



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

Executive Headteacher: Mr James Procter

Head of School: Mrs Naomi Fry

Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



Term 5 Week 5 2026

Friday 15th May 2026

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

Headlines from the Head

What have our classes been up to recently?

It's been a very busy few weeks at St Mary's and we would like to take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful learning, achievements, and experiences our pupils have enjoyed. From classroom projects and special events to sports activities and trips, there has been a real buzz of enthusiasm throughout the school. We are incredibly proud of the children's hard work, positive attitudes, and creativity, and we would also like to thank our families for their continued support. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from recent weeks.

Maple:

Maple Class have fully immersed themselves in *How does it grow?* After watching eggs in anticipation they finally hatched and we loved getting to know them. Most recently, we have been observing caterpillars turning into butterflies.



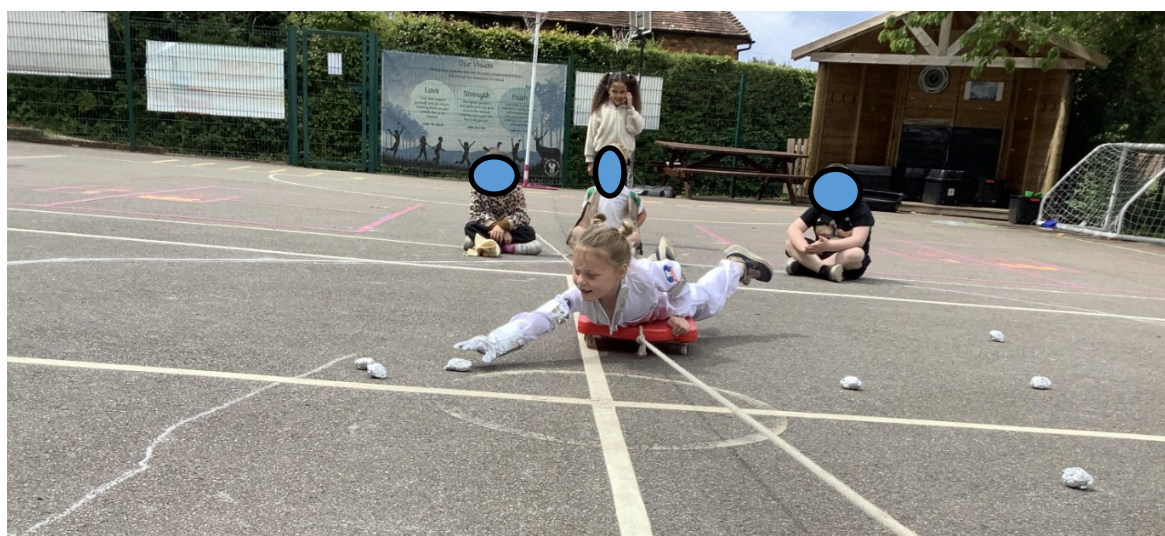
If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Miller in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Miller.

Cherry Explorer Day

Cherry Class had an immersive day being explorers today. On a carousel of activities, we took part in hot seating the characters we came as, asking them questions about what their lives are like and places they've been. We used salt dough to sculpt and travelled around the world (on the play-ground!) on a mission to collect items to unlock the treasure box. We had so much fun - they'll probably sleep well tonight!

Well done Cherry Class!



FLOW ZONE

Willow Class

Willow Class had a great time visiting Flow Zone to develop their understanding of the water cycle, where water comes from as well as how water is made safe to drink. They also explored how to conserve water and why this is important.



Year 6 showing off their leavers hoodies!



**Year 6 Transition
Drop in session for
Parents and Carers**

Thursday 21st May 9.15 am

The step up to secondary school can be a huge dynamic shift for all the family. To ensure the window to secondary school is smooth and successful we have Lucy Fisher (Inclusion adviser from East Sussex) coming to discuss the topic of Secondary Transition.

**St Mary's School Hartfield
21.05.26**

The session is designed to leave parents/carers with practical strategies to help support their child. There will also be time to ask your own questions pertinent to your circumstances.

Important Wrap Around Care Notice

As many of you may be aware, we are currently staffing Breakfast Club and After School Club with supply staff, while waiting for a new company to take over the administration and running of these sessions.

Because we have to book staff in advance from the agencies, **please may we ask you to book on Arbor at least 24 hours in advance of the session you require.** This allows time for school to contact the agencies and the agencies to organise staff to send us.

If we have no children booked in 24 hours before a session, that session will be cancelled and no staff will be arranged to be here.

In addition, if you are requiring Breakfast Club on a Monday, please ensure this is booked on Arbor by the end of the school day on a Thursday, as we can't arrange staff over a weekend!

Your assistance and understanding with this is really appreciated, thank you.

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— Parent Governor Application Requests

South East Water Challenge

Me & My Mind Workshops

SIAMS Inspection

Lilac— Active Education Football Tournament

Willow— trip to Hodore Farm

Maple— Visit to Hodore Farm



Dates for your Diary

May

18th: SIAMS Inspection in school

19th: Y5/6 Pioneer Cup Football Tournament

19: Maple Class visit to Hodore Farm (a.m.)

20th: Open afternoon—1.30-2.30pm

21st: Census Day

21st: Y6 Transition meeting for parents at 9.15am in the hall

21st: Willow trip to Hodore Farm

21st: Forest School for Maple class

22nd: PTFA May Fair and end of Term 5

June

1st: INSET Day

4th-5th: Lilac class residential

10th: Safety in Action trip for Y6 at Bowles 9.30-11.30am

16th: Class group photos

17th: Y6 London Leavers trip

18th: Forest School for Cherry class

18th: Y6 Diocese Leavers Service 1.30-3pm in Crowborough

19th: Special Person Gifting—Father's Day

25th: Forest School for Willow class

26th: Sports Day & PTFA BBQ

July

2nd: Forest School for Maple class

9th: Forest School for Lilac class

15th: Lilac class summer production at Village Hall 6pm

17th: PTFA Summer Disco

21st: Leavers Service at St Mary's church

21st: End of Term 6 for children

22nd: INSET Day



Sponsored Mini Marathon



Thank you all so much for your generous support of our recent Mini Marathon.

Here are the totals raised for each class to use on their chosen projects:

Maple: £130.00

Cherry: £312.00

Willow: £168.00

Lilac@ £208.00

Help to support families on low incomes

This link is a helpful page to lots of services to support families on low income. If you would like further support we are happy to speak confidentially with you.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>

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.

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:

Faith— Archie—we need to say a huge congratulations to you Archie, because you have made an incredible change in your behaviour at school lately and we're so impressed. You are showing incredible faith in your ability and you are achieving big, big, big! Shine Bright! You're Awesome!

Love—Khaleesi—you are always looking out for others and checking in with your friends and classmates. You come into class with a smile on your face and try your best in everything you do! From your fantastic Art work to your Maths skills, you show so much passion and love for each thing you set your mind to! Thank you for showing so much love, respect and kindness throughout school!

Strength—Lottie—This week, Lottie has shown others such kindness in the classroom and on the playground. I have noticed Lottie bringing children up when they are feeling down and giving them strength to carry on! Lottie has shown true resilience in her class work and kept asking excellent questions that helped children around her in their learning!

Strength—Mrs T! - For being an absolute Dancing Queen teaching not just one but four dances for the May Festival. We're so lucky to have you!

Love—Ted – You are a ray of sunshine, Ted! You show your love of school, Forest School, learning and discos with all your heart! You are kind to your friends and so unbelievably polite. Thank you for bringing such love to Cherry Class!

Love—Maple Class— For showing love and care while looking after the chicks and caterpillars in our class

Connie—for showing our collective worship value of **Service**, making others feel better when they are hurt.

Maia— for showing our collective worship value of **Service**, always helping in Wildlife Explorers, and helping people if they need help in school.

PIONEER
FEDERATION

Pioneer Federation

TWELVE CLUMPS CHALLENGE!

32km sponsored walk around the 12 Clumps
of the Ashdown Forest!

Minimum sponsorship **£25**

To register or find out more, e-mail:
ptfahartfield@gmail.com

Deadline for entries: **June 12th**

— EVENT DATE: —
JULY 4TH!!

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AA

Tel: 01892 770221 Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk Website: www.pioneerfederation.co.uk

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



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](https://www.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 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!

PTFA

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

April – July

April 16th
Cherry & Willow Class Bake Sale & Mini Marathon
 Join us at **The Croft** to cheer on the children.
 Hot drinks & cakes in the Pavilion.

April 24th
School Disco!
 3.15pm - 4.30pm • School Hall
 Order form coming soon!

May 22nd
Mayfair
 Maypole Dancing & Bake Sale
 Prizes for best bakes!

June 19th
Special Person Gifting - Father's Day
 A surprise gift prepared by the children.

June 26th
Sports Day & PTFA BBQ
 Cheer on the kids & enjoy the BBQ!

July 17th
Summer Disco!
 Let's celebrate our Year 6 Leavers
 and give them a brilliant send-off!

Thank you for your fantastic support!

St Mary's Church Information



Sunday Discoverers

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

Upcoming dates: 17th May, 7th June

For more information please contact Lisa Gibbs-Murray at admsmht@gmail.com or 07927 939116



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:
17th May
7th June

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



CONNECT

For young people aged 10+

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

Thursday dates are:
4th June
18th June

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

LITTLE STARS

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



Upcoming dates

18 th May	8 th June
1 st June	15 th June

No session on 27th May due to Bank Holiday

9.15 to 10.45am
Tea and Coffee Provided admsmht@gmail.com

'The school and Governing body allow external clubs to advertise on our newsletter but are not responsible for them.'



UPCOMING CLUBS

TERM

6

St Mary the Virgin Primary School
Book Now: activeeducationsussex.co.uk/book-a-course/

NETBALL CLUB

Day: Mondays

Year Groups: Reception - Year 6

Time: 15:15-16:15

Dates: 8 June 2026 to 20 July 2026 (7 Sessions)

Cost: £47.25 (£6.75 per session, £47.25 for the term)

MONDAY

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Day: Wednesdays

Year Groups: Reception - Year 6

Time: 15:15-16:15

Dates: 3 June 2026 to 15 July 2026 (7 Sessions)

Cost: £47.25 (£6.75 per session, £47.25 for the term)

WEDNESDAY

CRICKET CLUB

Day: Thursdays

Year Groups: Reception - Year 6

Time: 15:15-16:15

Dates: 4 June 2026 to 16 July 2026 (7 Sessions)

Cost: £47.25 (£6.75 per session, £47.25 for the term)

THURSDAY

Bookings are now open!

"The school and Governing body allow external clubs to advertise on our newsletter but are not responsible for them."

Ofsted Registered

AE active education sussex

NEW

Eastbourne Uckfield Hailsham

SCAN ME

MAY & SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

VARIETY OF SPORTS

ART & CRAFT

FOOTBALL

STRATEGY GAMES

DANCE

PERFORMING ARTS

MAY AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS - AGES 4-11

We now offer even more childcare vouchers!

Childcare Vouchers **Edenred** **Bright Horizons** **Childcare Choices** **CGPS** **bravo benefits** **GEMELLI EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AA

Tel: 01892 770221 Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk Website: www.pioneerfederation.co.uk

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

May Half Term
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2026
Summer Holidays
Thursday 23rd July to Thursday 20th August 2026



Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp

Hailsham Primary Academy, Bulrush Lane, BN27 4FB

May Half Term
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2026
Summer Holidays
Thursday 23rd July to Thursday 20th August 2026

Summer HAF funded spaces at this camp - Thursday 23rd July to Thursday 13th August 2026



Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp

Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, BN20 8XN

May Half Term
Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2026
Summer Holidays
Thursday 23rd July to Thursday 20th August 2026

Summer HAF funded spaces at this camp - Thursday 23rd July to Thursday 13th August 2026

Options & Prices

Breakfast Club - 07:45-08:45 - £7.50

Half Camp Day - 08:45-12:45 - £19.50

Main Camp Day - 08:45-15:15 - £29.50

After Camp Club - 15:15-16:15 - £7.50

*Book Multi Activity and Fun Football Camps will save for one of the same reason 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 receipt.

activeeducationsussex.co.uk/book-a-course



Online support courses for Parents



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Parenting Courses page
Email: info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



From Crowborough Library:

This half term, [Crowborough Library](#) will be hosting a wonderful storytelling event, 'The Wishing Tree', performed by award-winning author, Bernadette Russell. This is a fun, interactive, and playful storytelling experience aimed at primary school age children.

This session is free and attendees do not need to be library members to take part. There's no need to book a space in advance. For more information on this event, please visit our website: [The Wishing Tree | East Sussex Libraries](#)

"The school and Governing body allow external clubs to advertise on our newsletter but are not responsible for them."





This is your library

Lego Free Play

Join us for our Lego Free Play sessions! There are no limitations - just your imagination. What will you make?
No need to book - just drop in to join in!
Ages 4 years and above
Every Friday | 4:00 - 4:45pm
Crowborough Library
eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryevents

Please note:
Children taking part must be supervised by an appropriate adult at all times.



DYNAMOS CRICKET

Book the block for FREE!
Use discount code 39FKH

Girls only sessions available

dynamoscricicket.co.uk

Join us at:
East Grinstead cricket club

Session dates:
Friday 8th May - Friday 3rd July

Session timings:
18:00 - 19:00

Contact:
Jo Bolton juniors@eastgrinsteadcc.co.uk



SCAN ME

Become an archaeologist for the day!

Discover PREHISTORY

Work with professional archaeologists

DIGGING, MAKING, DOING

Have a go at some ancient crafts, take part in an excavation and try out some metal detecting.

SCAN ME 

7-12 yr olds Hale Farm 28th-29th May 2026
10.00-15.00

£55 per child taking part. 

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AA

Tel: 01892 770221 Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk Website: www.pioneerfederation.co.uk

"The school and Governing body allow external clubs to advertise on our newsletter but are not responsible for them."



artytime
SCRAP STORE
Recycle-Reuse-Repurpose
07851 972 377

"An Aladdin's cave of art and craft materials"

Use the QR code to join today

 **TERM TIME OPENING HOURS** 

Mon 3.30 - 5.30pm Tues 9.30 - 11.30am
Wed 9.30 - 11.30am Thurs 4.00 - 6.00pm

Also 2nd Sunday and last Sunday of the month 10 - 12
Find us in Jarvis Brook recreation ground car park



FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

GRUFFALO FUN
TN22 5PN
Framfield Grange
27th & 28th May 2026
10.30am - 4.00pm

book online
friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk

- Meet the Gruffalo • Magician • Pond Dipping • Woodland trails
- Face painting • Gruffalo games • Craft activities
- Tea Tent • Bring your own picnic • Pizza & Ice-cream Vans

All activities free

Earlybird tickets before 24 May (10pm)
£13 (under 2yrs free) All tickets from 25 May £16

Free parking

 
Reg. Charity No. 1069306

flow
by Caroline

Energising Yoga Flow

Mondays 9.15-10.15am, Hartfield Village Hall
Awaken your body and mind with a refreshing flow.
Building strength and flexibility through mindful movement and breath awareness.

Balanced Yoga Flow

Thursdays 6.45-7.45pm, Withyham Village Hall
End your day with a balanced flow of gentle strength-building and grounding stretches to leave you feeling refreshed, calm and centered.

Ready to find your flow?

07860 336853

flowbycaroline@gmail.com

@flowbycaroline

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AA

Tel: 01892 770221 Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk Website: www.pioneerfederation.co.uk



May 2026 Timetable

All regular 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

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

AMAZING LEGO DISPLAYS

NEW & RETIRED LEGO SETS

BUILD CHALLENGES

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

CHARITY TOMBOLA

MILLIONS OF LOOSE BRICKS

PLUS SO MUCH MORE!!

27TH JUNE **BRIGHTON BRICK FESTIVAL**
 AMEX STADIUM

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

JARVIS BROOK FUNDRAISER FETE

MONDAY 25th May 2026
 11am - 2pm

Raising money for the JB skate park and scrapstore extension

BBQ

Bouncy Castle

Face Painting

Tombola

Lucky Dips

Craft Stalls

Cakes

Refreshments and lots, lots more

Raise funds for your cause by having a table only £10. To book email JBcommunityassociation@outlook.com

Find us on facebook scan the code

At the Jarvis Brook Recreation Ground and Guidehall

Funded by

CREATE MUSIC ACADEMY

Play on, build confidence, and grow together

Create Music Academy is a great place to develop your music skills in a fun and creative environment. Running from Mon 29 June - Fri 17 Jul 2026 in multiple venues across Sussex.

createmusic.org.uk/create-music-academy

DF

"The school and Governing body allow external clubs to advertise on our newsletter but are not responsible for them."



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

You are invited to join us for the 1st Ashdown Forest Open Studios

For more information & to register

Visit

www.ashdownforestopenstudios.co.uk



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



Funded by UK Government

Exploring New Directions

PeopleMatter supporting jobseekers since 1997

www.people-matter.org.uk

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

East Sussex County Council



Your Space THERAPIES
Secure attachments
Resilient learners • Building futures

yourspacetherapies.org

Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

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

Dates:
28th and 29th of May 2026
Time: 9:30 am -2:00pm
Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now
spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day
By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £40 deposit. You will then be invoiced for the outstanding amount on the 15th of May

Links for Booking
[mindfulness.pony.day.28th.of.May](#) [mindfulness.pony.day.29th.of.May](#)

May half term fun

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.

☎ 07712 547901

St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AA

Tel: 01892 770221 Email: office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk Website: www.pioneerfederation.co.uk