



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

**"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"**

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WB 22nd May 2023

We can't believe that we have finished the first half term of the summer – it has whizzed by and so much has been going on!

**Word Millionaires** - Martha Brace has just become a Word Multi-Millionaire - 2,061,949. She is our first pupil to read more than 2 million words, jolly well done, Martha!



**Key Stage One SATs** - We are so proud of the efforts of all of the Year 2 children. They were so determined to complete 'Special Agent Training' and just wanting to be the best that they could be! That is all that we could ask of them. Thank you to parents for supporting us through this week.

**Class photos/Year 6 Group photo** - Yellow Photography will be in school next **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** (last day of this half of term) to do this year's **class photos and a full group photo of Year 6**. **Please ensure your child/children are in full clean uniform, including their jumper/cardigan, thank you.**

Smile!



**HELP!** On **Sunday 18th June**, we are putting up the Big Top tent on the school field. I have a team who have volunteered to help put in the stage, lighting and sound, but I need some adults who can help and learn how to put it up. If you are able to volunteer, then please phone the School Office.



**Tea and Chat** - After the success of our last event, on **Friday 9th June at 9-10am** we are very lucky to have Advisory Teachers from the Virtual School coming to talk about 'Theraplay'. Theraplay is a play-based approach which support connections with your child and can build their self-esteem. If you are interested then please complete the Google form that has been sent out or contact the Office.



**Peace poster** - Well done to **Gemma B** who was Sussex East 2<sup>nd</sup> placed winner. The other winners were **Alicia T, Olivia A and Sophie D** Thank you to everyone who entered a peace poster and to The Lions for running the competition.



**Happy Book certificates** - Our Happy Book certificates will be coming home next week – do look out to see if your child is in the Happy Book this half term

**Arundel Castle visit** – India and Italy classes have visited Arundel Castle to learn about life in the middle ages. They were able to explore the castle and dress up in costume.



**SPLASH! - Opening the door of opportunity** – We welcomed Splash! to come and worship with the children this week. We were blessed to find out more about what opening the door of opportunity means and how we can take advantage of everything that comes our way. We looked at the story of Bartimaeus (the blind beggar) and the children joined in and acted this out. We sang together and we prayed together - we are so lucky to be able to enjoy these times together.



**Social media** – Social media can be a blessing, but it can create a lot of stress for young people. Please see the poster below which contains helpful tips for keeping your child safe online.

**Blending in Art** – Well done to India class who have produced some beautiful artwork on the skill of blending.

**Reflection** – [\(24\) A truthful reflection - YouTube](#)



**Cooking** – Year 5 and Year 6 have been busy baking for the Fairtrade Tea Party this week....

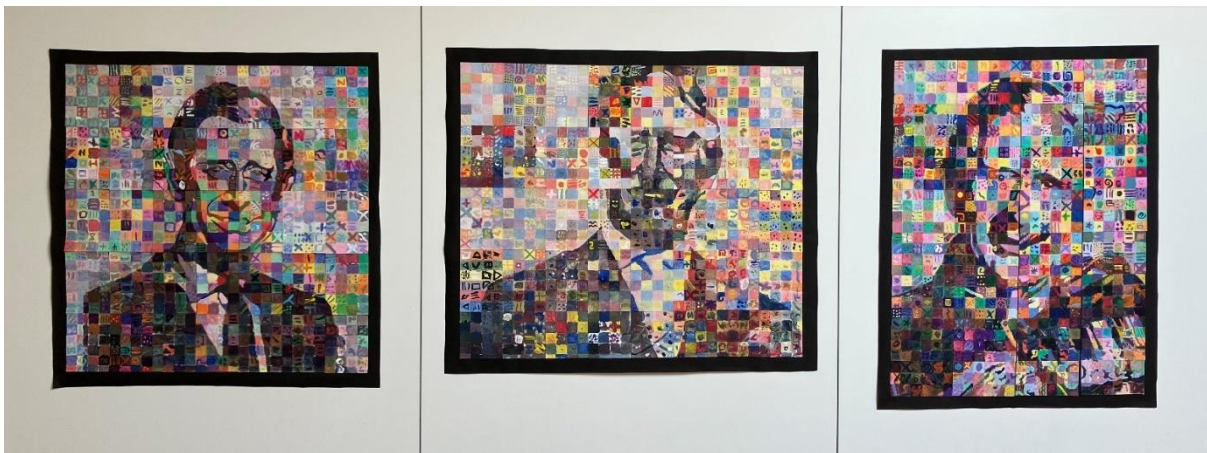




**Fairtrade Tea Party** – Thank you to those people who came to our tea party. They really enjoyed the cakes and found out more about how St Mary's support Fairtrade.



**Coronation Collage** – Years 5 and 6 have completed their collages of King Charles III, which were begun as part of our Coronation celebrations. The pictures are based on the work of Chuck Close, a photo-realism artist. Each child had a section of the artwork to paint, before they were all collated to create the final pictures. We hope to hang them somewhere in school for all to admire.



**'The Gruffalo'** – India, Italy, Thailand and UK class joined a Zoom workshop with Axel Scheffler this week to learn how to draw 'The Gruffalo' and other characters. See website for more pictures and do ask the children.



**St Mary's Church Open Gardens** – Please see poster attached

**Benches** – our new wooden picnic benches have arrived this week and we are excited to see them up and the children using them. Four are going to be at the back of the school for the Forest School area and two are going on to the front playground so that children can enjoy them!



**Vine leaves** – **Skye T (Mex)** for resilience and initiative as she never gives up on anything and can put her mind to anything she wants to! **Milo (NZ)** for his humility as he is always putting others before himself. **Darcey (Jap)** and **Freya (Jap)** for their service at the tea party – there were so well mannered and keen.



**Celebration Assemblies** – We love showcasing our learning to parents and the dates below are when this will happen:

Mexico	25 <sup>th</sup> May 23 - TOMORROW
India	8 <sup>th</sup> June 23
New Zealand	15 <sup>th</sup> June 23
Sierra Leone	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 23
UK	28 <sup>th</sup> June 23
USA ** change of date	27 <sup>th</sup> June 23
Ireland	6 <sup>th</sup> July 23
Thailand	13 <sup>th</sup> July 23
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	20 <sup>th</sup> July 23

## Dates for your diary

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Class photographs and Year 6 Leavers' photo – full school uniform please.

**(Please note this is a rescheduled date)**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**HALF TERM** – Happy Book certificates come home

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 4 parents' meeting about the multiplication test

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

9-10am Tea and Chat event for parents of children who may need support with their Self-esteem.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Cobnor residential for Year 5 children that are going.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Phonics screening for Year 1

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Visiting athlete Kylie Grimes – sponsored event for sport!



**Chartwells meal choices** – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

### May Cut off Dates

Thur 4/5 for w/c Mon 15/5  
Thur 11/5 for w/c Mon 22/5  
Thur 25/5 for w/c Mon 5/6



### June Cut off Dates

Thur 1/6 for w/c Mon 12/6  
Thur 8/6 for w/c Mon 19/6  
Thur 15/6 for w/c Mon 26/6  
Thur 22/6 for w/c Mon 3/7  
Thur 29/6 for w/c Mon 10/7

## Achievements -

### **Leo D (Mex)**

Most goals in the season for his football team and received the trophy for most goal assists as well as completing a 10k cross-country run at Nutbourne.

### **Daniel P(SL)**

Swam for Atlantis at an inter-club meet in Crawley and was delighted to come home with Gold in the 9-year-olds 50m breaststroke, Silver in the 100m backstroke and Silver in the 100m individual medley.



**Have a lovely half term holiday and do enjoy the sunshine!  
Thank you for all your support this half term.**







# Looking After Your **WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.





# Community Food Hubs

West Sussex County Council is working in partnership with Biffa and UKHarvest, a food rescue charity, to reduce food waste and provide access to affordable food using rescued produce.

## How it works?

The Community Food Hubs are open to everyone and are designed to reduce food waste. Simply bring a shopping bag and fill it from a selection of mixed groceries for a suggested donation of £3.50.

Our friendly volunteers will be on hand to help you make the most of your weekly shop by sharing recipes, healthy options, and tips to reduce your household food waste.

For more information please visit:  
[westsussex.gov.uk/ukharvest](https://westsussex.gov.uk/ukharvest)  
or  
[ukharvest.org.uk/community](https://ukharvest.org.uk/community)



Nourishing Our Nation



## Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Spiersbridge Road, Storrington, Pulborough, RH20 4BG

10 – 11 am

## Dates:

2023

Wednesday 24th May  
Wednesday 28th June  
Wednesday 26th July  
Wednesday 23rd August  
Wednesday 27th September  
Wednesday 25th October  
Wednesday 22nd November  
Thursday 14th December (3 – 4 pm)

2024

Wednesday 24th January  
Wednesday 28th February  
Wednesday 27th March  
Wednesday 24th April

\*Confirmed to run until April 2024



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Reaching Families

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SEND event shared on behalf of the library service:-

SEND Friendly Pop-Up Construction Clubs

Join the Disability Register team for some building fun at Lancing and Storrington Libraries in half-term, no need to book, just drop in.

More details: [https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/events#/?tag=special%20educational%20needs%20\(send\)](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/events#/?tag=special%20educational%20needs%20(send))

If you have any questions about these events please email [disabilityregister@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:disabilityregister@westsussex.gov.uk)



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Menu



## Practice Handwriting WITHOUT a Pencil!

[www.KidsMasterSkills.com](https://www.KidsMasterSkills.com)

### Cornmeal in a cookie tray!

- Or try rice, lentils, beans, and sand.
- Try hot chocolate powder as a tasty treat!

### Paintbrush with water!

- Write letters on a side walk.

### Pushpins in a corkboard!

- Make letters or practice shapes.

### Sponge on a chalkboard!

- Write letters. See them vanish!



### Make letters out of snacks!

- Try raisins, cereal, mini-marshmallows.
- How about pasta, nuts, or chocolate chips?

### Make letters with stickers!

- Use a letter model and stickers.

### Make letters from Playdoh!

- Roll Playdoh into snakes first.

### Make letters with blocks!

- Use a letter model to demonstrate.

### Shaving cream on bathroom wall!

- Kids will enjoy this activity during bath time!
- Encourage them to use a finger to write letters and numbers. Make shapes too!

### Make letters with pipe cleaners!

- Or try using Wikki Stix or yarn.
- Kids bend these items to make the best letters they can – great for fine motor skills!

[www.KidsMasterSkills.com](https://www.KidsMasterSkills.com)

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# Pulborough & Nutbourne Open Gardens 17-18 June



## Sat 11-5 & Sun 12-5

In aid of The Friends of Pulborough Parish Church  
Tickets £5, available in advance from the Friends website,  
St Mary's Church, Pulborough URC & The Flower Shop  
or, on the days, from the gardens.

For a map and further details:

[www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org](http://www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org)





## CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS

**THURSDAY 1ST JUNE 10.30-12.30 AND 2.00-4.00**

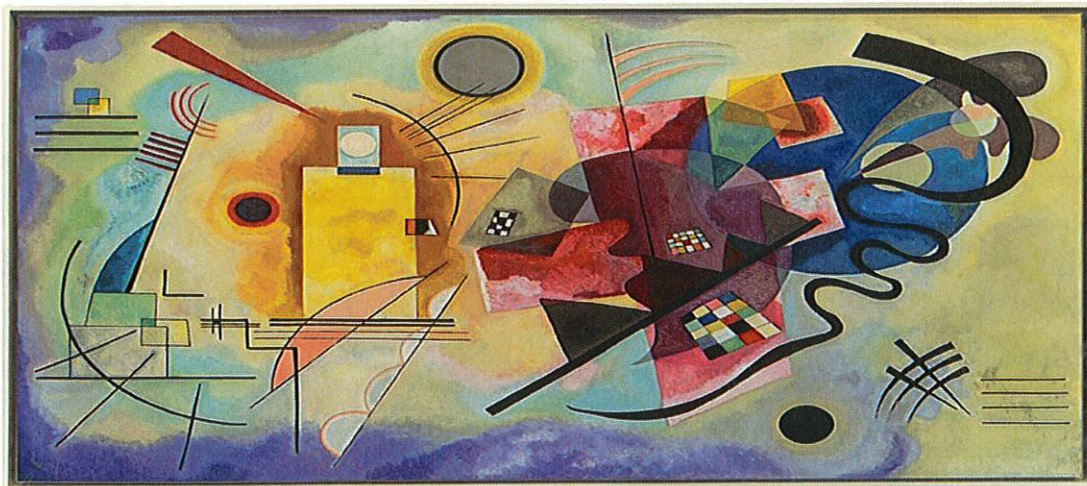
**Creating Kandinsky ~ A colourful journey into the Abstract**

With watercolour paints, the children will explore the Abstract/Expressionistic work of Wassily Kandinsky. He was born in Russia in 1866 and died in France, aged 77 in 1944. He talked about painting as composing music. "Colour is the keyboard, the eyes are the hammers, the soul is the piano with many strings."

We look forward to exploring Kandinsky's artwork with the children. It will be exciting!

Cost £10 to include all materials and refreshment break

To book a space please call in or telephone Arundel Museum on 01903 885866 or email [office@arundelmuseum.org](mailto:office@arundelmuseum.org)



# Arundel Museum

**Mill Road, BN18 9PA**

01903 885866

[www.arundelmuseum.org](http://www.arundelmuseum.org)







**Love is the  
answer**

Holiday Club for Reception to Year 5  
24<sup>th</sup> July to 28<sup>th</sup> July  
8.45am – 3.15pm  
St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary  
School, Pulborough  
for more details or to book:  
[www.splashschools.org.uk/holiday-club/](http://www.splashschools.org.uk/holiday-club/)



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# The KING'S WARDROBE



A FREE, FAMILY TRAIL



PULBOROUGH  
Traders Association



You are cordially invited.

Sir Lawrence the Lion is being crowned King. Visit his friends in your area and see what they give him to wear for the coronation - they're not all very sensible! Then try them on yourself, complete mini-challenges and take selfies. Finally, meet the King in AR and download a free children's ebook of the story.



START HERE



Pulborough Village  
1st May – 12th June 2023

[HighStreetSafari.com/KingsWardrobe](https://HighStreetSafari.com/KingsWardrobe)