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Newsletter No. 6 – Friday 17 October 2025

Dear Families

Redwood Class and our Choir/Boys' Vocal group led our Harvest Service this week and what a great job they did! The presentation, poems and singing were beautiful and really got the message across about the importance of Harvest, giving and receiving. We had a full house and it was lovely to see the support of our parents, governors and local nursery. Thank you to everybody for making this a really positive family event.

We had our 'Six Weeks In' meeting in school this week for our current Reception parents, giving them the opportunity to meet our stakeholders. They had the opportunity to meet with our SEND and Inclusion Lead, Chair of Governors, PTA Chair and our School Family Link Worker. The session went really well.

Enjoy your weekend.
Jane Sharrock

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Well done to Redwood Class, and the school choir for leading Harvest Festival on Wednesday. We were delighted that so many parents, carers, and friends of the school were able to join our Harvest celebrations. THANK YOU for all the generous donations of food and toiletries, which will be very gratefully received by Worthing Food Bank.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

To help raise funds for Children in Need, children are invited to come to school wearing spotty clothes (no school uniform) on Friday, 14th November 2025.

In exchange, we kindly ask for a donation to support this cause. All contributions will go directly to Children in Need to help support disadvantaged children across the UK. Representatives of our School Council will be outside, at the start of the day, to collect donations.

Thank you for your support!



REMINDER - KS1 WOW DAY

As part of their topic, 'Once upon a time', Year One and Year Two are excited to be having a fairy tale WOW day on **Friday 24th October**. On this day, we will be doing fun activities linked to traditional fairy tale stories. We would like the children to come to school dressed up as a traditional fairy tale character from a story book. Some examples of traditional fairy tales are at the bottom of this letter. We look forward to seeing the school filled with fairy tale characters.



ROBLOX AGE ESTIMATION

As the most popular game in the world, Roblox has come under a lot of criticism recently, particularly in regards to predatory activity on the platform. Whilst Roblox has always had fairly good parental controls in place, ages of users have always been a concern, particularly adults pretending to be younger children.

Recently, Roblox have announced that they are expanding facial age estimation and ID age verification to all users who access the communication features within Roblox, as well as new systems designed to limit communication between adults and children unless they know each other in the real world.

There have been over 100 safety initiatives since January 2025 on Roblox. For further information, click on this link: <https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/09/roblox-to-expand-age-estimation-to-all-users>.

REMINDER - 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 this 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.

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.

- **Whole school email re Flu vaccinations**
- **PTA second-hand uniform**
- **Roblox email to whole school**

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

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 – ALL POSTPONED Football training will take place.
Fri 24 October	KS1 Fairy tale WOW day Parent Forum (2pm)
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	Chartwell Christmas lunch – order via ParentPay 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)