



**FOR YOUR DIARY
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
START NEXT WEEK!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school this week. I hope you all enjoyed a restful summer break and that our recent *Meet the Teacher* sessions provided a useful opportunity to learn more about the year ahead and meet the staff who will be supporting your children.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Kerr, Miss Reeves and Mrs Della-Pietra, who have joined our team this year. We are delighted to have them with us.

As always, please do not hesitate to speak to us if there is anything you would like to discuss. We look forward to a successful year together.

Mr. Murray

Prayer for the Start of the Autumn Term

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of a new school year and for bringing us safely back together. As we begin this autumn term, help us to learn with curiosity, grow in confidence, and show kindness to everyone we meet.

Bless our children, families, staff and governors. Fill our classrooms with joy, patience and laughter. Help us to support one another and to see the best in each person.

May this be a term of friendship, discovery and hope, and may we always remember that you are with us in all that we do.

Amen.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to South Coast Skips ("SCS") for their incredible generosity in donating a free skip to St Mary's – we are so grateful!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you spare us a few hours of your time? We have a large stock of secondhand uniform which needs to be sorted into sizes and stored neatly away. If you can give us a little of your time to help us with this, we'd be very grateful – please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Focus on Attendance – Autumn Term 2026

Attendance – 96.9%

Authorised Absence – 1.8%

Unauthorised Absence – 1.3%

Lates – 0.6%

Please keep an eye on your child's attendance on MCAS and ensure your child is at school at all times, unless they are too unwell to attend and the illness is recognized as an appropriate absence by the NHS.

Generally, absences for holidays will not be authorized.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR 6

It probably feels like just last year that your beautiful children were starting out in Reception! The deadline to submit your applications for secondary school is 31st October 2026, but we advise that you don't leave it until the last minute.

All the information you need along with a useful checklist was emailed to Year 6 parents & carers on 9th September.

Please contact the school office if you need support or guidance.

Event Dates:

Monday 14th September – Year R stay all day from today onwards

Tuesday 22nd September – KS1 Multi-skills Festival at TLA (3:45 to 5pm)

Wednesday 23rd September - Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

Thursday 24th September – Year 3 & 4 Fun Run at TLA (3:45 to 4:45pm)

Friday 25th September – Year 4 & 5 trip to the British Museum

Thursday 1st October – Year 5 & 6 Fun Run at TLA (3:45 to 4:45pm)

Tuesday 13th October – Individual School Photos

Tuesday 20th October – Pilgrimage to St Paul's Cathedral

Thursday 22nd October – NHS Flu Nasal Sprays

Friday 23rd October – Inset Day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – Half Term

Thursday 5th November – Raise Your Voice Cathedral Choir

Friday 6th November – open morning for Sep '27 Year R intake

Tuesday 10th November – open afternoon for Sep '27 Year R intake

Thursday 17th November – Music Recital

Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas



New dates are added in red

Sponsorships: If you know of any local businesses who may be willing to sponsor us, please come and talk to Mr. Murray.



A Greener Screen

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

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Cine-Mini Workshops

Saturday 12 September

10:00am & 11:45am

A magical interactive first cinema experience for children aged 5 and under.



Rainbow Kaleidoscope-Making Workshop

Saturday 12 September, 3:00pm

Inspired by the film ARCO this workshop invites children aged 6+ to explore the magic of light, colour and moving images.



ARCO

Saturday 12 September, 12.30

This colourful film follows two children affected by climate catastrophes.



Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom

From Friday 2 October

The residents of Mossy Bottom Farm are looking forward to Halloween until the clumsy farmer trashes the flock's beloved pumpkin patch.

FIND OUT MORE AND BOOK

www.chichestercinema.org



'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam



Brownies

Westergate Methodist Church
6-7:15 pm on Thursdays



**Girls have nonstop fun,
learning and adventure**
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



girlguiding

Registered charity number: Exempted from registration



Join a local Brownies group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus



'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'

Matilda

Want To Learn New Skills?
Do You Enjoy Doing Crafts, Cooking, Baking Or Outdoor Activities?
1st Arundel Rainbows Has Spaces Available
Join Today
Please Contact Brown Owl On 07955782854 Or
Guidingarundel@hotmail.co.uk

Rainbows

Girls play, learn and have tons of fun
for ages 4 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.


Registered charity number: 306016

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