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Newsletter No. 8 – Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Families

We have had a great start to this half term and children have returned ready and refreshed. We started the week with our launch assembly which focused on 'kindness'. Mrs Lax led the launch and used tooth paste to explain that when unkind words are said, it is then difficult to take them back. We all looked at the story of the 'Good Samaritan' and talked about the importance of being 'kind' to everyone.

All of our children had the opportunity to make a poppy which we then used to make our whole school poppy display – We Remember – which is currently hanging on the school gate.

On behalf of the British Legion, I would like to say thank you to all of our families for supporting this appeal.

All of the arrangements have now been finalised for our annual PTA Firework event and I would like to say thank you to our PTA, parents and governors who have supported with the planning of this event.

Hoping to see you all at the event tomorrow.

Jane Sharrock

IMPORTANT – PTA NEWS

We hope you are looking forward to the fireworks night tomorrow.

There are a limited number of tickets available online so please make sure you get yours before they sell out. We have been made aware of an issue with a telephone mast in the local area that is causing 4G/5G signal issues that may impact card payments at the event.

Please bring cash with you as card payments may not be available. We don't want you to miss out on the food, hot desserts, bar, rides and gloware on offer!

St John the Baptist PTA

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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!



ROWAN CLASS ASSEMBLY

We are delighted to invite all parents to join us for **Rowan Class Assembly on Wednesday, 26th November at 2.45pm!** Come along and celebrate the children's fantastic learning across the curriculum. They have been working hard and are excited to share their achievements with you. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHARTWELLS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas Jumper Day coincides with Chartwells Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 10th December, so children can come to school in a Christmas jumper or a jumper that has 'Christmassy' colours. Full uniform is as normal, apart from not wearing a school sweatshirt or cardigan. Please see attached information about the Chartwells lunch – order via ParentPay.com, no later than Thursday 27th November.

This is optional and there is no need to go out and buy something new. Donations are not being collected. Children will have the opportunity to dress up in their party clothes on Friday, 19th December.

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

- Y5 & Y6 Residential payment reminder
- Reception parents – Health screening information
- Whole school email – Chartwells change to menu (7/11/25)

DIARY DATES FOR 2025-2026

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.

NOVEMBER

Tues 11 November

KS2 netball training

Wed 12 November

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

Y5 & Y6 Girls Football tournament – please return slips ASAP

Thurs 13 November

World Kindness Day

Y5 & Y6 football training

Fri 14 November

Children in Need fundraising – spotty clothes

Tues 18 November

KS2 netball training

Wed 19 November

Small Schools Football tournament (Y5&Y6) – please return slips ASAP

Thurs 20 November

Locality football and netball matches – letter to follow

Mon 24 November

Angmering Football tournament (Y5&Y6) – letter to follow

Wed 26 November

Rowan Class assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)

DECEMBER

Mon 1 December

Last Sing and Sign Club

Fri 5 December

Last Construction Club

Sat 6 December

Findon Church Christmas Tree Festival (10am-5pm)

Sun 7 December

Findon Christmas Lights Switch On! – school choir (5.30pm)

Findon Church Christmas Tree Festival (11am-4pm)

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)

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

JANUARY 2026

Mon 5 January

INSET day

Tues 6 January

Back to school

Wed 14 January

Rowan and Redwood Stone Age day – details to follow

FEBRUARY

Mon 9 February	Y1 & Y2 Rainbow Theatre (pm) – details to follow
Fri 13 February	End of half term
w/c 16 February	Half-term holiday
Sun 22 February	World Thinking Day
Mon 23 February	Back to school

MARCH

Tues 3 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 6.30pm)
Wed 4 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
Thurs 19 March	Easter Service – Rowan leading (9am)
Fri 20 March	Easter Bonnet Parade (9am) – details to follow
w/c 23 March	Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip
Fri 27 March	End of term

APRIL

Mon 13 April	INSET day
Tues 14 April	Back to school

MAY

Mon 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Tues 5 May	Back to school
Thurs 7 May	Reception assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Sat 16 May	
Fri 22 May	End of half-term
w/c 25 May	Half-term holiday

JUNE

Mon 1 June	INSET day
Tues 2 June	Back to school
Wed 17 June	Y1 & Y2 assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Wed 24 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.30pm) – details to follow
Fri 26 June	Astracolour class photos

JULY

Tues 21 July	Last day of summer term
Wed 22 July	INSET day