October
10am-4pm

Kings Academy, Ringmer

★ £35 per day / £65 for two days

WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!

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Bookings for our Half Term Dance Workshops are now open!

- Contemporary & Commercial Dance
- Students split into groups based on age/ability
- Crafts, games & prop making with Halloween themes
- Performances at the end of each day

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th October 2025
10am-4pm
Kings Academy, Ringmer
For all dancers aged 4-13yrs

Discounts for siblings & those attending both days

For more information contact Jess Lloyd:
jessloyddanceandfitness@gmail.com / 07968295862
or book via:
www.bookwhen.com/jessloyddanceandfitness

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The Parenting Team

Being a parent is
a journey...

Let's make it a
positive one!



For more information
about our free courses,
groups webinars and
events.
Scan the QR code



 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

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Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Tue. 11th Nov 7- 8:30pm

£24 or FREE with School Membership

Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Lunch and Chat Online Group 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 online or in-person small group workshops may be for you!

Lunch and Chat Small Group

17th September, 1pm to 2:30pm

21st January, 1pm to 2:30pm

These will take place on Microsoft Teams and there will be some "taught" content followed by group discussions.

Small group in-person sessions

Taming the Worries

Thursday 25th September, 10am to 12pm @ St Leonards Family Hub

Monday 6th October, 1:30pm to 2:30pm @ Shinewater Family Hub

Monday 13th October, 10am to 12pm @ Lewes Family Hub

Monday 20th October, 10am to 12pm @ Hailsham Family Hub

Wednesday 5th November, 10am to 12pm @ Uckfield Family Hub

Thursday 27th November, 12pm to 2pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Monday 9th February, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Peacehaven Family Hub

Wednesday 4th March, 12pm to 2pm @ Uckfield Family Hub

Tricky Mornings - Friday 7th November @ Devonshire Family Hub

The Impact of Neurodiversity on anxiety, sleep and tricky mornings - Thursday 13th November 9:30am to 11:00am

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_info@eastsussex.gov.uk

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October Holiday Camp

Come join us for our october half term holiday camps! Full of fun activities and seasonal fun!

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

HALLOWEEN THEMED DAY - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

*TRICK OR TREAT - MONSTER MAKING - PUMPKIN CREATIONS -
MASK MAKING - SCAVENGER HUNT - HALLOWEEN BINGO -
MUMMY WRAP COMPETITION - COSTUME CONTEST*

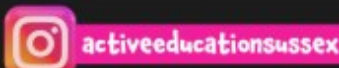
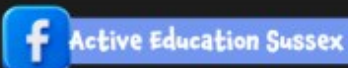


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Fun Football Camp

Join us for a fun filled day of football! Loads of fun activities to explore and enjoy such as:

- Football Matches
- Football Skill Drills
- Goalkeeping Drills
- Shooting Drills
- Foot Golf
- Football Tennis
- Football Rounders
- World Cup/Wembley
- Tournaments and Competitions

Fun for all no matter of your age or ability!

What to bring

- Packed Lunch
- Breaktime Snacks
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Change of clothing (expect to get muddy!)
- Football Boots and Astro Turf Trainers Advised

Locations

- Hailsham Primary Academy, Bulrush Lane, Hellingly, BN27 4FB
- Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, BN20 8XN

Dates

Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

Options & Prices

Breakfast Club (Open to all aged 4-11) - 07:45-08:45 - £6.50

Half Camp Day (Aged 4 Only) - 08:45-12:00 - £15.00

Main Camp Day (Aged 5-11 Only) - 08:45-15:15 - £27.50

After Camp Club (Aged 5-11 Only) - 15:15-16:15 - £6.50



Multi Activity Camp

Come and join us for our Multi Activity Holiday Camp, with plenty of activities including:

- A Wide Selection of Sports
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Painting
- Art and Craft Activities
- Movies
- Party & Circle Games
- Team Games

Don't forget to visit our gift shop filled with loads of fun toys and items for you to enjoy (card payments only)

What to bring

- Packed Lunch
- Breaktime Snacks
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Spare Clothes

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*Both Multi Activity and Fun Football Camps will be run at the same venue but will be two separate holiday camps to ensure there is something for everyone whilst also making it accessible and easy for parents/carers to book siblings onto different camps. We look forward to seeing you all there!

*Please note all children aged 4 attending must be currently attending primary school in reception.

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:
16th November
7th December

There will be
no Sunday Connect on :
2nd Nov
(due to school holidays)

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 Discoverers

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

Upcoming dates: 16th November, 7th December

There will be no Sunday Discoverers 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

3rd November 24th November
10th November 1st December
17th November 8th December

NO Little Stars on 27th October
due to 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:

6th November
20th November
4th December

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 6th November
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 4th December

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

An Invitation to A Time to Remember Service

Thursday 6th November, 1.15 pm

St Mary's Church

Hartfield

**A time to remember loved ones who have died.
To light a candle in their memory as part of
a short service of music and reflection,
readings and prayers.**

Everyone welcome.

**Followed by tea and cake at the Church Street
Community Cafe.**

**R.S.V.P - Lisa Gibbs-Murray: 07927 939116
admsmht@gmail.com**



St Mary's
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 30th November

9.30am - Holy Communion Quiet Service
(with Advent reflections)

Wednesday 3rd December

9.30am - School Christingle Service

Sunday 7th December

9.30am - Holy Communion with Sunday Discoverers

Tuesday 9th December

Time tbc - School Nativity Play

Sunday 14th December

9.30am - Christmas Praise with St Mary's School

Friday 19th December

9.30am - End of Term School Christmas Service
6pm Live Nativity

Sunday 21st December

6.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols - **Holy Trinity**

Wednesday 24th December

4pm - Crib Service

11.15pm - Midnight Communion

Thursday 25th December

8am - Holy Communion BCP

9.30am All Age Christmas Service

11am - Christmas Communion - **Holy Trinity**

