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Dear Families

We are at the end of our first half term and what a busy term it has been. This week, we had our second Open Day for prospective 2026 parents. They saw the school in action during an afternoon and had the opportunity to see some of the foundation subjects – History, Geography and Art. Linking to their Ancient Egyptians topic, Rowan Class were mummifying fish which really impressed our visitors!

Our Parents' Evening was very successful and well attended giving our families the opportunity to meet with our teachers and discuss how their children have settled into their new year groups.

After half term, we will have a school focus on Remembrance. In school, we have a Poppy Appeal with poppy merchandise – a range of wrist bands, key rings, stickers and of course, poppies. The Captains will visit every class daily with merchandise and we kindly ask for a minimum donation of 50p to support this appeal.

I would like to say a well done to our Year 6 children for completing Bikeability this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families and staff for all the hard work and support during this term to give our children the best possible outcomes – a true reflection of how we 'belong to community'.

Have a great half term break.

Jane Sharrock

HARVEST DONATIONS



A big 'thank you' from Worthing Foodbank who collected our donations this week.

THANK YOU!

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

- Rowan Class parents & children – South Downs writing competition
- KS2 Makers Club – now full

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

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*

Tues 4 November KS2 netball training

Thurs 6 November Y5 & Y6 football training

Fri 7 November *No Chelsea Football Club

Sat 8 November PTA Fireworks Night

Tues 11 November KS2 netball training

Wed 12 November KS2 Makers Club starts – please note, the club is now full

Thurs 13 November World Kindness Day

Y5 & Y6 football training

Fri 14 November Children in Need fundraising

Tues 18 November KS2 netball training

Wed 19 November Small Schools Football tournament (Y5&Y6)

Thurs 20 November Locality football and netball matches – letter to follow

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

Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow

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)

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

NOVEMBER 2025

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**,
and Morning Prayer every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 2nd November All Saints' Day (4 th Sunday before Advent)	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 3.00pm	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship & Praise in Findon Church with Monarch's Way Singers Eucharist in Patching Church All Souls' Service in Findon Church
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday (3 rd Sunday before Advent)	8.00am <u>9.45am</u>	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church with Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am
Sunday 16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent Safeguarding Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 23rd November Christ the King Sunday next before Advent	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday	8.00am <u>10.00am</u>	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Parish Eucharist in Findon Church

FAMILY EVENTS:

	Next Messy Church – Tuesday 4th November - 3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food
Lambs Tails – Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. Next one Tuesday 4th Nov., 2.30pm at Findon Rectory. Contact Dom: fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com for more information and dates.	
Games Morning at Findon Church, Sat. 15th November, 11am – 1pm Pool, table tennis, face painting and other fun activities. Refreshments included. Donations requested.	

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