St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

Hartfield East Sussex TN7 4AA

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Term 1 Week 6 2026

Friday 16th October 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,

As we reach the end of this remarkably busy and vibrant first term, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our school community has achieved together. From our newest pupils settling so brilliantly into their routines to the fantastic progress being made across all year groups, it has been a term defined by enthusiasm, hard work, and genuine joy in learning.

We capped off this wonderful term with a truly memorable week of celebrations as we marked the 100th anniversary of A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh*. The school has been abuzz with creativity, laughter, and a little bit of Hundred Acre Wood magic. From the parade and story-sharing sessions to Pooh Sticks challenges and teddy bears' picnics, our pupils have embraced the spirit of friendship, curiosity, and kindness that these classic stories represent. It was a fittingly joyful way to celebrate this special bear.



Adding to the excitement, our first Community Bake Sale was a resounding success! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our bakers, volunteers, and eager buyers, our hall was filled with an extraordinary array of treats. The afternoon showed the very best of our *Thriving Community,* and we look forward to the next one.

I am immensely proud of our pupils for their effort and positive attitudes, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for their unwavering energy and commitment. My gratitude also goes to you, our families, for your continued support and partnership in everything we do.

Mrs Fry

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100th Birthday of Winnie the Pooh

100th Anniversary Parade and watching a time capsule being buried – Wednesday 14th October 2026







To celebrate Winnie the Pooh turning 100, the whole school paraded around Hartfield village, displaying our marvellous bamboo sculptures.

"It liked walking, it was fun walking around." Lander
"I liked showing my owl to everyone who came to watch." Teddy

In the afternoon, our Year 6 pupils were invited to Pooh Corner, to watch the burial of a very special time capsule to mark the 100 year anniversary. BBC South East Today were at Pooh Corner and interviewed some of our pupils. The children enjoyed watching themselves on TV on the news! Here is a link to the news page. https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckjwevwvqj8vo







Community Bake Sale - Thursday 15th October







Fabulous Finish this Tuesday, 20th October

All parents welcome

Fabulous Finish

Pop in to celebrate your child's learning this term.

We would like to invite you into the classrooms at the end of this term to explore the learning your child has completed over the past 7 weeks.
Books will be available to view, as well as an opportunity to see your child's learning space.

WHEN	WHERE	TIME
Tuesday 20th October	Your Child's Classroom	3.15-3.45

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Soft toys and fidget toys

Please could you remind your children that soft toys and fidget toys are not to be brought into school, unless this has been agreed with Mrs. Leahy, Mrs. Fry or your child's teacher. These can cause distraction and disruptive to learning.

We appreciate your support with this.



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—

Fabulous Finish open classrooms

School photographer in on Tuesday 20th October

Lilac— Residential deposit payments

Trip to Natural History Museum

Willow—staffing update

Cherry—Forest School report

Maple— Early Years Transition to Reception questionnaire for Parents/Carers





The school photographer (Tempest photography) will be in school on Tuesday 20th October 2026.

As well as taking photographs of individual children and school-age siblings during school time, they will be **available in the hall from 8.30am for families who would like sibling photos with pre-school age children.**

Dates for your Diary

October

17th: Art for All exhibition at church 11am –4pm

20th: Individual and sibling photos—see below

20th: Fabulous Finish open classrooms 3.15-3.45pm

22nd: Lilac Class Spy Day

22nd: PTFA Disco 3.15-4.30pm

23rd: Open event for prospective parents 9.30-10.30am

23rd: End of Term 1

November

2nd: Start of term 2

6th: Open event for prospective parents 9.30-10.30am

6th: Parent workshop Anxiety and Avoidance 1.45-3.15pm

10th: Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm (not Cherry)

12th: Forest School Lilac Class

12th: Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm (not Cherry)

16th: Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm (Cherry only)

17th: Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm (Cherry only)

19th: Forest School Willow Class

20th: Open event for prospective parents 9.30-10.30am

20th: Parent workshop Learning about neurodivergent children 1.45-3.15pm

26th: Forest School Willow Class (again)

27th: Flu spray immunisations (pm)

December

3rd: Lilac class trip to London Natural History Museum



Happy 100th Birthday 'Silly Old Bear'



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Open Evening

Thursday 1st October 2026 (4pm - 6pm)

This is an opportunity to come and visit our school and see what makes being part of the St Mary's School family so special.

Stay and Play

We will be hosting two Stay and Play sessions on

Saturday 10th October
10am - 11:30am

and

Tuesday 13th October
4:00pm - 4:30pm.

School Tours

We will also be running school tours with our Head of School, Mrs Fry, on **Friday mornings** for our new 2027 starters.

Please contact the school office in order to book a place on one of the following tours:

- Friday 23rd October 2026 9:30am
- Friday 6th November 2026 9:30am
- Friday 13th November 2026 9:30am
- Friday 20th November 2026 9:30am
- Friday 4th December 2026 9:30am
- Friday 8th January 2027 9:30am



"Love, Strength and Faith"

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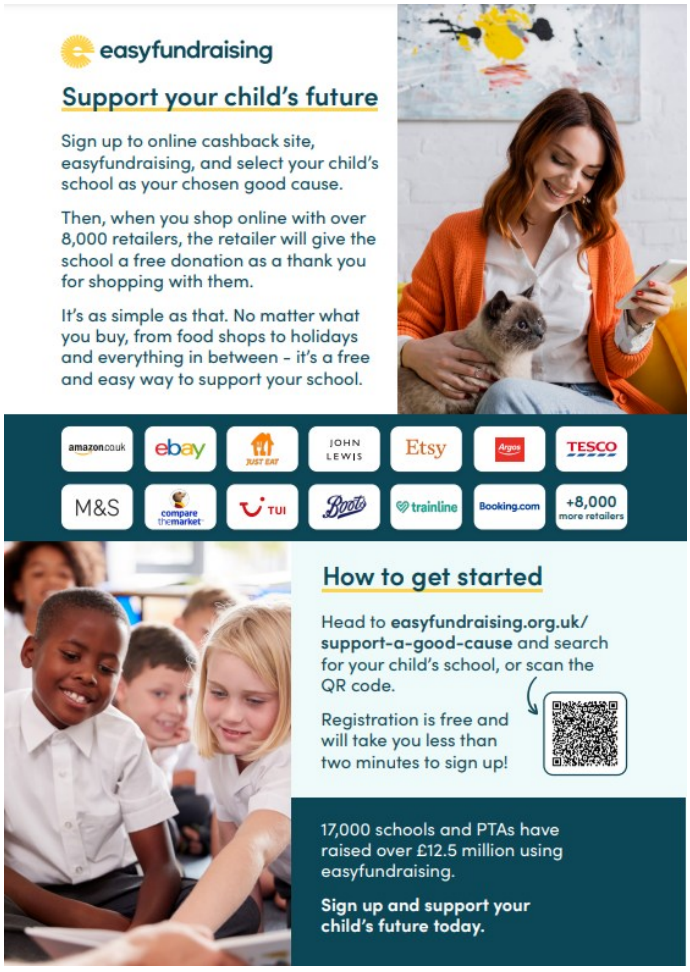




We are keen to increase visits to our school, and have spaces in many year groups, so please spread the word about our open events, and share and like our Social Media posts!

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PTFA



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PARENT TEACHER FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Fundraising Events 2026
Save the Date
Hosted by the PTFA
15th October
2.45 - 3.45pm
Community Bake Sale
(in school hall)
22nd October
3.15 - 4.30pm
School Disco
(in school hall)
06th & 20th November
Mufti days
in exchange for Christmas Fair Tombola donations
TOMBOLA DONATIONS
27th November
Christmas Wreath Making
7pm - 9pm
School Hall
CHRISTMAS FAIR!
05 December
12pm - 3pm
Inc Father Christmas' Grotto
(whole school)
Father Christmas' Grotto
10 December
Christmas fun day!
Christmas dinner, Christmas Jumpers & Elfridges
(School hall from lunchtime)
Further information will be shared separately for each event.
Any questions or if you'd like to help, please speak to a member of the PTFA - thank you!

St Mary's Church Information









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Raindrop Competition Results!

Winner - Aurora



Winner - Winnie



Winner - Skye



Winner - Oliver



Saturday 17th October, 11am – 4pm

Stay for lunch

Tell an adult and bring them along!

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

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Clubs in term 2 run by Sam Lloyd-Smith for all children YR to Y6



We've taken note of your votes!

Multi-Sports and Dodge Ball are open to all children from Reception to Year 6



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FACE

October 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

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

FREE talk for parents

22 October 7-8pm

If you don't have time to listen

Just book online and receive a link to the recording available for 48 hours



ADHD & Homework

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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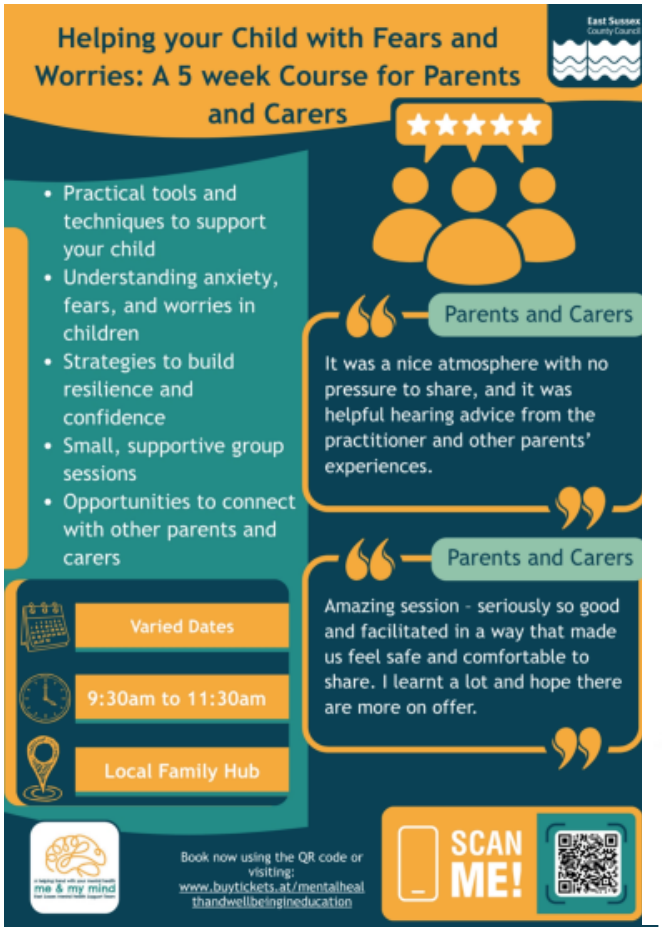
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Parent Support Team EAST SUSSEX — October–December 2026

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
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 Decmber 6:30-8:30pm

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

Groups

No sessions in half term

Positive Parenting Programme 2-12 (Triple P)
Tuesday 24th Nov- 26th Jan
12:30-2:30pm

Supporting Parents of Teenagers 10+ (STOP)
Wednesday 18th Nov- 13th Jan
10-12pm

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

Early Help 0-19 · NHS East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust · East Sussex County Council · FAMILY HUB EAST SUSSEX

Parent Support Team EAST SUSSEX — 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 recieve the booking form.

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

Early Help 0-19 · NHS East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust · East Sussex County Council · FAMILY HUB EAST SUSSEX

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?

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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

October half term fun

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

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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