

Term 2 Week 2 2025 Friday 14th November 2025

Headlines from the Head

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Focus on Attendance

We want to celebrate attendance in school since we returned from half term. Currently our School's attendance for the past week is 97.1%. Across the Pioneer Federation we aim for attendance to be above 97%. Attending school every day has a huge impact on not only a child's academic progress, but also their social and emotional wellbeing. We regard a child's sense of belonging as fundamental to children's happiness at school. If they are absent for long, or staggered periods of time then we have seen the negative impact that this has on our pupils. So, we want to say thank you for ensuring attendance across our school remains high. We understand that sometimes it can be a challenge to encourage children into school when they are not feeling 100%. If you would like support around this please speak to your class teacher or make an appointment with Mrs Fry so that we can ensure structured support is in place for you.



ST MARY THE VIRGIN

CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Pupils delight in attending this welcoming school' OFSTED 2025

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

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

























Top Tips

Letters, emails and WhatsApp's home this fortnight. Please check below and let the office know if you have missed any:

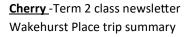
Whole School — Healthy Eating Day Summary

Decorations Morning

KS2 Christmas Songs on website link Grounds Tidying/Clearing Sessions CUES© e-mail from CLASS

<u>Lilac</u>— Request for shoe boxes Info re WW2 Day & Marble Jar reward

<u>Willow</u>—Term 2 class newsletter Sparking Sustainability homework Hever Castle trip



Maple - Forest School dates



Advanced notice

26th June 2026—Sports

Day!



Honey Run

Mrs Fry and Mrs Pike will be running this half marathon this Sunday. They would like to use this as an opportunity to raise funds towards our new trim trail. Please visit the page below if you would like to donate.

Many thanks!!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ stmarythevirgin-primaryschool?



Dates for your Diary

November

17th: Prospective Parents Open Event 9.15-11am 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

December

1st: Children to bring in an orange for Christingles

2nd: Decorations Morning

3rd: Christingle Service at Church 9.30am

4th: Forest School—Lilac

4th: Prospective Parents Open Event 1.30-2.30pm

5th: Lilac Class WW2 Day

6th: PTFA Christmas Fair, noon to 3pm

9th: KS1 & EYFS Nativity, time TBC

11th: Forest School—Maple

11th: KS2 Christmas Show 6pm

12th: Lilac Class Pyjama Day

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

9th: Prospective Parents Open

Event 1.30-2.30pm



Grounds Tidying/Clearing Sessions at St Mary's - can you help?

Thursday 20th November

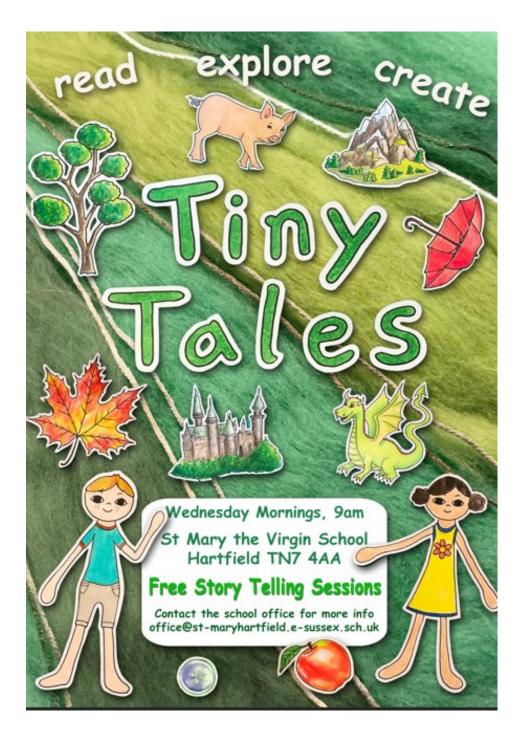
Thursday 4th December

Thursday 18th December

All dates 3.30-4.30pm—Adults only, bring a broom!

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.

Story Time!



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

Our Vision Being the best we can be, in a thriving community, following the example of Jesus Love Faith Strength Love and respect Recognise people's Have faith in yourself and others and be honest yourself and all others, strengths and use your and truthful. Believe treating them as you own to be resilient that you never know would like to be and the best you can what you can achieve treated. be in all you do. until you try. John 6: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37 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:

Charlie H—Strength - (17.10.25) - we see your incredible strength Charlie. You are so strong and determined, each and every day at school. What an amazing example you set to everyone on how to be calm, kind, patient and brave. Thank you for your hard work.

The Whole of Maple Class—Strength— you were brilliant at your first Forest School, including walking there so enthusiastically.

Tuppence—Strength— For showing great strength within Maths lessons. You didn't give up when learning how to do the column method, and showed great strength in your understanding in place value. You were so determined to work independently, successfully and you achieved it! Well done:)

Lilac Class Cross Country Runners—Strength— for showing great strength, perseverance and good sportsmanship at the Beacon Cross Country event. You represented your school so well and I am super proud of every one of you!

William—Love—for showing love and care towards the children in Maple Class

Dottie—Strength—You've shown huge strength when you've found it hard to come in, or during our computer lessons. Even when it was so hard, you kept on trying and never gave up. You're amazing Dottie!

Bertie—Love— Bertie has been showing wonderful love and kindness towards others in our school, always ready to help when someone is stuck and guiding younger children to make the right choices, speaking to them with great respect and thoughtfulness.

Lucas—Love—for showing so much enthusiasm for the Christmas production. We can't wait to hear your drum playing in the songs!



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:

Archie—staying positive—This is actually for BEING POSITIVE! Archie, you have been such an awesome member of our class this year so far. You're so positive, both in yourself and in our class. You're an asset to our school and a pleasure to be around. You Rock!:)

Ruby—creativity— you have shown great creativity when making your light box, you chose a unique design and used different materials effectively to layer and add decorative elements. Your concept of your light box is so imaginative and it serves multiple purposes. I can't wait to see the end product. Well done!

Aidan—aiming high—Aidan has been quietly working so hard in all subjects and it has been so lovely to watch the progress he is making.

Finley—Staying Positive—Well done Finely for staying positive when we#ve been doing tricky Maths and Phonics, you've kept smiling throughout! Keep it up!

Tuppence—Aiming High—Tuppence has been aiming high in her writing, not only at school, but also showing fantastic creativity by choosing to write her own story in her own time and using amazing, descriptive language throughout her sentences. Well done Tuppence:)

Elsie—Aiming High—for working so hard this week in all her learning. We have been very impressed with her focus this week.

Remembrance



This is an important time in our year where we spend time commemorating those who gave their lives.

On Sunday, a group of children and Mrs. Fry attended the church remembrance service. On Tuesday we gathered in the churchyard and each child placed a cross in the ground bearing the name of a person killed during the First and Second world wars.

Thank you to all our families for your kind donations toward this.





Vacancies at St Mary the Virgin Primary School

Caretaker – We are looking for a dedicated Caretaker to help keep our St Mary's site looking its best.

Previous caretaking experience within a school environment is desirable - although training via ESCC will be given.

Previous experience of building maintenance / basic DIY and an understanding of health & safety regulations will be useful. Good interpersonal skills to protect the school's interests in dealing with contractors and other visitors to the site. Good literacy and numeracy skills are required.

Must be willing to undergo an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check prior to commencing work.

<u>Wrap Around Care Play Worker</u> - We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, self-motivated, friendly and creative After School Play Worker, ideally with experience working in schools, and a willingness to undertake Level 3 qualification in Childcare, Play-work or equivalent.

They will assist in the day to day organisation of the out of school clubs and assist in the provision of quality play opportunities.

Key tasks:

Provide safe, creative play opportunities, preparing activities, organising the programme etc.

Provide full care for the children. This may include providing refreshments.

Ensure that any injury or sickness of pupils is reported immediately to the First Aider or headteacher and the office. (Where appropriate, administer basic first aid and record all details in the first aid book.) To clean up after sickness of children

Mop up and wipe spillage from the floor surfaces or meal tables, and ensure that the eating area is left in a tidy condition.

Take part in the day to day administration, record keeping, ordering and purchasing materials and equipment.

Liaise closely with parents, school representatives and other childcare and play related agencies.

<u>Individual Needs Assistant</u> - We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, self-motivated and creative INA to join our supportive and friendly team, to assist with the implementation of an EHCP in support of a pupil with complex medical needs.

This position is to support SAL and medical needs and it is vital to fully read the job description and supporting documents before applying – these are available on the school website.

The candidate must be flexible, a good manager of time, able to keep good records and make keen observations in order to support next steps of learning. The successful candidate will be able to communicate effectively with pupils, staff and visiting professionals.

We warmly welcome visits to our school, please contact the school office on 01892 770221

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





PTFA





- * 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

PTFA Christmas Raffle!

The PTFA will soon be sending raffle tickets home for you to purchase. We have some fantastic prizes on offer which we will share with you soon.

The raffle will be drawn on the playground during the last week of term (date to follow.)

Thank you for your support!





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

Dates

Monday 22 December & Tuesday 23 December 2025

Options & Prices

reakfast Club (Open to all aged 4-11) - 07:45-08:45 - £4.50

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

in 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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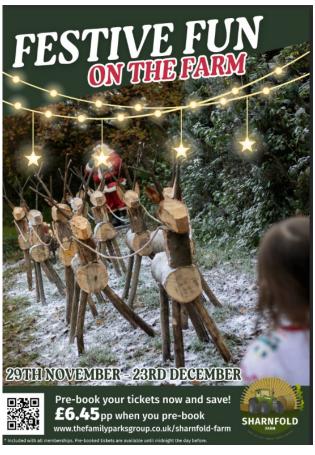


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YOUTH WILDLIFE AND NATURE PHOTO COMPETITION

Show us what Wealden looks like through your eyes!

Who can enter:

Young photographers aged 4 to 17

Categories:

Ages 4-11 or 12-17

What we're looking for:

Photos of local animals or plants in their natural habitats. (No people's faces, please!)



Take your photo on any device and upload it to: letstalk.wealden.gov.uk/nature-photo-competition Or scan this QR code.



Winner: Membership to Sussex Wildlife Trust + your photo framed















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/mentalhealthand

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

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!!

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

16th November

7th December

There will be

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





Upcoming dates



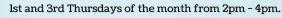
Join us for games, food and fun From 5-6.15pm in the Village Hall

20th November

4th December 18th December

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

Church Street Community Cafe



Homemade cake, tea, and coffee. Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

<u>upcoming</u> 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 msjoannegriffin@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 Trin