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Dear Families

We have had Parents' Evening this week and thank you to our families for your attendance. Most of our families managed to speak to their child's teacher for a progress report on how their child is currently doing in school.

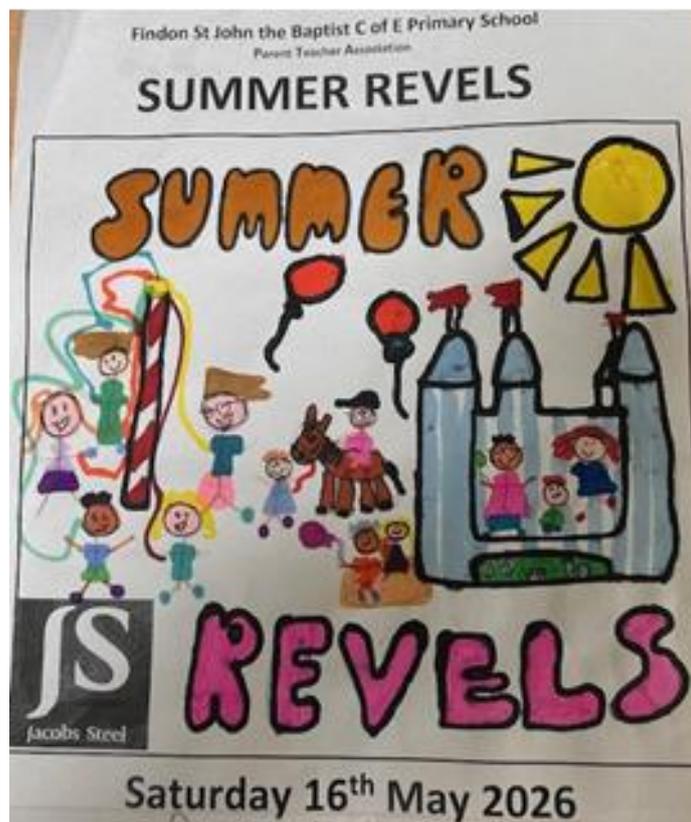
World Book Day was a great success! The children had a great day with lots of activities taking place linking to reading. Read on to find out more about their day.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

SUMMER REVELS

Congratulations to Poppy G (Willow Class), the winner of this year's Summer Revels colouring competition. On behalf of the PTA, thank you to everyone who took part.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Yesterday, the whole school celebrated World Book Day. This year's theme was fun and reading for pleasure; the children certainly had lots of fun! We launched the day with an assembly where we talked about reading for pleasure and finding the right books. The children were very forthcoming about how to find the right books for them and they were also shown recommended book lists from the school website (Our Learning: Reading for Pleasure). We sang 'Open a Book' together and the children got the opportunity to walk around the hall, showing off their outfits to the school. We finished with a short play with members of staff taking part in 'What the Ladybird heard' which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

After break, we had a book hunt during which children joined forces to find props hidden around the school to work out the book title. It was lovely to see the older children interacting with our younger students. Each class had different activities to celebrate the day. It was certainly a fun-packed day and it was fantastic to see the children have such a lovely time celebrating reading and books.



REMINDER - 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.



CHOIR CLUB

Please note that Choir Club will not be taking place on Monday, 9th March.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- **PTA Sponsored Bounce**
- **Redwood – Residential trip reminder – money for tuck shop**
- **Choir Club – cancelled 9th March**

School Values –

Respect, Honesty, Resilience

Rooted in respect, guided by honesty, strengthened by resilience.

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

Mon 9 March

CHOIR CLUB CANCELLED

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

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

Tues 9 June

Redwood Class trip to Sheffield Park

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