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Dear Families

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and we started with an assembly on Monday based on the theme – Power for Good. We looked at how we can make a difference and use our powers to be positive and counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Children then had a follow up assembly to build on this.

On Tuesday, to mark Remembrance, we all came together to show our respect and remember those who fought to protect us, provide peace and give us a tomorrow.

During the week, children have been decorating stars for our Christmas Tree Festival entry which is being managed by Tracey Jude who has kindly offered to assemble our tree at St John the Baptist Church. Each class has focused on a different part of the Christmas story and the values that link to it.

Focus:	Reception	The Journey of the Magi – Seeking Truth with Honesty
	Year 1	Jesus – Loving All People
	Year 2	The Shepherds – Respecting All People
	Rowan	Mary's Yes – Resilience In Faith
	Redwood	Light of the World – Christ's Love Shining Globally

The stars are amazing and here is a sneak



preview of Reception's stars!

The finished piece will be ready to see on Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 7th December at St John the Baptist Church.

This week, I have been contacted by a local resident who is quite ill and needs her gate and her disabled parking spot to be left clear. Please can we be respectful and responsible when parking. The world is a very busy and fast place at the moment and kindness and courtesy costs nothing.

Thank you for everybody's support for Children In Need today. We will give you a grand total next week.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

PTA NEWS

Another successful fireworks night was held on Saturday, 8th November and we have to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and an extra big thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen. We are pleased to announce that we raised £2,200 from this great community event.

From the soggy Friday setup in the rain, to the full-on whirlwind of Saturday, every single one of the volunteers made our fireworks event shine brighter than the display itself.

To the tireless team setting up, the ticket scanners welcoming our crowds with smiles, the stall vendors keeping spirits high, and the bar crew keeping everything running smoothly (and everyone hydrated!), thank you.

A special shout-out to those who stayed right to the end, packing everything away and getting it all sorted like a well-oiled machine. You're the heroes who make sure it all comes together seamlessly.

We would also like to thank Sonny from Pro Electrical Ltd for putting up all the lighting and saving us from an otherwise dark evening!

We are aware that the display was shorter than anticipated this year. We had booked a 12-15 minutes display but following investigation with the display provider, some of the fireworks malfunctioned and didn't go off. Obviously, this is disappointing and beyond our control - we are looking into sourcing a new display provider for any future events.

There were also issues with traffic on the night and unfortunately some of the marshals suffered verbal abuse from drivers. I'm sure we can all agree that this is not acceptable. Until last year's event, parking was kindly provided by Findon Garden Centre. Since the change in ownership, we have been unable to secure their car park as an additional parking space for big school events which has had an impact on the number of vehicles using the village to park.

If anybody has any ideas or solutions for how to resolve this for future events, please contact the PTA on our email address (findonpta@gmail.com) or catch one of us in the playground.

Coming soon - Elfridges and the Christmas Disco!

St John the Baptist PTA
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REMINDER - 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!

ADVANCE NOTICE – YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Redwood parents – there will be a meeting on Tuesday, 13th January at 2.30pm, to hear more about next year's residential trip to Blacklands Farm (w/c 23rd March).

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

- KS2 Christmas Concerts
- Y2 upwards – Community Christmas Singing
- Whole school email – Parent Online Safety Newsletter

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 (5.45pm)
Wed 10 December	Chartwell Christmas lunch – order via ParentPay Christmas Jumper Day 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)
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
Tues 13 January	Residential meeting for Redwood parents (2.30pm)
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
Wed 29 April	Redwood class assembly (2.45pm)

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