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Dear Families

Spring is here at last, and we are looking forward to some brighter weather. The children are very eager to play on the school field; it just needs to dry out a little more then they will be good to go.

On Monday, we had some visitors from “Good News” and they led our worship which was based on Jesus being the light of the world and we also talked about the power of light.

Rowan led our Easter Service on Thursday, retelling the story of Holy Week. They did a brilliant job and it was lovely to hear our children singing beautifully.

We finished the week with our Easter Bonnet Parade and the children had the opportunity to parade in the hall to show off their bonnets. Children and families have worked really hard creating Easter bonnets and every child took part in the parade. Thank you to our parents for supporting and thank you to our PTA for providing eggs for every child.

We have been a little early with our celebrations this week due to Redwood being out of school next week for their residential visit.

Have a good weekend.

Jane Sharrock

A Fond Farewell to Mrs Johnson

Our school business manager, Mrs Johnson will be retiring at the end of this term.

Throughout her time here, she has been the steady hand guiding so much of what keeps our school thriving, on track and safe. From managing budgets, premises and overseeing operations to ensure that we always had what we needed even before we realised it ourselves.

Her resilience, flexibility and calm approach has been invaluable over the last twelve years and she will be a great loss to our school and to me. During my time as headteacher here, Mrs Johnson has been a great asset to me and I will miss her deeply.

As she retires, we celebrate the enormous contribution that she had made to our school and thank her for the care she has shown to everyone in it. We are delighted for her as she steps into this new chapter of her life.

Thank you for everything from Jane, our staff and governors.



EASTER BONNET PARADE

What a wonderful start to the day we had at the Easter Bonnet Parade! The hall was bursting with colour, creativity and plenty of smiles as the children proudly displayed their incredible bonnets. A huge thank you to all children and parents for embracing this school tradition. Your enthusiasm, effort and support make events like this so special year after year.

We are delighted to announce this year's winners:

Florence S, Lily W, Autumn, Lokki, Travis, Henry and Amberley

Congratulations to all our winners — and well done to every child who took part.



PTA NEWS - SPONSORED BOUNCE

A huge well done to everyone involved in this week's Sponsored Bounce event, it was truly fantastic! The energy, enthusiasm, and sheer determination from all the children made it a joy to watch. Altogether, the pupils achieved an incredible 10,657 bounces in all sorts of creative styles and varieties, an amazing accomplishment!

Here's how each class contributed:

Ash: 2,499 bounces

Willow: 1,998 bounces

Rowan: 2,866 bounces

Redwood: 3,040 bounces

This doesn't match the total you might say, well Mrs Griffiths, Miss Higson and Miss Hayward did a total of 254.

A special **congratulations** to our top individual bouncers:

Highest number of bounces (boys): Charlie F 150

Highest number of bounces (girls): Amity 134

And a big shout out to our top fundraiser: Logan B, who has raised an impressive £85.

Logan, Amity and Charlie will all receive an unlimited wristband for the inflatables at the Summer Revels to carry on the bouncing fun!

So far, the total amount raised stands at £1,733, with a few "promise to pays" still to come in. Any outstanding sponsorship money can be paid in cash by handing in to the school office or by bank transfer. The PTA bank details are:

Account name: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sort Code: 60-03-38

Account number: 81731620

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers, Mrs Bush, and the office staff for their time, support, and help in making the day run so smoothly.

Thank you to all the staff, children, and families for their incredible effort and generosity. Events like this really show what a wonderful school community we have.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Get ready for summer term and visit the PTA Preloved School Uniform shop. We have just uploaded new stock including summer items. You can shop here, with free delivery to school:

<https://www.wearecress.com/school-shop?storeId=26335>

SUMMER REVELS

Stall applications are open and we are also looking for raffle prizes. If you see interested in a stall or can donate a raffle prize, please contact findonpta@gmail.com

FUN RUN

Raw Energy Pursuits are proud to be organising a children's 2km Fun Run on behalf of the PTA, with all profits going to the PTA and Findon Swimming Pool. The event has been running for 6 years and each year we have seen a steady increase in the number of children taking part. The race is a 3-lap course around Nepcote Green on Sunday 19th April at 9am. It will be marshalled and safe, with all the children getting a medal for taking part. As it is close to Grand National weekend, why not dress up as a horse or jockey! The event is part of a three race children's series, with the second race at Oscar Romero School on Sunday 21st June and the third at Ferring Country Centre on a Friday evening at 6:30pm on 3rd July.

For entry details head to <https://rawenergypursuits.co.uk/>

St John the Baptist PTA

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RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Year 5 Worthing High School taster morning
- Before and After School booking forms

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

w/c 23 March

Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip

Mon 23 March

Y1 & Y2 Football at Angmering (3.45pm)

Fri 27 March

End of term

APRIL – SUMMER TERM

Mon 13 April

INSET day

Tues 14 April

Back to school

~~Wed 15 April~~

~~Year 6 Young Citizens event (8.30am)~~ SEE REVISED DATE 21 April

Fri 17 April

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS TOMBOLA – information to follow

Reception Health Screening

Mon 20 April

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Tues 21 April

Year 6 Young Citizens event (8.30am)

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)

Thurs 18 June

Sports Day (am)

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

d 22 July

INSET day