



# NEWSLETTER

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

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Thank you to parents that attended the ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon. It is great to develop that relationship with parents and for you to know what your child is learning, how the classroom works and how you can support the teaching and learning. We are keen for parents to have detailed information about the learning that your child is completing.

**Staffing** – We are sorry to be saying goodbye to **Mrs Gabriel and Mrs Underwood**, who will be leaving us at half term. Mrs Underwood will be working for Travelodge; she has been part of the St Mary’s family for 21 years. This is incredible service to one school and she has made such an impact on families and we are truly grateful. Mrs Gabriel is moving on to work at AJW, having been part of our team for 6 years. She is such a friendly face in the office and always shares a laugh with our visitors. They will both be greatly missed, but as grandparents, we hope they will continue to be involved in the life of the school. **Mrs Kendall**, one of our midday meal supervisors, has taken a TA position at The Weald – we wish them all the very best.



**Individual and sibling photographs** – These will be coming home **TODAY**. The closing date for orders is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. We are really pleased with the quality of these photos, if you do have any feedback then let us know.

**Meet the teacher** – The PowerPoint presentations for ‘Meet The Teacher’ are now on the website under classes. Please do have a look if you were unable to attend.

**Mental Health Day** – **Tue October 10<sup>th</sup>** is **World Mental Health Day** and we would love the children and staff to wear one yellow item for World Mental Health Day. It can be a **bow, ribbon, scarf, socks or something else!**

**Kindness shield** – **October 2023** – **Niamh R (SA)** what a true ambassador – You will do anything for anyone and you always do this with a smile and this overwhelming love and compassion for others. Never stop this, Niamh, as you do encapsulate our school values of wisdom and love.

**Reading** – Our top ten readers for the beginning of the academic year are **Martha (SA), Daniel (Jap), Rowan (Jap), Lily (SA), Olivia A (SA), Olivia L (Jap), Peter (USA), Aaron (SA), Harrison (Jap) and Gemma (Mex)** – huge congratulations to all of them, what a splendid achievement!

**Reflection** – This half term we are thinking about Love as our Christian value. Do have a look at Mrs Smith’s clip around Love ([6\) Love .... Talking to each other - YouTube](#))

**Prefects** – Year 6 children have been allocated a responsibility this week. Congratulations to all of them in becoming a leader in some way and taking on more responsibility.





**Mrs Mac and phonics** – we are so lucky to have an intervention teacher who helps to fill the gaps in children’s phonics. Mrs Mac works with individuals or small groups of children who are yet to meet the threshold for the phonics screening.



**Art** – Art club have put up a fabulous display on their Kandinsky work. They have used their senses and been detailed when looking at the artist and the techniques they use.

**Just Different** – We welcomed Just Different to come and speak to the children. The children could ask questions about inclusion and diversity and were able to empathise with the presenters over the difficulties they face. This workshop is about developing empathy to others and understanding others differences. Mrs Copus often says to the children, ‘In a world where we can be anything, be kind’.



**Online safety** – There is some great information attached about online safety. Please do have a look at the links.

[cso\\_toptips\\_jan2022.pdf \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/resources/parents/online-safety/online-safety-tips-for-parents-jan2022.pdf)

[cso\\_familyagreement\\_jan2022.pdf \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/resources/parents/online-safety/online-safety-family-agreement-jan2022.pdf)

[cso\\_quiz\\_jan2022.pdf \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/resources/parents/online-safety/online-safety-quiz-jan2022.pdf)

**Vine leaves** – **Victoria C (Ire)** for a vine leaf this week for 'thankfulness'. She is always so polite and consistently says thank you without any reminder. She has also come up with some really thoughtful answers during our class worship where we discussed what we were thankful for during harvest time. **Ivy (UK)** for humility and for her politeness. **Charlie S (SL)** has a vine leaf for perseverance as he has just finished a very long book and completed an AR quiz. **Leo F (Mex)** for perseverance as he kept asking for help when things weren't making sense. **Lewis H (Mex)** for friendship as he keeps offering the hand of friendship to others and checking they are Ok. **Sienna (Mex)** for resilience as she is determined to catch up with some learning. **Sienna (Ita)** for forgiveness as we had a team meeting and she was able to listen to someone and make decisions about a way forward. **Lacey (SA)** - for perseverance with your addition and subtraction learning this week. **Olivia A (SA)** - for wisdom - the support you provided for your table during our Roman numerals lesson was exemplary! A future teacher in the making! **Rowan (SA)** - For service - You have embraced your prefect role from day one and consistently provide an outstanding example to others in all that you do. **Nathan (Jap)** for courage as he gives above and beyond.



## Dates for your diary - AUTUMN TERM

- **Friday 6th Oct** – Governor Applications please – closing date
- **Wed 11th Oct** – Year 3 to Multi-skills at The Weald (Google form has come out to parents)
- **Thur 12th Oct** - PTA AGM at 3.30pm, St Mary's small hall (For details on what the PTA do for the school or if you are considering joining the events committee, please come along to the meeting)
- **Fri 13th Oct** – Champs Hill – O Duo for Year 6
- **Fri 13th Oct** – Parent Governor votes deadline
- **Wed 18th Oct** – Disco 5.00pm – 6.00pm for EYFS/KS1  
6.15pm – 7.30pm for KS2 (**£1.50 entry fee and pennies for the 'bling' and sweets**)
- **Wed 18th Oct** – Year 3 to The Wetlands in Arundel
- **Wed 18th Oct** – Six week in meeting in the main hall 9am
- **Thur 19th Oct** - Open Morning 9am – 11.30am
- **Fri 20th Oct** – INSET DAY (School will be closed to the children)
- **Mon 23rd Oct** – HALF TERM
- **Mon 30th Oct** – Return to school
- **Thur 2nd Nov** – Open Afternoon 1.15pm – 3pm
- **Tues 7th Nov** – Parents Evening – settling in to new classes
- **Thur 9th Nov** – Parents Evening – settling in to new classes
- **Fri 10th Nov** – PTA Firework Event
- **Tue 14th Nov** – Open Morning 9am – 11.30am
- **Thur 23rd Nov** – Open Afternoon 1.15pm – 3pm
- **Wed 29th Nov** – Christmas Jumper sale – 3.15pm on the playground
- **Sun 3rd Dec** – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church at 4pm – this is such a lovely service and every child gets a Christingle to light
- **Tues 5th Dec** – Book look for EYFS/KS1
- **Thur 7th Dec** – Book look for KS2
- **Tue 12th Dec** – UK/Thailand Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Wed 13th Dec** – Italy/India Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
- **Fri 15th Dec** – Last day of term/9am Christmas Eucharist (Parents are welcome to attend)

**Giving machine for PTA** – As we approach the run up to Christmas, we hope that you will think of the school when you are ordering presents online. Please could we ask that you to sign up for this – it does not cost anything and we as a school get a percentage back, which will be spent, on your children. Just go to [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk) 1. Join as a shopper 2. Choose to support St Mary's C.E (Aided) Primary School 3. Find online store, do your shopping Install a "Shop & Give" reminder so you get notified each time you visit a participating retailer.



## Celebration assemblies - 9am

**UK class and Year R in Thailand class will have an assembly in the Spring term once they have settled.**

Thur 12th Oct – South Africa

Thur 19th Oct – Mexico

Thur 2nd Nov – New Zealand

Thur 9th Nov – USA

Thur 16th Nov – SL

Thur 23rd Nov – Ireland

Thur 30th Nov – Japan

Thur 7th Dec – Italy

Thur 14th Dec – Thailand (Y1 children only)

**Children's mental health** – it is so important to support our young people in how they are feeling. <https://www.ormiston.org/the-link/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/07/Child-mental-health-PDF.pdf>

**Football** - The whole team played really well and showed great sportsmanship at football on Friday. They played against numerous Horsham teams at Tanbridge courts and finished with a win. Well done to all the boys.



**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.

**2023 /2024**  
**September Cut off Dates**  
Thur 7/9 for w/c 18/9  
Thur 14/9 for w/c 25/9  
21/9 for w/c 2/10  
28/9 for w/c 19/10



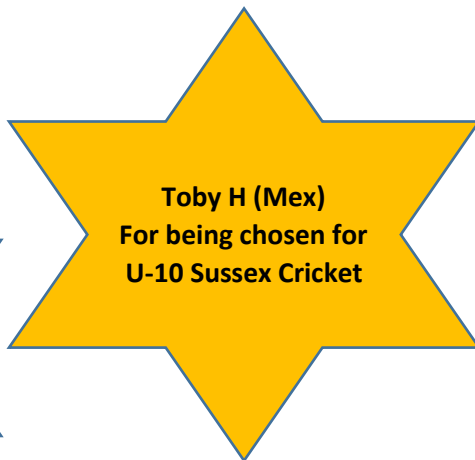
**October Cut off Dates**  
Thur 5/10 for w/c 16/10  
Halt Term

## Achievements

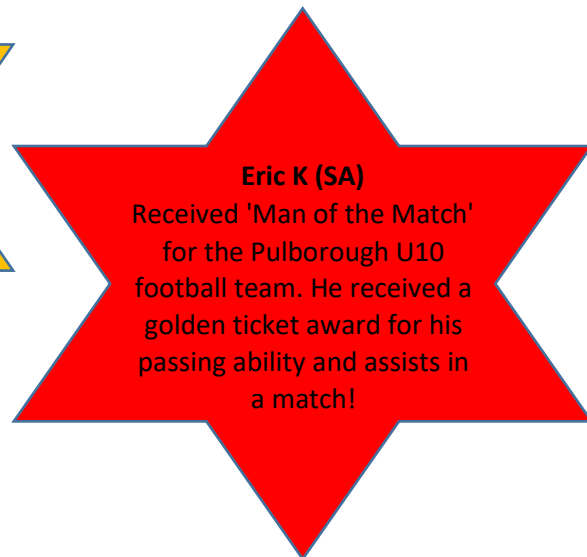
**Jayden A (USA)**  
Completed his  
600m swimming  
badge.



**Toby H (Mex)**  
For being chosen for  
U-10 Sussex Cricket



**Eric K (SA)**  
Received 'Man of the Match'  
for the Pulborough U10  
football team. He received a  
golden ticket award for his  
passing ability and assists in  
a match!



**Martha B (SA)**  
Receiving the Chief  
Scout's Silver Award at  
Cubs - the highest award  
a cub can earn





# Understanding Teenage Behaviour course

Do you find it hard to understand your teenager's behaviour? Would you like to learn some strategies to improve communication and set boundaries?

Horsham District Council's FREE 6-week **Understanding Teenage Behaviour** course has been designed to encourage parents to think about the behaviour of their teenagers and empower them to put in place some simple strategies that will help to improve communication and set boundaries.

Guided by an experienced facilitator, you will be encouraged to think about how your parenting style may be affected by your own beliefs and experiences and how this might impact on the behaviour of your teenager. With lots of opportunities for discussion, ideas and tips to try at home, you will explore how making some simple changes to the way you are communicating can lead to a more positive relationship.

[Understanding Teenage Behaviour course](#) | Horsham District Council



## Admissions – key dates

### Monday 2 October 2023

#### Online applications open.

You must provide an email address to apply. You can apply online for your child's school place by visiting [westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions).

Schools will have their prospectuses available and will have arranged open events.

### Monday 15 January 2024

#### National closing date for starting school applications.

You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

### Tuesday 16 April 2024

#### National offer day.

Applicants will be notified which school their child is offered by email, where an email address is supplied.

## Making an online application

To make an application using the online system you will need:

- an email address; and
- create an account on Parent Portal if you do not already have an account.

Your Username will be your email address.

Your password must adhere to the following rules. It must:

- be at least 8 characters long;
- have at least one character that is UPPERCASE;
- have at least one character that is lowercase;
- have at least one special character (such as: \* ! \$); and
- have at least one number.

To apply for a school place please visit [westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) or call **03330 142 903**.

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# Starting school in September 2024

Deadline:

**Monday 15 January 2024**



Stay in touch

-  West Sussex Matters
-  @WSCCNews
-  wscvideo



## How to apply

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 it is now time to apply for their school place. You need to apply online by visiting [westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

Please be aware that the email address which you provide will be shared with your preference schools and allocated school, as parents and schools increasingly communicate electronically.

If you do not have access to the internet, free access to apply for a school place is available in all West Sussex libraries.

The website provides information needed for completing your application, including details of all the schools in West Sussex, your catchment school and important information for parents. Please read it carefully before making your application.

There are some benefits to applying online and we strongly advise all parents to do so. However, if you really can't access the internet you can obtain a paper form by calling **03330 142 903**.

Please note, you must provide a valid email address with your application in order to receive the outcome of your school offer.

Apply online at:

[westsussex.gov.uk/  
admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

## You must apply on time

It is very important that you apply before the closing date of **Monday 15 January 2024**.

If your application is received after the closing date of **Monday 15 January 2024** your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Applications received after the closing date of **Monday 15 January 2024** are late applications and will only be considered after all those that were received on time.

It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that your application is received by The Pupil Admission Team on time.



## Your preferences

We advise all parents to think very carefully about their three preferences and to use them wisely.

School places are allocated according to the published oversubscription criteria for that school. This can include criteria such as whether you live in the catchment area, whether there are siblings already at the school and the distance you live from the school.

Please be realistic in your preferences. You have a higher priority for local schools. If you chose an oversubscribed school, the further away you live the less likely you are to be offered a place.

Please note that personal circumstances, such as child care arrangements, are not part of the oversubscription criteria for any school and will not be taken into consideration.

Finally, we always advise parents to include their catchment school as one of their three preferences.





# Pulborough Pop-In



Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.  
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



## WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time)

From 9am - 11am

@ Pulborough Library

£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact  
Isla Moran 075 226 89948  
[isla@pdcca.org.uk](mailto:isla@pdcca.org.uk)







Decoupage

Advent calendars

Jewellery



Christmas Gifts

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Cards

# Craft Market

**Saturday October 14th**



Plants

**10am-3pm**

Honey

**Sandham Hall**



**Coldwaltham**

Aprons

**A29 RH20 1GG**

Textiles



Spice Racks

Woodcraft

fused glass



# Try a FREE class at Perform Pulborough

Build your child's confidence and social skills with a FREE  
drama, dance and singing class for 4-12 year olds  
in Fittleworth or Storrington.

Classes run on :

Mondays 3.45pm & 4.45pm at Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1Jb  
Tuesdays 4pm & 5.05pm at Storrington Village Hall. RH20 4DZ

## How to book

Book your FREE class online at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try)  
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