



FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 22nd November 2024
PTA Film event @ 3.30pm

A big well done to everyone this week on what has been a busy first week back.

The pupils have settled well; the teachers have been busy, we have had governors in to see what we are up to and parents in supporting as volunteers. As the head teacher, I am both grateful and proud of the community effort to make our small school shine.

Outdoor classroom was a success and lots of the pupils gave positive feedback around this. Our team captains/vice captains were exemplary in showing parents around today.

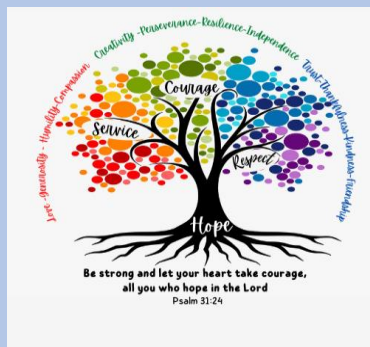
All in all, a busy but productive week. Enjoy the weekend.

Mr. Murray

Christmas Cards for the Community

If you know of someone in the community who may like to receive a Christmas Card, please let the office have their name and address.

WEEKLY REFLECTION



In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16: 31-33

Attendance

Our School's attendance this week is 96.5 %

2.8% is authorised absence

0.7% is unauthorised absence

0.7% late

Please keep this fantastic attendance going!!!!

Admissions

We can proudly tell you that we have had a huge amount of interest for the September 2025 intake.

Just over 20 parents/carers came to our Open Morning last Friday and we look forward to welcoming another 15 parents/carers to our Open Afternoon this coming Wednesday.

Please note that our draft Admissions Policy for 2026-2027 is now out for consultation. A copy of the Policy is on our website for your information.

Term Dates

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Jenkins Class Swimming lesson 2 at Wave Leisure Centre

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – BUPA coding day

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Open afternoon @ 1.30pm for September 2025 intake

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Chartwells New Dish Taster Day (School Council)

Thursday 14th November 2024 – LASP Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament @ TLA @ 3.45pm

Monday 18th November 2024 – Farrant Class Phonics and Maths Workshop @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th November 2024 – Jenkins Class Swimming lesson 3 at Wave Leisure Centre

Thursday 21st November 2024 – LASP Y5/6 Table Tennis Festival @ TLA @ 3.45pm

Friday 22nd November 2024 – PTA Film event @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 27th November 2024 – Jenkins Class Swimming lesson 4 at Wave Leisure Centre

Wednesday 27th November 2024 – Farrant Class – Visit from PC Dan Sibun @ 11.00am

Wednesday 27th November 2024 – Farrant Class Parent Decorating Afternoon @ 2.15pm

Monday 2nd December 2024 – Jenkins Class Parent Christmas Crafts @ 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th December 2024 – Jenkins Class Swimming lesson 5 at Wave Leisure Centre

Wednesday 4th December 2024 – Jenkins Class Book Look @ 2.00pm

Thursday 5th December 2024 – LASP Inspire Y1/2/3 Multi Sports Festival @ TLA @ 3.45pm

Friday 6th December 2024 – PTA Christmas Fair

Monday 9th December 2024 – Choir visit to Norden House, Clymping @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 10th December – EY & KS1 Nativity performance to parents @ 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December 2024 – EY & KS1 Nativity performance to parents @ 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Jenkins Class Swimming lesson 6 at Wave Leisure Centre

Thursday 12th December 2024 – LASP Inspire Y4/5/6 Multi Sports Festival @ TLA @ 3.45pm

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – YR to Y6 - Chartwell's Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December 2024 – Last day of term

Thursday 24th October 2024

KS2 LASP X-Country Competition at TLA

The cross country event last week marked the first occasion since joining the school where we were able to enter a full team into every running category, with 34 runners working tirelessly around the TLA field. That is 64% of our entire KS2 cohort! An amazing effort with some great team results. A special mention goes to Noomi M for outstanding determination to place 2nd in the Year 6 Girls event. Well done all.

Thursday 7th November 2024

LASP Boys Y5/6 Football Tournament

On Thursday we headed over to TLA with some extremely excited Year 6 boys for the area football tournament. It is always a challenging event for us, with our team coming up against tough opposition from schools, some of which are nearly 6 times the size of St Marys! However, the boys were an absolute credit throughout the tournament, drawing three games, winning one and losing four. Lots of credit must go to Jayden, on his debut, for setting the tone of our performances by putting in some tough challenges and working hard across the pitch in every game. Well done all.

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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for children

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for-places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

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St Mary's C of E Primary School
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23rd October 2024

To everyone at St Mary's,

We are writing to thank you for your wonderful Harvest donation of 83kg.

In 2023 we provided emergency food for 3,109 people across the local area, and in the first 9 months of 2024 we have already provided food for 2,196 people. More than a third of these are children. We wouldn't be able to do this without the kindness and generosity of schools like yours, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

More than half the people we've supported so far this year say that the main reason for their financial crisis is the rising costs of essentials, but we also see people who are disabled or ill, in debt, having difficulties with benefits payments, homeless, or fleeing domestic abuse. Your kind donation will help us to aid even more individuals and families in these situations. It will also enable us to help those who have been managing until now, but who will begin to struggle as the weather gets colder and the costs of food, fuel and heating continue to rise.

Without the support of people like you many people in Littlehampton, Rustington, East Preston, Angmering, and Arundel would be going hungry. Thank you once again for your help and generosity; it's truly appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Lodge".

Hazel Lodge
(Foodbank Manager)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Gouldson".

Samantha Gouldson
(Foodbank Manager)



Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered in-person and online

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk
Telephone: 01903 366 360

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Reaching Families

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

Training

Autumn 2024

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



Training Workshops

November

Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 7th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessments & Plans (EHCPs)	Wednesday 13th	10.30am
Understanding Autism in Girls	Thursday 14th	10.30am
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Tuesday 19th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge (age 2-11 years)	Tuesday 26th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Friday 29th	10.30am

December

Making Sense of Wellbeing: How to improve your mood	Tuesday 3rd	7.30pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Thursday 5th	10.00am
Making Sense of Adult Life: Moving on (15+)	Wednesday 11th	7.30pm

All training above will be delivered via Zoom



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



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Umbrellas

Parent Support Group Autumn Term 2024

Would you like to connect with
other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Southwick Community Centre

10th Sept / 1st Oct / 5th Nov / 26th Nov

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

11th Sept / 2nd Oct / 6th Nov / 27th Nov

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

17th Sept / 8th Oct / 12th Nov / 3rd Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

18th Sept / 16th Oct / 20th Nov / 18th Dec

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

26th Sept / 17th Oct / 21st Nov / 12th Dec

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

24th Sept / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email:

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

19th Sept	7.30 pm - 9 pm
24th Oct	7.30 pm - 9 pm
14th Nov	7.30 pm - 9 pm
12th Dec	7.30 pm - 9 pm

FREE ICE CREAM
FOR EVERY CHILD

Nineveh House Players
in association with Yapton Events Group
present

Nick Whittington



Friday 6 December 2024
Yapton & Ford Village Hall
doors 6pm | show 6.30pm

Adults £10 | Under 17s FREE
Tickets on sale now go online or scan the QR code
www.ticketsource.co.uk/yaptonevents



Christmas Lunch



Join our festive lunch by ordering on ParentPay for

.....Wednesday 18th December.....

MAINS

Roast Turkey in Gravy,
or
Quorn Roast in Gravy

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn
Mini Sausage & Stuffing



DESSERT

Festive Cupcake

*Scan QR code to order, no later than Thursday 5th December,
Or visit [ParentPay.com](https://www.parentpay.com)*

**Special diets will remain in place.*