



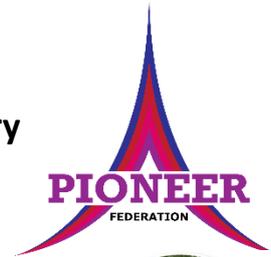
St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 4 Week 2 2026

Friday 6th March 2026

Being the best we can be in a thriving community, following the example of Jesus.

Celebrating playtimes at St Mary's

The week started with much anticipation as the long awaited new Trim Trail was finally ready for us to play on. It is a great addition to the playground, providing challenge as well as fun. We hope you agree that it also makes the playground look super smart with all the bark chippings now removed replaced with all weather artificial grass. We have some additional equipment as well, and from Monday each day there will be a rota of equipment to keep playtimes fresh and engaging. The winning house on a Friday will now get to use the 'Reward Box' as well as be the only house allowed on the Trim trail—an incentive to keep earning those raffle tickets!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated towards the new Trim Trail. Thanks to the PTFA for the very generous contribution and for all the hard work they have put into fundraising throughout the year. We also want to say a huge thank you to The Parish Council, who have also given a very generous donation of £4000, through The Honey Run. Thank you as well to everyone who sponsored Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Pike in November to complete the Honey Run.

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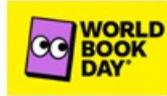
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World Book Day 2026



Dressing up as our favourite book character

It was lovely to see everyone dress up as their favourite book character. The costumes were brilliant and all so different.

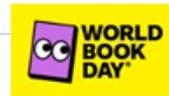
Thank you everyone for all the effort they put into these.



Out of the Bag Theatre

We welcomed Out of the Bag Theatre, and Maple, Cherry and Willow enjoyed taking part in this immersive storytelling workshop around the Japanese tale of Urashima Tarō about a boy who frees a turtle and then goes on to have an under-sea adventure; travelling to the dragon's palace under the sea; and travelling through time. It is a story that links to the culture of Japan, the importance of the ocean, being an island nation (like Britain); and of looking after our oceans and their life. The children loved this immersive performance.





Mystery Reader

The whole school heard a variety of blurbs from different books. Children then had to choose which book they would like to hear read. However they didn't know who would be reading the book! Here are some photos of children listening to their chosen stories with the surprise readers.



We loved reading to Mrs. Philcox.
Can you guess what she dressed up as?



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— After School Club update
School Choir singing at Village Lunch Club
No use of playground equipment after school
Payment reminder for whole school trip on 13.3.26
Payment reminder for World Book Day Theatre Workshops

Willow - Parent Consultations moved from 3rd March to 10th March due to illness

Cherry—Term 4 newsletter & Phonics/spellings



Dates for your Diary

March

11th: PTFA Someone Special Gifting
12th: Reception class Vision, Heights and Weights checks by community nurses.
12th: Forest School for Willow class
13th: Whole School trip to Hurstmonceux Science Centre
19th: Forest School for Lilac class
20th: Cherry Class assembly @ 2.45pm
26th: Forest School for Cherry class (not Maple)
27th: End of Term 4

April

13th: Start of Term 5
16th: TCS Mini London Marathon (whole school) - more info to come.
23rd: Forest School for Maple class
24th: PTFA Easter Disco in hall
30th: Forest School for Cherry class

May

4th: Bank Holiday –no school
7th: Forest School for Willow class
11th-14th: Y6 SATs
11th-14th: Y5 Bikeability
19th: Y5/6 Pioneer Cup Football Tournament
21st: Forest School for Maple class
22nd: PTFA May Fair and end of Term 5

June

1st: INSET Day
4th-5th: Lilac class residential



Are you a keen sewer?

We would love to have some sensory cushions made that have ribbons or zips or toggles on to support children during our collective worship time.



Please let Mrs. Fry or the office know if this is something you would like to support us with.

We need your help!

Are you available next Thursday, 12th to help us move our shed up to the playground? We need a team of strong people to help us move the shed to enable us to store play equipment.

Please let Mrs. Fry or Mrs. Miller know if this is something you could help with.



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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.

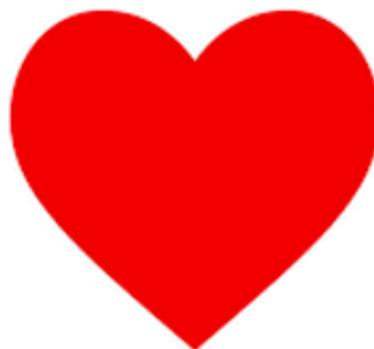
Luke 5: 1-11



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—Barney—you are clearly loving life at the moment, Barney, and we are all so impressed! You're listening well, working so hard and we all cannot wait to see what you do next! Keep it up.

Love— Willow Class—this week in Willow Class we have been focused on using kind words and the effect it has. You have shown what it truly means to care and support one another, and create a positive and welcoming environment for everyone. Your thoughtful actions and respectful attitudes make your classroom a happy and safe place for everyone to learn and grow!





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:

Speaking—Charlie (G)—You have shown fantastic focus and commitment by completing your work to an excellent standard. You are a great member of this class, always sharing your ideas in a positive and thoughtful way! We are very proud of you and the example you have set for others.

Aiming High -Skye— My little Labrador! Thank you Skye for your impeccable behaviour and attitude to learning. You are aiming high in everything you do in class and with your friends. Rock on!

Teamwork—Maple Class—the children in Maple worked together to make up their own version of the Three Little Pigs and acted it out during Helicopter story time. They called it 'The Three Little Cows and the Big Bad Sheep'!

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.



Changes to Choir in Term 5

After Easter, Choir will continue to run on a Tuesday lunchtime when Rosie our specialist singing teacher will continue to join us and share important technique. **In addition to this**, choir will now also meet before school on a Thursday morning at 8am. This will give more time to practice and learn a wider variety of songs.



Mrs. Fry

A message from Rev Julie Sear

Dear St Mary's Families,

This year I will have been in full time ministry for 25 years both lay and ordained. I have been with you in the parishes for over 12 years and I have loved being your parish priest. During my time serving the parishes we have shared so many memories, which Trevor and I will hold onto for the rest of our lives. This has been a very hard decision to make as after twelve years you immerse yourself in community life to the extent it feels like home.

One of the highlights of my ministry has been working with St Mary's School. I joined the Governing body in 2013 and found a wonderful and dedicated team who worked hard to keep the school as a place of excellent learning with Christian values across the whole school. I have so enjoyed our weekly services in church and all the festivals and plays over the years. I have learnt so much from all your children. I recently met some of the children who were five years old when I arrived and they are now learning to drive!

St Mary's school is a wonderful school with a big heart and I will miss the staff and children but take away some amazing memories. I leave feeling the connection with St Mary's church is strong. With Matt Marriott, our youth worker and Governor continuing the strong connections alongside a good team of St Mary's school staff.

During our time here, our own children have married and given us five Grandchildren. We have walked through a pandemic and seen incredible provision to help our churches grow and flourish. Honestly, there is so much to be thankful for. I also know all of you will step up in new ways, working together with those who will support the parishes in prayer.

I want you all to know that the next few months will not change the way I care about Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch. I am grateful to have Rev Stephen Hills as Associate Vicar at Cowden who along with other people will support the parishes in the coming months.

There will be lots to say and do in the coming weeks. I have already begun the process and will make sure we leave with some strong foundations. I also hope our time together will be full of thankfulness and celebration.

When we move, at the end of April, the parish will enter what is called an interregnum. In the interregnum, there will be a need for everyone –to play their part and in praying and preparing for the person that God will call to minister here in the future. It takes time and all our churchwardens along with the Archdeacon will work together.

At our three churches PCC meeting last month I used the words from 1 Thessalonians 1: where Paul reminds the church of the work of faith, the labour of love and the steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith and example lived out together.

Please do not underestimate the emotion I feel about this decision. There will be lots more to say in the coming weeks. Come and talk to me. I am still here!

I would love to see some of you at our Easter Services.

We will be holding a special school service in church for parents - staff and children on the 15th April at 9.30am. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please do talk to me or one of the **churchwardens**. My last weekend with you all will be the 25th and 26th April.

With love from Rev Canon Julie Sear.

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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PTFA Newsletter

January 2026

Upcoming Events

- Maple class bake sale - 10th Feb
- School Disco - 13th Feb
- Someone special gifting - 11th March
- Community Bake Sale - TBC
- School Disco - 24th April
- Mayfair - 22nd May
- Someone special gifting - 19th June
- Sports Day & PTFA BBQ - 26th June
- School Disco - 17th July

We Need You!

After an incredible 6 years of dedication, our wonderful Chairperson Kerry Powell has stepped down for a well earned rest!

We're excited to be looking for someone new to step into this role. If you're interested in becoming the PTFA Chairperson, or would like to find out more, please have a chat with Katie or Helen.

If the Chairperson role is not for you, but you'd still like to get involved, we'd love to expand our team. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our 'Regular Helpers' list - Thank you!

Contacts

- Vice-Chair - Helen Law
- Secretary - Katie Schreiber
- Treasurer - Beth Hart
- Regular Helpers: Caroline Halawa & Claire Levis
- E-mail: PTFAhartfield@gmail.com

Fundraising Focus

This year, our focus is supporting the school with the replacement of the playground trim trail. We are delighted to be involved in this exciting addition to the children's daily routine.

We will continue to raise vital funds through the remainder of this academic year through a range of regular activities, including class bake sales, discos, special person gifting and our Sports Day BBQ. You can support these fundraising efforts by taking part in our events, using Easyfundraising when you shop, or purchasing second-hand uniform.

Thank you for your fantastic support!

UK Rhino Challenge

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for all the family



Sunday May 3rd 2026



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Two levels of challenge
Family Fun - 4 miles
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EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

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Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

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Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camps

Join us for a fun filled day of Multi Activity and fun football! Loads of fun activities to explore and enjoy including A Wide Selection of Sports . Fencing . Gymnastics . Dance . Painting . Art and Craft Activities . Movies . Party & Circle Games . Team Games . Football Matches . Football Skill Drills . Competitions and loads more! Fun for all no matter of your age or ability!

What to bring

Packed Lunch . Break time Snacks . Refillable Water Bottle . Change of Clothing (expect to get muddy!) . Trainers (Multi Activity) . Football Boots and Astro Turf Trainers Advised (Fun Football)



Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp

Manor Primary School, Downsview Crescent, TN22 1UB
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026



Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp

Hailsham Primary Academy, Bulrush Lane, BN27 4FB
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026
HAF Funded Spaces at this Camp!



Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp

Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, BN20 8XN
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026
HAF Funded Spaces at this Camp!

Options & Prices

Breakfast Club (Open to all aged 4-11) – 07:45-08:45 – £7.50

Half Camp Day (Open to all aged 4-11) – 08:45-12:45 – £19.50

Main Camp Day (Aged 5-11 Only) – 08:45-15:15 – £29.50

After Camp Club (Aged 5-11 Only) – 15:15-16:15 – £7.50

*Both Multi Activity and Fun Football Camps will now be run at the same venue as one camp to ensure there is something for everyone whilst also making it accessible and easy for parents/carers to book. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please note all children aged 4 attending must be currently attending primary school in reception.

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The Inaugural Ashdown Forest Open Studios will run from Friday 4th, Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September 2026.

Gala event at The Ashdown Forest Centre on Friday 4th September

Artists & Makers

If you work or live in or around the Ashdown Forest

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For more information & to register

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Open to children
AGE 6- 15 YEARS
Sunday 9.30am at
Jarvis Brook Guide Hall

25th January
22nd February
29th March
26th April
31st May
28th June
26th July
30th August
27th September
25th October
29th November
27th December

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Dates: Thursday 2nd April and Friday 10th April
Time: 9.30am - 2pm
Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!

↳ What to Expect:

- ☐ Mindfulness Time with Ponies
- ☐ Pony Care
- ☐ Riding and Mounted Games
- ☐ Connect with Arts and Nature
- ☐ Make New Friends

Click the links or scan the QR code to book the day of your choice!

[Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

[Friday 10th April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!](#)

Cost: £140 per child

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23rd April 7-8pm



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St Mary's Church Information



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:
1st March
15th March

There will be no
session on 15th
February due to the
school holidays

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Sunday Discoverers

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

Upcoming dates: 1st March, 15th March
There will be no session on 15th February due to the school holidays

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



For young people aged 10+

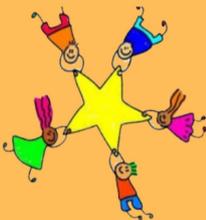
Join us for games,
food and fun
From 5-6.15pm in
the Village Hall

Thursday dates are:
5th March
19th March

For more information
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LITTLE STARS

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



Upcoming dates

23rd February 16th March
2nd March 23rd March
9th March

No session on 16th February
due to school holidays

9.15 to 10.45am

Tea and Coffee Provided revjuliesear1@gmail.com