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Dear Families

We welcomed everyone back on Monday morning with our 'Launch Assembly' based on the value 'Honesty'. We talked about showing our 'true colours' and what this would look like. We explored scenarios around doing the right thing and how this helps us to be a better and brighter person. We then discussed how Jesus showed us His true colours.

In celebration of World Thinking Day, it was great to see some of our children dressed in their uniforms from the various groups that they belong to.

Some of our children in Key Stage 2 took part in a book quiz at Windlesham House School this week. I am proud to say that they did a brilliant job and secured both first and second place bringing back a trophy for school. They competed against 21 other teams and were a real credit to St John the Baptist School – well done!

Our choir will be participating in the Family Service on Sunday, 1st March which will bring a positive end to this busy first week back.

Best wishes
Jane Sharrock

EASTER BONNET PARADE – FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

The Easter Bonnet parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school. For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet at home. All children will receive a chocolate egg, with special eggs going to the most creative bonnet in each class, which the PTA have kindly offered to donate. We will be inviting parents into school to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions to help you:

- ❖ A circular band cut out of paper or card, decorated with the Easter theme.
- ❖ Sunhat or baseball cap decorated with chicks, flowers, eggs, etc.
- ❖ Papier mâché balloon to make an egg.
- ❖ Cereal boxes made into Easter flower gardens.



BOOK BATTLE

8 children from across Y3-Y5 represented the school at Windlesham's first ever 'Book Battle'. 21 teams battled it out, using their knowledge of children's literature in a range of fun activities. We are so proud of our children who came first Finn, Jessica (from Redwood), Ava and Travis (Rowan) and second Sam (Redwood), Rhys, Charlie and Ellis (Rowan). This is an incredible achievement, of which they should be extremely proud. We celebrated this during our Celebration assembly this afternoon where the children were presented with a certificate and their trophy was shown to the whole school. There will be photos on Facebook shortly, taken during the afternoon.



WORLD BOOK DAY

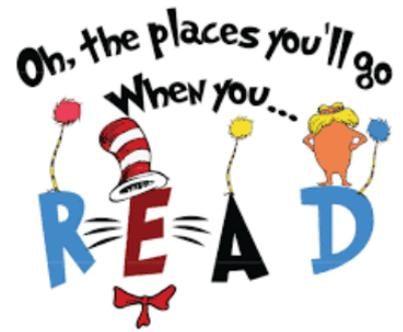
We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2026** and as a school, we are planning a variety of exciting activities to promote and encourage children to see themselves as a reader.

We are asking the children to come into school either dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas, sharing the books that they enjoy reading or having read to them.

We will also be doing a 'Teacher Read', where members of staff will be reading their favourite books and children can choose which classroom they wish to visit and which books they wish to hear.

Individual key stages will be planning their own activities for the day but all will involve the children seeing themselves as readers and enjoying books. We also have the return of the Masked Reader, which the children particularly enjoyed, writing a whole school story - which will be read at Friday's celebration assembly and a whole school prop hunt, at which the children need to work out the book title based on the props they see.

World Book Day promises to be a fun-filled and productive day for the children celebrating the pleasure that is found in reading and promoting reading for all!



PTA NEWS

Revels Artwork Competition – Plot Twist! ✨🤔

The official closing date was meant to be today

But thanks to a very enthusiastic trim job, the actual date got neatly chopped off the letter. ✂️😊

Rather than blame the scissors (or our cutting skills), we're declaring an encore!

🤖 New extended deadline: Monday 🤖

So, if you were racing the clock, breathe easy. You've got the weekend to add those final masterpieces touches.

Please make sure all artwork is in by Monday at the latest.

Many thanks.

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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.

MARCH

Sun 1 March	Choir will be singing at Family Service at St John the Baptist Church (10am)
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
Wed 18 March	PTA Sponsored Bounce – details to follow
Thurs 19 March	Easter Service – Rowan leading (9am) Last Football & Netball clubs Last Recorder Club
Fri 20 March	Easter Bonnet Parade (9am) 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	NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS TOMBOLA – information to follow 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
Fri 15 May	NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS, SWEETS & CAKES – information to follow
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