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Dear Families

Summer is just around the corner and we are starting to see warmer weather and bluer skies. Lots of projects are being discussed with various stakeholders as the focus this term will be the school grounds. Our garden plot has been tidied up and Reception, Year 1 and the Gardening Club are going to be busy planting and growing during the remainder of this term. We would like to say a big thank you to Lindsey (Finlea's mum) who came into school everyday for a week to weed the flower beds, sort the garden area and organise a donated box of seeds.

Our School Council also have a designated flower bed which they are going to re-develop and will shortly be asking for donations.

On Wednesday, our youngest children presented their class assembly and they did an amazing job! I was so proud to see them saying their lines, explaining their learning and sharing their projects. They really have come a long way since the start of their academic year last September. Well done Reception.

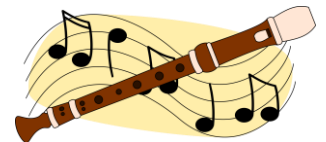
As you are aware, the Summer term is very busy so please do keep an eye on our Newsletter so that you do not miss any key events.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

RECORDER CLUB

Please note that Recorder Club will not be running on Thursday 21st May, as Mrs Lorne will be out on a school trip.



PTA NEWS

NON-UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 15th MAY

Donations for the sweets and chocolate tombola at Revels gratefully received in return for pupils wearing their home clothes: sweets, chocolates, fizzy drinks or other confectionery welcome. **(No cakes, please!)**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REVELS

We have drastically decreased the number of volunteers needed to run Revels this year, but we still need some jobs to be filled. If you can spare an hour or two on the day, or are able to set up on Friday night or Saturday morning, please sign up here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/KF38R>

WRISTBANDS AND RAFFLE TICKETS

Please make sure all wristband slips, raffle ticket stubs and payments are returned/made by Thursday 14th May. Any pre-ordered wristbands will be sent home with the children on Friday 15th May.

PTA Summer Fair Survival Guide: The Great Voucher Adventure!

This year, in our ongoing mission to keep queues shorter, maths simpler, and children fuelled entirely by excitement and sugar, the PTA will be using ticket vouchers at all PTA-run stalls and games!

Here's how it works:

Head to the Voucher Stall (aka the magical money-swapping station) where you can:

- Pay with cash or card
- Exchange your money for ticket vouchers
- Use those vouchers like fairground currency at all PTA-run games and stalls
- Think Monopoly money but with slightly higher stakes and more glitter.

Important bits before anyone tries paying for prosecco in raffle tickets: ticket vouchers CANNOT be used for:

- The Bar
- The Raffle
- Wristbands

These will still need to be purchased separately.

Want to beat the queues?

You'll be able to buy voucher tickets before the event on: Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th - after school for ONE HOUR only.

We are really looking forward to a brilliant event and can't wait to see everyone there for games, prizes, food, fun, and at least one child dramatically spending all their vouchers in the first five minutes.

Thank you for supporting the PTA!

St John the Baptist PTA

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Y4 Multiplication Check information
- PTA Non-Uniform day – Friday 15th May

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.

MAY

W/C 11 May	Year 6 SATS week
Fri 15 May	No Chelsea FC after school club NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS, SWEETS & CAKES
Sat 16 May	Summer Revels (10.45am)
Tues 19 May	Boys' Vocal Group singing at Merriman Grange (2.30pm)
Thurs 21 May	Y1&Y2 trip to Drusillas, Alfriston KS2 RECORDER CLUB CANCELLED
Fri 22 May	Parent Forum meeting (2pm) 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
Thurs 11 June	Redwood Class assembly (2.45pm)
Fri 12 June	My Digital Child Workshop (9.30am) – details to follow
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) – EY/KS1 (9am) KS2 (10.30am)
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

Wed 8 July	Reception trip to Arundel Wetlands Centre – details to follow
Fri 10 July	Parent Forum (2pm)
Tues 21 July	Last day for children
Wed 22 July	INSET day

INSET DAYS 2026 – 2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027



'To grow in Christ, to belong to community, to serve with purpose'