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Dear Families

A heatwave is on its way and what perfect timing as we go into the half term. It gives us all the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine, be outside and spend relaxing time with our families which we are thankful for.

I had the opportunity to go on a trip to Drusillas Park with our Year 1 and Year 2 children and what a great day we had. We saw animals from all over the world, stroked a milk snake, felt the soft fur of a chinchilla, had our lunch outside in the picnic area and had a train ride round the park!

Yesterday, we met the parents of our new Reception children who will be starting school with us in September. What a positive meeting this was and we are looking forward to welcoming these children into our St John's family.

I just wanted to say a big thank you to our parents, PTA, staff and families for making the Summer Revels a successful community event.

I want to encourage each of us to pause and reflect on how blessed we are and to be thankful for our families and show compassion and love where we can.

God bless

Jane Sharrock

KS2 PARENT WORKSHOP

We are pleased to invite you to a special workshop titled: **"My Digital Child"**

This session will be delivered by Ellis Nyss, our Family Support Worker from the Dedicated School Team. The workshop provides insights into online risks, setting boundaries for safety, and fostering open conversations about digital experiences.

Date: Friday, 12th June

Time: 9:30 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 replying to the school office. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there.

BOYS VOCAL – MERRIMAN GRANGE

We wanted to share with you the following message from Merriman Grange!

Just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to the Boys' Vocal Group for the performance earlier this week. They were absolutely fantastic and the residents were incredibly impressed, and charmed! We're grateful to you and the parents for making it possible.

SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE

Children can come to school on Thursday 18th June wearing their PE kits. **The children can stay in their kits all day.** Timetable as follows:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	9am
Rowan, Holly and Oak	10.30am



The event should then be completed by lunchtime which helps with lunches and avoiding the heat of the day should we have high temperatures.

Please ensure your child has a hat and sun cream applied before they come into school. They will also need to have their water bottle to keep hydrated during the morning.

The PTA are kindly giving each child an ice pop at the end of the day.

We will provide seating for our parents and carers but if you wish to bring your own seat/deck chair, that will be fine. We will be seating our families on one side of the track and our children will be based on the other side so staff can ensure they are ready for each race.

We ask you to respect this and keep to your seating area so children can concentrate on their races.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- **Year 6 Leavers' Service**
- **My Digital Child Workshop**

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.

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)
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 14 July	Year 6 Fiver Challenge (3.30pm)
Wed 15 July	Year 6 cheesy chips (12 noon)
Fri 17 July	Leavers Service (9.15am) PTA Summer disco (3.30pm) Year 6 Party (3.30pm)
Mon 20 July	
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

