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Dear Families

Everyone has now settled back into routines at the start of our Spring term. Our Value this term is 'Honesty' and our launch assembly was based on being truthful. Over the next half term, Collective Worship will be based on the life of Jesus. This week we have looked at being thankful for our families and what it means to be patient.

Key Stage 2 had a great WOW day on Wednesday which linked to their topic 'Stone Age'. They had the opportunity to explore Stone Age life through drama and also made bread. Redwood learnt how to make a fire and how Stone Age people used fire. What a great experience they had!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

NEW KS1 AND KS2 READING INITIATIVE

In a bid to raise engagement in reading and promote reading for pleasure, we have come up with a new approach to encourage children to read on a regular basis. Please refer to information emailed to parents yesterday.

Studies show that children who read at home have a larger and more extensive vocabulary, perform better academically, their creativity skills develop, they gain a deeper understanding of their world, their concentration levels improve, their cognitive development is supported and their social skills and interaction improve.



RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Reception and KS1 Welcome Back
- All year groups – topic letter and curriculum overview
- Y3& Y4 Indoor Athletics
- Y3& Y4 Football Tournament
- Y5& Y6 Indoor Athletics
- Y1& Y2 Multi-Skills
- KS1& KS2 New Reading Initiative
- KS1 Rainbow Theatre
- 'Supporting my child with their worries' workshop
- New Football Kit sponsorship
- Year 6 Leavers' hoodies

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.

JANUARY 2026 - SPRING TERM

Mon 19 January	Y3 & Y4 Indoor Athletics (3.45pm) – The Angmering School
Tues 20 January	Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament (3.45pm) – The Angmering School
Mon 26 January	Y5 & Y6 Indoor Athletics (3.45pm) - The Angmering School
Wed 28 January	Y1 & Y2 Multi-Skills (4pm) – The Angmering School

FEBRUARY

Fri 6 February	‘Supporting my child with their worries’ – workshop (9am) – all invited Last Chelsea FC
Mon 9 February	Y1 & Y2 Rainbow Theatre (pm)
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
Mon 16 March	Last Choir and Drawing Club for Spring term
Tues 17 March	Last Boys’ Vocal for Spring term
Thurs 19 March	Easter Service – Rowan leading (9am) Last Football & Netball clubs Last Recorder Club
Fri 20 March	Easter Bonnet Parade (9am) – details to follow Last Chelsea Football Club for Spring term Last Clay Club
w/c 23 March	Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip
Fri 27 March	End of term

APRIL – SUMMER TERM

Mon 13 April	INSET day
Tues 14 April	Back to school
Fri 17 April	Reception Health Screening
Mon 20 April	Reception Health Screening
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)
W/C 11 May	Year 6 SATS week
Sat 16 May	Summer Revels
Thurs 21 May	Y1&Y2 trip to Drusillas, Alfriston
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
Mon 15 June	Rowan Class trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum
Wed 17 June	Y1 & Y2 assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Tues 23 June	Y5 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)
Wed 24 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.30pm) – details to follow
Fri 26 June	Astracolour class photos
Tues 30 June	Y4 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)

JULY

Tues 21 July	Last day for children
Wed 22 July	INSET day