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NEWSLETTER: Friday 10th October 2025





Welcome to this week's newsletter! This week, we've welcomed more prospective new Year R parents for tours of the school, and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and interest in joining our school community. Year 4 have continued to enjoy their swimming lessons, showing great confidence and progress in the pool, while Year 2 had a fantastic day out today exploring Arundel Castle as part of their topic work. We also held our Harvest Festival on Monday which was attended by Father Bruce and Jacqui from St James Church. Thank you to everyone who donated food for this event, this has now been received by local food banks and so will be helping to support local families in the coming weeks and months. Alongside all these exciting events, the children have continued to impress us with their hard work and high-quality learning in class. Well done everyone for another great week!

As we head into the colder months, a reminder about **medicines and cough sweets**: any medication that needs to be taken during the school day (including cough sweets, inhalers, or prescribed medicine) must be handed in to the school office by an adult. Everything should be clearly labelled with the child's name and instructions for use. For safety reasons, **children must not bring any medication or cough sweets into school themselves**. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe and well.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents who ensure their children come to school in the correct **uniform** every day. Wearing the school uniform helps children to feel part of our school community and ready to achieve their very best from the moment they arrive. We have been having a bit of a crack down on uniform recently to make sure everyone is following the same expectations, but please note that our uniform policy has not changed. You can find the full details on our school website if you would like to check anything. Thank you for your continued support with this.

This coming Friday, 17th October 2025, is **Show Racism the Red Card Day**. To mark the occasion, and help to encourage conversations about the importance of understanding racism and its impact, we are asking the children to wear red for the day. This can be an all red outfit or item of clothing or simply a red accessory. Please make sure it is suitable for school though.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Mitchell

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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Layla Glendenning	Layla, you always show kindness, respect, and a caring heart toward others. You are a wonderful member of Badger class, well done!
Hedgehogs	George Allen-Pasamar	George, you have shown greater confidence and perseverance, especially in our phonics this week - great letter shapes, well done!
Squirrels	Avery Thomson	Avery, we are so proud of how hard you have worked in phonics this week. Your perseverance and positive attitude have been brilliant, well done!
Rabbits	Alex Scales	Alex, you have shown excellent effort in reading, blending sounds beautifully and growing in confidence with sight reading. Well done!
Puffins	Year 2 are on a trip to Arundel Castle so Star of the week will return next week.	
Penguins		
Lions	Lily Scales	Lily, you have such a positive attitude towards all your learning and give 100% effort in all you do! Well done and keep it up!
Tigers	Elliot Horner	Elliot, you always share your fantastic ideas and have shown great independence in your learning. Well done!
Kangaroos	Phoebe Collins	Phoebe, your stunning poster on 'An interview with a Kangaroo' was incredibly impressive. You worked hard to produce an excellent piece of work that you should be so proud of. Well done superstar!
Koalas	Sam Waite	Sam, your positivity has been shining bright all week and has brought so much joy to Koala Class, thank you!
Owls	Codey Wright	Codey, you always persevere with a smile, even when things get tricky, your positivity and determination shine through and you inspire everyone around you, thank you!
Otters	Chloe Brown	Chloe, you have shown brilliant resilience and perserverance when editing your writing to create a fantastic finished piece. Well done!
Flamingos	Eliza Stephenson	Eliza, you always give 100% in class. You have made so much progress already this year and we are so proud of you. Well done!
Toucans	Oscar Leech	Oscar, you have been an absolute superstar this week! The video you made to help others with their homework is brilliant and you have been so supportive on Google Classroom. Thank you for going above and beyond to help your class mates (and me!)

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Attendance Award	Hedgehogs and Penguins	Both classes achieved 100% attendance this week!
Star Class Award	Lions	The Star Class Award is presented to the class who have shown the most respect for their learning environment this week. They have looked after their belongings and kept both their classrooms and their cloakrooms clean and tidy for everyone.
Headteacher's Award	Returning next week	

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Early Years (EYFS)

This week we have started our daily Helping Hands jobs. These are to encourage the children to take responsibility for looking after our classroom environment. At the moment we are writing the children's names on to the jobs' board but soon they will do this themselves. It is amazing how helpful our youngest children can be!

Thank you to all the parents who could make the phonic workshop this week. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any further questions about phonics.









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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

This week in Year 1 has been full of exciting learning and lovely discussions! In Maths, the children have been counting backwards and finding one less for numbers within 10. They have enjoyed using practical resources and games to help them spot patterns and build their confidence with numbers. In English, the children have been writing wonderful sentences using verbs. During guided reading, they have been practising their retrieval skills, looking carefully at the text to find key pieces of information. It has been fantastic to see how well they are developing their understanding and confidence as readers. In PSHE, the children have been thinking about what makes a 'good friend'. They shared thoughtful ideas about kindness, listening, and helping others, showing just how caring and considerate they are. What a brilliant week of learning!

We've had a fantastic week in Year 2! In maths, the children have been developing their addition skills using a range of equipment including tens frames and number lines. We've explored number bonds to 10 and 20, and are becoming confident with number facts within 20.
In English, the children are learning how to write instructions – and what better topic than *how to be a pirate*! We've been using imperative verbs, adverbs, and conjunctions to join ideas and build exciting, clear steps.
In design and technology, we've started practising cutting skills using playdough in preparation for making our own healthy salads later this half term.
In RE, the children listened to the Hindu story of creation and shared some fantastic thoughts and reflections. We're looking forward to creating our own imaginative creation myths soon.
Thank you for your continued support. We're excited for all that's still to come this term!







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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

We have had a wonderful week in Year 3, filled with exciting learning experiences!
The highlight of the week was our very own Hanukkah celebration in RE. As part of our concept of light as a symbol, we have been learning about how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah and what this festival means to them. The children enjoyed playing dreidel and sharing a small doughnut to represent the oily foods traditionally eaten during the celebration. It was a lovely way to bring our learning to life!
In science, we explored how fossils are formed, linking this to our Stone Age topic. The children were fascinated by the process and asked some brilliant scientific questions. In maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction, building on our understanding of place value to help us solve a range of problems. In English, we began our new unit based on the book Stone Age Boy. The children are already enjoying this engaging story and are looking forward to seeing where it takes them next week!
Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning and enthusiasm.

This week in Year 4, the children have amazed us with their creativity and focus across all subjects. In English, they have finished publishing their interviews with their class animals, and we are absolutely blown away by their wonderful authorial voices and publishing skills. We have now moved on to our new class text, The Boy Who Grew Dragons, which has already captured the children's imagination. In maths, we are continuing with our work on addition and subtraction, using exchanging in multiple columns and building confidence with column subtraction. In science, the children had great fun creating their own classification keys using photos of animals and even biscuits! In art, we began learning about the artist Yayoi Kusama, exploring where she comes from and what makes her artwork so unique and distinctive. A reminder to parents that spelling resources are available on Bug Club, so please encourage your child to log in regularly. Finally, a huge well done to all our Times Tables Rock Stars who are working hard to improve their heat maps. Some children are very close to earning their Gone Green certificates - keep up the brilliant effort, Year 4!

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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week, Year 5 have been busy across the curriculum! In English, the children completed their final piece of writing—a retelling of the opening to *Wild Boy*—showcasing their creativity and storytelling skills. In maths, they've been sharpening their calculation strategies, tackling problems with growing confidence. Art lessons have seen the class developing their illustration techniques, taking inspiration from graphic novels and character sketches. In Computing, they explored how search engines work and how results are ranked efficiently. Meanwhile, in gymnastics, pupils challenged themselves by performing balances on a range of apparatus, demonstrating strength, control, and teamwork. Well done, Year 5!

This week in Year 6, the children have had a slightly different schedule as they have been completing some assessments. We've been incredibly impressed by their fantastic attitudes throughout—they have truly embodied our school values of *Enjoy, Persevere, and Succeed*, which has been wonderful to see.
We've also been very impressed by their approach to homework. During two dedicated sessions in school, we supported the children with some of the trickier aspects such as logging into Google Classroom, saving documents, and using annotation tools. Many children went above and beyond to help their peers—answering questions, offering advice, and finding creative solutions to technical issues. A special mention goes to Oscar, who created a helpful video tutorial and posted it on Google Classroom to support others.
It has been fantastic to witness such teamwork and kindness. The maturity and compassion our Year 6 children are showing is truly commendable and we are all very proud of them.



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Donations needed!

With Christmas Market day coming up on the 12th December, we are asking for the following items to be donated please:
Sweets/chocolates to fill jars.

Glass jars - nothing that has contained nuts previously please. Jam jar size would be ideal.

Wrapping paper

Old Christmas cards - if you could cut them into present tag size that would be amazing!

Donations can be dropped into the school office at anytime.



Thank you!

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