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Newsletter No. 5 – Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Families

Another busy week in school. The Year 5 and Year 6 children visited the Mary Rose Museum located at the historic dockyards in Portsmouth. We decided to try out using the trains for transport to keep travel and trip costs down. It went very well and the children were great at getting on and off and following instructions whilst on platforms. We will definitely consider using the train again for our older children. At the museum, we had a brilliant workshop then had the opportunity to walk round the Mary Rose and see lots of artefacts. An amazing experience. We also managed to squeeze in a visit to HMS Victory – a 104-gun first rate wooden sailing ship.

The children had a great day and were totally immersed in historically important past times.

We also had our first 'Open Day' welcoming prospective 2026 parents. Our visitors had the opportunity to see our children in action, walk round school and see our grounds. Well done to the children for promoting our school so well.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

REMINDER - HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 15th October, at 9am, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with the children and you are all welcome to join us. Redwood Class will be leading this year's service. We have chosen to support Worthing Foodbank again who would greatly appreciate any donations. **Please bring in donations on Wednesday 15th, which can be presented at the Harvest Service.** Parents are welcome to wait in the school hall after drop off.

Here are some suggestions from Worthing Foodbank:

Tins - fruit, puddings, meat, fish, tomatoes, vegetables, soup

Packets – biscuits, cereals

Drinks – Milk (UHT), fruit juice (long life), tea bags

Thank you for your support.



PARENT FORUM – FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

Last year, we set up a Parent Committee so that our parents would be the representatives of our parent body. We would like to carry on with the initiative, meeting once a half term to discuss what would be useful to communicate, including teaching and learning, policies and other items that would benefit from parent input. The next meeting is on Friday, 24th October at 2pm. If you are interested in coming along, please contact the school office.

SIX WEEKS IN

We are hosting a meeting called 'Six Weeks In' on Thursday, 16th October. The meeting will start at 9am and we will finish by 10am. This meeting is for our Reception parents and any new parents that have recently joined our school.

The purpose of the meeting is to give you a chance to meet other key members of our school, who are available to work with you, and support you and your child, to give you the best from school life.

The meeting will have an informal theme and will give you the opportunity to speak with Mrs Sharrock and other key people. We hope that you will be able to attend what will be an informative and useful meeting.

YEAR 3/4 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Wow, this week our basketball team played magnificently, winning two matches, drawing two, and only losing one match. They scored some amazing baskets, and the games were really exciting to watch. The boys were very pleased to be placed 3rd overall.



FIREWORKS TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Tickets are £6 for adults/ £3 for children. Under 2's are free but need to have a ticket, which can be ordered at the same time. Tickets will **only be able to be ordered online**. Visit <https://buytickets.at/stjohnthebaptistfindonpta/1892501> or scan the QR code below to visit the booking page.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As always, our events can't happen without our wonderful volunteers. If you are able to help on the night please visit: volunteersignup.org/7DTRE and choose a job!

Next PTA Meeting: Monday 20th October 7.30pm at The Black Horse - we would love for you to join us.

St John the Baptist PTA

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RECENT CORRESPONDENCE – Please speak to the office if you require copies of recent correspondence.

- PTA Fireworks event
- Six Weeks In – please return slips
- Year 6 Bikeability information emailed to parents
- Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football matches (23rd October)

DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2025

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.



OCTOBER

Wed 15 October	Harvest Festival Service – all welcome (9am)
Thurs 16 October	Six Weeks In meeting for our new Reception parents (9am) Year 6 Height and Weights (am) Y5 – Y6 Football training
Fri 17 October	Rowan trip to Brighton Museum
w/c 20 October	Year 6 Bikeability training
Mon 20 October	Open Afternoon for 2026 Reception visits (1.30pm) PTA meeting (7.30pm – Black Horse Pub)
Tues 21 October	Y1 – Y6 Parent consultations (3.30 – 6.30pm)
Wed 22 October	Y1 – Y6 Parent consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)
Thurs 23 October	Locality football and netball matches
Fri 24 October	KS1 Fairy tale WOW day Parent Forum (2pm) Last day of half term
Fri 31 October	Deadline for secondary school applications
w/c 27 October	Half-term holiday

NOVEMBER

Mon 3 November	Back to school Clubs restart this week*
Fri 7 November	*No Chelsea Football Club
Sat 8 November	PTA Fireworks Night
Thurs 13 November	World Kindness Day
Fri 14 November	Children in Need fundraising
Wed 19 November	Small Schools Football tournament (Y5&Y6)
Mon 24 November	Angmering Football tournament (Y5&Y6)

DECEMBER

Mon 1 December	Last Sing and Sign Club
Fri 5 December	Last Construction Club
Sun 7 December	Findon Christmas Lights Switch On! – school choir (5pm)
Mon 8 December	Last Wannado Street Dance
Tues 9 December	Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm) Findon Village Walking Nativity (5.30pm tbc)
Wed 10 December	Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)
Thurs 11 December	PTA Elfridges event – details to follow
Fri 12 December	Nasal flu vaccinations (pm) – information to follow PTA Christmas Disco – details to follow
Sat 13 December	Christmas Carol Concert Arundel Cathedral
Tues 16 December	School Carol Service (9am) – all welcome
Wed 17 December	Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert (9.15am) – details to follow
Thurs 18 December	Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert (2.15pm)
Fri 19 December	Whole school Christmas party lunch – Chartwells meals cancelled Last day of term
Sun 21 December	9 Lessons and Carols – school choir (pm – tbc)