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Dear Families

We have had a creative week in school and lots of active learning through a range of subjects.

Reception have made woodland animals using recycled materials.

Year 1 have been using software to recreate Mondrian style abstract art with a focus on using straight lines and filling the spaces with colour.

I had the opportunity to taste a sample spicy baked wrap that Year 2 children were making.

Rowan Class have been using drama to act out the story of Noah and to explore the opinions of other people. Rowan Class have also been exploring colour mixing with a focus on the colour – brown.

Redwood have been using our grounds over the last few weeks learning about the Stone Age. Yesterday, they made 'journey' sticks – a tactile map to communicate a journey that they had taken.

We have had a lot going on.

Enjoy your weekend.

Jane Sharrock

PTA NEWS



Please come join at the next PTA meeting on Tuesday 27th January at 7.30pm at The Black Horse. We are kicking off preparations for Summer Revels and would love your ideas and help with planning. Anybody who would like to be involved with Revels but is unable to make the meeting, please let us know by email -

findonpta@gmail.com.

FINDON VILLAGE SWIMMING POOL

Findon swimming pool Annual General Meeting is next Monday, 26th January at 7.30pm at The Black Horse in the skittle alley. Please come along to find out more about this amazing facility, we would love to see some new faces.



REMINDER

We are pleased to invite you to a special workshop titled:

“Supporting My Child with Their Worries – and Managing Our Worries as Parents”

This session will be delivered by Ellis Nyss, our Family Support Worker from the Dedicated School Team. It is designed to help parents understand how to support their children through anxious moments while also exploring strategies to manage our own worries as parents.

Date: Friday, 6th February

Time: 9:00 AM

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Location: School Hall

This will be an informal and practical session, offering useful tips and an opportunity to ask questions. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a supportive and informative event. Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing the office – office@stjbps.co.uk

WORLD THINKING DAY

On Monday 23rd February, children who are members of the Girl Guiding and Scouting organisation can wear their uniforms to school to celebrate ‘World Thinking Day’, which is Sunday 22nd February. This includes children who are in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. World Thinking Day is an annual event, celebrated worldwide.

YEAR 3/4 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Absolutely **BRILLIANT** play from the footballers in the Angmering locality football tournament on last Tuesday. The boys came 2nd in their group, and then went on to win their semi-final match on a penalty shoot-out. They then had to play against the original winners of their group in the final, and this time managed to beat them 1-0. The boys were so excited when the final whistle was blown. Fantastic team work, and excellent play from everyone.



YEAR 3/4 INDOOR ATHLETICS

Well done to the boys who represented the school in the locality indoor athletics at The Angmering School. They were involved in running, jumping and throwing events, and were placed 3rd overall. Fantastic effort boys.



IMPORTANT – CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

As our school is on a Holiday Return Menu on Monday, 23rd February, after the half-term break, ParentPay have updated the meal ordering system and all orders have been cancelled. Please can parents reorder for Monday 23rd February.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Parish church services for February

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 26 January	Y5 & Y6 Indoor Athletics (3.45pm) – The Angmering School
	Findon Swimming Pool AGM (7.30pm at The Black Horse)
Tues 27 January	PTA meeting (7.30pm at The Black Horse)
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	Parent Forum meeting (2pm) End of half term
w/c 16 February	Half-term holiday
Sun 22 February	World Thinking Day
Mon 23 February	Back to school Celebrate World Thinking Day

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