

# St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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

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# Friday 12th December 2025 <u>Headlines</u> from the Head

Dear St Mary's Families,

As we build up to Christmas, there have been so many wonderful and exciting events. Decoration's Day; where children worked in their houses, learning new skills to create a variety of Christmas treats. Christingle; where we were able to pause and have time to reflect on who Jesus is, as well as the KS1 and KS2 performances. We were so proud of the children and all they achieved in their performances. The energy and focus that they put into these was admirable.

As well as our Christmas events in school, another highlight was the Christmas Fete. For one day the school was magically transformed into a Christmas wonderland. It was a fantastic event and thoroughly enjoyed by all. All of these events have been able to happen because of the hard-working teams behind them. I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody in our school community for helping make the Christmas events this year so special for our children.

This Sunday we still have our Christmas Praise Service at St Mary's Church. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible join us for this family service.

Friday 19th December is our end of term Christmas Assembly. This will take place at 9.30 in the church. All families are welcome to join.

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas, I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas.

Mrs. Fry

Head of School









#### Christingle and KS1/EY







# 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.15-11am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-2.30pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

Willow - Staffing, & assembly update



#### **Christmas Cards**



From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. We will have a Christmas post box outside Mrs. Fry's office and children will be asked to post their cards there. The Lilac children will then help to distribute them throughout the week.

Please make sure that cards have first and surnames clearly written ,with the children's classes also written on the front.

Royal British Legion update

We have had a message from the Royal British Legion thanking us for our support. They have confirmed that the collection from school was a total of £109.72.

Thank you all for your generosity!

#### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **December**

17th: Christmas lunch/Jumper day & Elfridges

18th: Grounds Tidying/Clearing Session 3.30-4.30pm

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

15th: Forest School for Maple class22nd: Forest School for Cherry class29th: Forest School for Willow class

#### February 2026

4th: Young Voices concert at the OVO Arena Wembley

5th: Forest School for Lilac class12th: Travelling Book Fair arrives12th: Forest School for Maple class

13th: End of Term 3

13th: PTFA disco in the hall

23rd: Start of Term 4

25th: Travelling Book Fair's last day here

#### March

w/c 2nd: Parent Consultations—dates tbc

5th: Forest School for Cherry class

13th: Reception class vision, heights and weights checks by community nurses—more info to come.

20th: Cherry Class assembly @ 2.45pm

26th: Forest School for Maple

class

27th: PTFA Easter Disco in hall

27th: End of Term 4



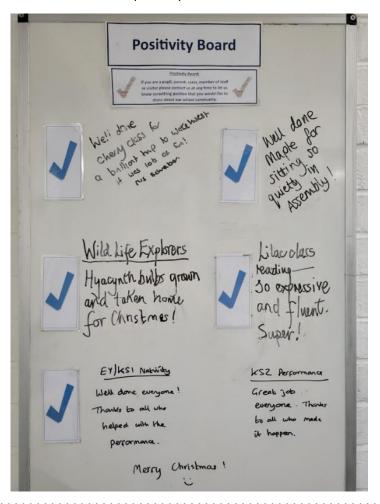
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Arbor is committed to improving the experience of the Arbor Parent App, and want to hear from you as part of their research. Please take five minutes to complete this short survey. Your input will directly impact what Arbor builds next, thank you for taking part.

#### **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 there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



#### Vacancies at St Mary the Virgin Primary School

<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

#### **School Values**

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

Luke 10: 25-37

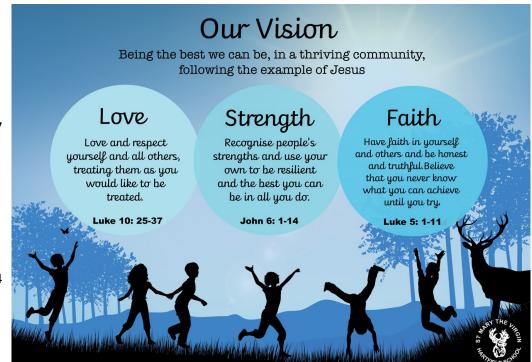
Strength: recognise people's strength and use your own to be resilient and the best you can be in all that you do.

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—Ida—showing kindness at <u>all</u> times to everybody in our school community. Well done for showing this value in all that you do.

Love—Iris—you are always such a kind and thoughtful member of our class, but it's also so clear how much you love and enjoy your learning—especially the really tricky stuff! Your love of learning makes our classroom a fab place to be!





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# 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:

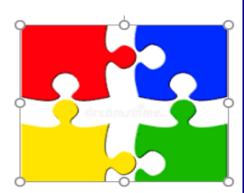
Henry—Aiming High—you have worked so hard in your English learning this week. You have tried to add interesting phrases and ideas, well done.

Lander—Creativity—Thank you Lander for sharing your incredible firework artwork with us in Show and Tell. We were totally wowed by the way you displayed your art and the confident way you presented it to us. Well done and thank you for the effort you put into it!

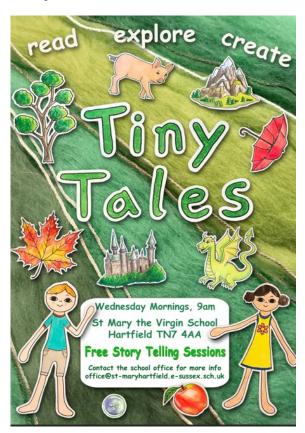
Henry—Problem Solving— Henry built a train track which started on a table and ended on the floor. He tested it repeatedly and if something didn't work, he changed it and tried again.







## **Story Time!**





Fundraising for our Trim Trail



#### Staff sporting successes.

Mr Procter, Mrs Fry and Mrs Pike have recently completed some long distance running events. The Honey Run, (local half marathon) and The Mince Pie 10 mile run.

We are so grateful for all the sponsorship that we have received and we are getting close to being able to order a new Trim Trail for our playground.

The organisers of the Honey Run have very kindly offered us a substantial amount towards it and we are incredibly grateful for this very kind donation.

The Just giving page is still open. If you would like to make a donation please find the link below...

 $https://www.just giving.com/crowdfunding/naomi-fry-1?utm\_medium=CF\&utm\_source=CL$ 



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**





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#### Price & Buckland Stock Take 2025

This involves a temporary 8-day closure of their uniform warehouse. This process is not only a legal requirement but, by maintaining accurate stock figures, it also ensures they can provide accurate information to both schools and parents/carers.

Stock Take will take place from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

During this period, they will continue to accept orders, but they will not be processed or dispatched until after the stock take is complete. If you'd like to place any orders in advance, feel free to do so and they will do their very best to dispatch them before the closure.

Thank you for your understanding.





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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/Wembles
- · 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

#### Locations

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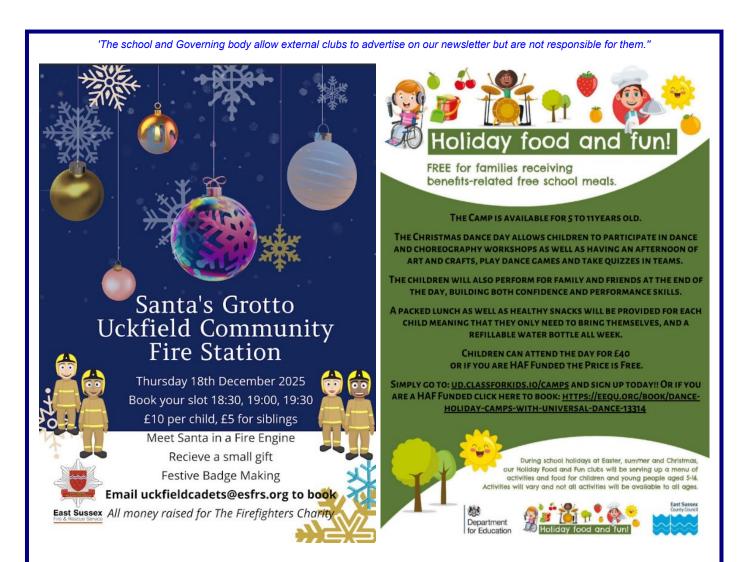
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Half Camp Day (Aged 4 Only) - 08:45-12:00 - £15.00

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





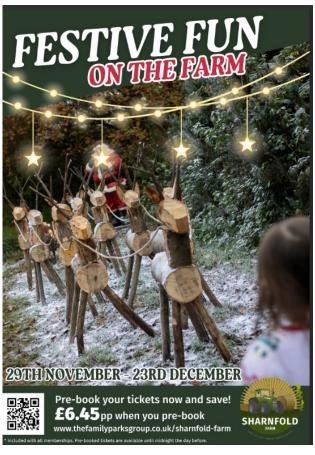


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### FACE January 2026 Timetable £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Autism - Improving Communication Improving Family Communication Supporting A Child with ADHD Understanding Addictive Behaviour







## **Exploring** New **Directions**



Building onfidence



#### For Eastbourne and Wealden residents

#### Helping Parents Grow, So Children Can Thrive

Practical workshops designed to help parents:

- · reconnect with their strengths
- · explore new job, training, or volunteering opportunities
- · build confidence and wellbeing
- learn simple ways to encourage and support their children's aspirations

Workshops are now open for booking from February to July 2026.

Thanks to funding support, there is no cost to schools or parents, and we work flexibly to fit around the school day.

Contact People Matter to book your workshop

reception@people-matter.org.uk 01323 431289 or 07843 190738









#### 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 13<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am to 11:00am

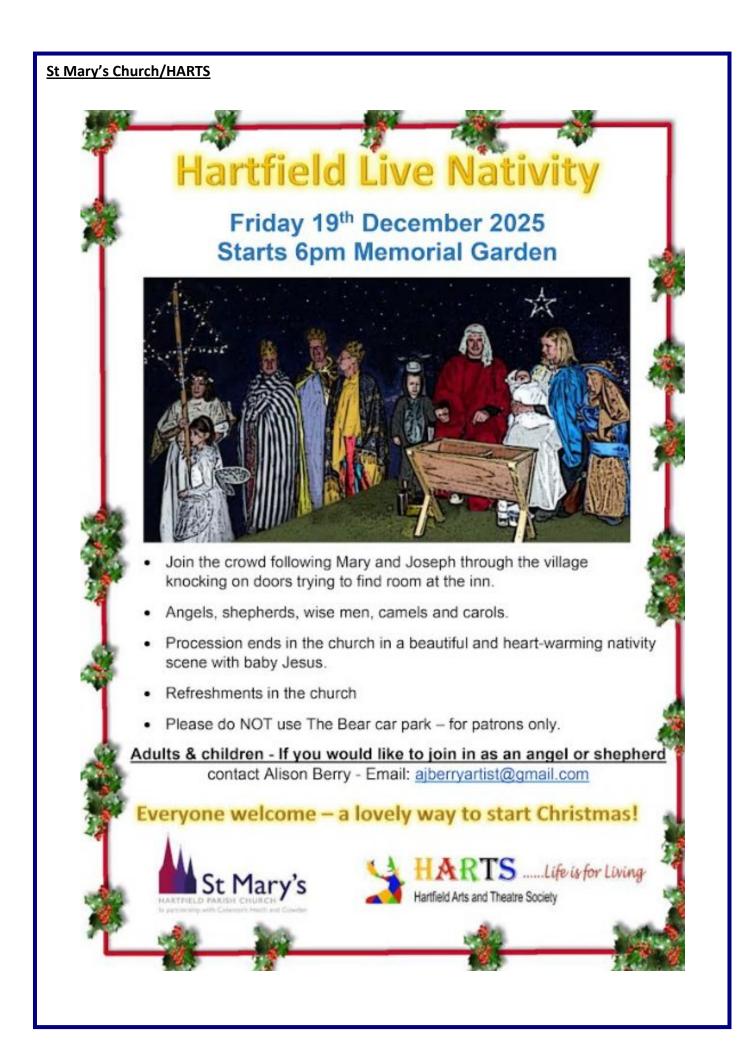
Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available, and we will be providing activities to make some items to take home with you to do with your child/ren

For more info and to book scan the QR code or visit:



ww.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthand

If you have any questions, please email



#### St Mary's Church Information



Held in The Oast from 9.30am, for breakfast and chats, before heading back to church for communion. Sunday dates are: 7<sup>th</sup> December 18<sup>th</sup> January

There will be no sessions on Come, relax and chat as we 21st December or

build relationship with Jesus and each other!! 21<sup>st</sup> December or 4<sup>th</sup> January due to the school holidays

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



## LITTLE

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



#### **Upcoming dates**

8<sup>th</sup> December 5<sup>th</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup> December 12<sup>th</sup> January

9.15 to 10.45am

Tea and Coffee Provided revjuliesear1@gmail.com

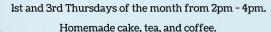


Join us for games, food and fun From 5-6.15pm in the Village Hall Thursday dates are: 20<sup>th</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup> December 18<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Church Street Community Cafe



Everyone welcome.

Table with crafts and games for children.

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

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am - Holy Communion with Sunday Discoverers
6.30pm - Advent Choral Evensong - Holy Trinity
(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

# Sunday 14th December

9.30am - Christmas Praise with St Mary's School

# Friday 19th December

6pm Live Nativity (meet at Memorial Gardens)
Please do NOT use The Bear car park - patrons only
Do use the school car park

## Sunday 21st December

9.30am - Reflective Holy Communion
6.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols - Holy Trinity
(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

# 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