



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 1 Week 2 2026

Friday 18th September 2026

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

Headlines from the Head

Dear St Mary's Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back after the summer break. The children had a very calm start to the new school year and it has been wonderful hearing about their summer adventures. A big welcome to the new Reception cohort and to the new families who have joined us at St Marys. The children had a very calm start to the new school year and it has been wonderful hearing about their summer adventures.

A big thank you to all our families for ensuring that pupils have returned wearing the correct uniform. At St Mary's, we believe that wearing a school uniform is important in ensuring high standards and a sense of pride and belonging to the school. Our policy is that all children within the school pupils should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. The new PE kit is looking particularly smart, and we hope children are enjoying wearing it.

At the start of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that St Mary's policies are kept on the Pioneer website <https://pioneerfederation.co.uk/stmarys/our-school/policies-documents/> including the [parent code of conduct](#), and [communications policy](#)

The rules around Free School Meals have changed. Please do check and if you think you are eligible apply here you think you are eligible apply here: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>

The newsletter will keep you informed of current and future dates as well as important information. Please ensure you read this carefully.

I hope you have a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Naomi Fry

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What are we growing this month?

We were excited to receive our latest delivery from 'Grow to School'. A company that sends the school seasonal vegetables and plants to grow. We received Curly Kale, Rainbow Chard, Winter Lettuce and Garlic bulbs.



Celebrating 100 Years of Winnie the Pooh at Hartfield Village Fete

The school were very honoured to be invited to open this year's Village fete on Saturday 12th September. As the village is in the midst of celebrating 100 years since the first publication of Winnie the Pooh, we were asked to create a Winnie the Pooh themed Procession. To support us with this, The PTFA very kindly paid for an artist to come into school and help the children to create sculptures. Each child created their own sculpture or helped to make the larger characters. The children used bamboo and paper to create familiar characters from the stories. The procession was spectacular with the creations the children had created. Thank you to all children, families and staff who came along to take part.





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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— Active Education sports clubs

Active Education Breakfast Clubs

Mini Athletics and Netball clubs

Wrap Around Care updates

Forest School forms and volunteers

Lilac— class newsletter Term 1

Community Health team letter re NCMP

Open events at Secondary Schools

Willow— class newsletter Term 1

Cherry— class newsletter Term 1

Y2 CGP Maths books



Dates for your Diary

September

24th: Forest School Willow Class

29th: Volunteer Induction meeting @9am

October

1st: Forest School Cherry Class

1st: Census Day—change of lunches—see below

8th: Forest School Cherry Class (again!)

15th: Forest School Maple Class with Y6 Buddies

20th: Individual and sibling photos

23rd: End of Term 1

November

2nd: Start of term 2

12th: Forest School Lilac Class

19th: Forest School Willow Class

26th: Forest School Willow Class (again)

27th: Flu spray immunisations (pm)

December

3rd: Forest School Cherry Class

10th: Forest School Maple Class

10th: School Christmas Lunch

17th: Whole School Christmas Craft in the woods

18th: End of Term 2

January 2027

4th: Start of Term 3



Harvest Festival

Wednesday

7th October

2026

9.30am in Church



Everyone welcome!

Menu swap for Census

Thursday 1st Oct—Fish/Quorn & chips

Friday 2nd Oct—Picnic Day

Please book for the day you wish your child to eat, and the menus will be swapped over by the kitchen.

If you have any unwanted cardboard egg boxes at home (any size) we would be very grateful if you could bring them in for us to use at our upcoming Forest School sessions.



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Starting next week!

NETBALL CLUB

at St Mary's,
Hartfield

Tuesdays

3:15-4:15pm

£7.50 a class

Email Sam:
ssmith@miniathletics.com
to book

Reception to Year 6

Boys and girls welcome!

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MINI ATHLETICS[®] CLUB

at St Mary's, Hartfield

Thursdays

 **Thursdays**

 **Reception to Year 4**

 **3:15-4:15pm**

 **£7.50 a class**

BOOK NOW

 **www.miniathletics.com**

Build skills ★ Make friends ★ Be active

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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 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.

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.**

**Sunday dates are:
20th September
18th October**

**Come, relax and chat as we
build relationship with Jesus
and each other!!**

**There will be no
Sunday Connect
on 4th October**

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

A magnifying glass with a black handle and frame is positioned over a bright yellow background. The lens of the magnifying glass is focused on the text 'Sunday Discoverers'.

Sunday Discoverers

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

Upcoming dates: 20th September, 18th October

There will be no Sunday Discoverers on 4th October

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

LITTLE STARS

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

A colorful illustration of five children holding hands in a circle, forming a star shape. The children are wearing various colored clothing (red, blue, green, yellow, and purple).

Upcoming dates

- 14th September
- 21st September
- 28th September

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

The logo for CONNECT features the word 'CONNECT' in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline. The 'C' is stylized with a red and yellow gradient.

CONNECT

For young people aged 10+

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

**Thursday dates are:
24th September
8th October**

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

Masking Awareness

FREE



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Free online talk for parents
24 September 7pm - 8pm

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Parent - Live Talks page



September 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

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



October Timetable

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Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

Helping your Child with Fears and Worries: A 5 week Course for Parents and Carers

East Sussex County Council

★★★★★

- Practical tools and techniques to support your child
- Understanding anxiety, fears, and worries in children
- Strategies to build resilience and confidence
- Small, supportive group sessions
- Opportunities to connect with other parents and carers

Parents and Carers

It was a nice atmosphere with no pressure to share, and it was helpful hearing advice from the practitioner and other parents' experiences.

Parents and Carers

Amazing session - seriously so good and facilitated in a way that made us feel safe and comfortable to share. I learnt a lot and hope there are more on offer.

Varied Dates

9:30am to 11:30am

Local Family Hub

Book now using the QR code or visiting:
www.buytickets.at/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation

SCAN ME!





October–
December
2026

Webinars

**Becoming a Positive Parent
(2-10 yrs)**
13th October 10-12pm

**Triggers Tantrums & Teaching
Moments (2-12yrs)**
6th October 6:30-8:30pm

**Being a Neurodivergent Parent
(2-10 yrs)**
7th October 12:30-2:30pm
17th November 6:30-8:30pm

**Learning about Neurodivergent
Children (2-19yrs)**
21st October 12:30-2:30pm
2nd December 6:30-8:30pm

**Managing Anxiety and
Avoidance in Children (2-12 yrs)**
5th November 10-12pm

Groups

No sessions
in half term

**Supporting Parents of
Teenagers 10+ (STOP)**

Wednesday 18th Nov- 13th Jan
10-12pm

**Positive Parenting
Programme 2-12 (Triple P)**

Tuesday 24th Nov- 26th Jan
12:30-2:30pm

Teen Life 10+

(National Autistic Society)
Tuesday 3rd November - 5th January
10-12pm

To receive the
booking form, please
email us

parentsupport@eastsussex.gov.uk



October–
December
2026

1-1 Drop In Sessions

Join us for an informal chat about anxiety, behaviour, SEND, neurodivergence, teenagers, or any parenting questions.

Face to Face

Find us at Family and Youth Hubs across
East Sussex including:

Hastings and St Leonards

Rother

High Weald

Eastbourne and Hailsham

Lewes and Peacehaven



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<https://familyhubs.eastsussex.gov.uk/activities>

No need to book. See the website for more details and dates.

Online- Parent Support Appointments

Book a 30 minute slot with a Parent Support Practitioner

You can join from anywhere and can even share the link with other co-parents or family members.

Email us to receive the booking form.

October	Tues 6 th 6-8pm	Fri 16 th 10-12pm
November	Tues 10 th 1-3pm	Thurs 26 th 6-8pm
December	Wed 2 nd 12:30- 2:30pm	Wed 9 th 6-8pm



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. The perfect start to the day.

Yogalates

Mondays 11am-12pm ~ Ashdown Park Hotel & Country Club

This functional movement practice combines controlled, precise movements with strength and balance work to build stamina, muscle tone, while improving mobility and flexibility. Leave feeling strong, energised and refreshed.

Balanced Yoga Flow

Thursdays 7-8pm ~ Ashdown Park Hotel & Country Club

End your day with a balanced yoga flow. A practice that builds strength, improves flexibility and gently challenges the body, leaving you feeling stronger, refreshed, calm and centred.

Ready to find your flow?

07860 336853

flowbycaroline@gmail.com

@flowbycaroline

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:
26th and the 29th Of October 2026
Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm
📍 Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit
By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking
[26th October](#)
[29th October](#)

October 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.

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Eastbourne LitFest



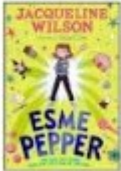
Children's & Young People's Events

Friday 25 September



A.F. Harrold – A wildly entertaining live performance, with at least one beard guaranteed.

Saturday 26 September



Dame Jacqueline Wilson – An incredibly special interview as a true national treasure brings us her new book, *Esme Pepper*



Jenny McLachlan – An inspiring journey to *The Land of Roar* filled with magic and dragons

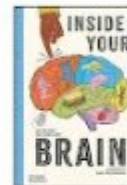


YA Panel – Dean Atta, Sarah Crossan, Tia Fisher and Louisa Reid on why verse novels tell such powerful stories

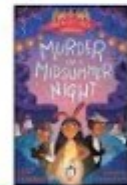
Sunday 27 September



Lucy Ann Unwin and Professor Caswell Barry – An interactive adventure *Inside Your Brain*



Lucy Strange – Get your detective notebooks ready, because it's time for *Murder on a Midsummer Night!*



Visit eastbournelitfest.org for the full line-up, including creative workshops for all ages and dozens of events for grown-ups!

