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Dear Families,

This week seems to have flown by incredibly quickly. We have been blessed with some lovely weather which has allowed the children to play on the field.

Our Collective Worship has focused on how Jesus helps us to flourish. We have reflected on what 'flourishing' looks like in our daily lives and the adults who are around us to help us. We also looked at the role of a shepherd who tends to his sheep, allowing them to thrive, and how Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, looks after us.

On Wednesday, we had the first of our Open Morning tours for parents who have a child starting in Reception in 2027. Our school captains and vice captains (Eva, Finn, Daphne and Sam) were a credit to the school, engaging brilliantly with the parents with maturity and enthusiasm. We look forward to future open mornings with these children at the helm.

Well done to the KS1 children who participated in the Angmering Mile on Tuesday. We had 11 children representing St John the Baptist, which is fantastic.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend.

Corrine Wellby
Deputy Head

KS1 ANGMERING HALF MILE – TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

WOW! Our youngest children were utterly amazing, and everyone ran brilliantly. All the children completed the course, and we were very excited to hear that we had finished 2nd overall out of the five schools taking part. Two of our boys received medals for finishing the boys' race in 2nd and 3rd place, and one of our girls received a medal for finishing in 2nd position in the girls' race. It was a glorious afternoon for running, and our children made us feel very proud.



O2 YOUNG VOICES CONCERT – 20TH JANUARY 2027

Thank you to everyone who has successfully registered their child for Young Voices through the Music Room. Please note that choir rehearsals are after school on a **Tuesday** at 3:20pm – 4:15pm.

We are currently taking bookings for adult coach seats, and these are being reserved very quickly. We now have only **10 seats remaining**, so if you would like to book a place on the coach, please complete and return your form to the school office as soon as possible.

Coach places will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Once all seats have been filled, parents wishing to attend will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from London. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to an exciting Young Voices experience.

ARUNDEL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We have had a fantastic response to this concert on Sunday 13th December. Unfortunately, all the spaces have now been filled. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you may be aware, West Sussex has recently entered into a new contract with ISS Food Services to provide school lunches. Unfortunately, we have experienced a few initial teething issues during the first couple of weeks of implementation. We have raised these concerns with the company, who have already sent a representative to review the situation and make the necessary adjustments. We have been assured that these issues will be resolved as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support while improvements are being made.

STARTING SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2027

The application process for children due to start school in September 2027 will open on 5th October 2026. As in recent years, parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the national closing date of Friday 15th January 2027.

We are currently running school tours for new families which are advertised on our website <https://www.stjbps.co.uk/>

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteer/s to run our Year 5 and Year 6 football training sessions on Thursdays from 3.20pm to 4.15pm.



We are looking for volunteers who can make a regular commitment on a weekly basis. Whether you have experience coaching sports or simply enjoy supporting children to be active and develop their skills, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the school office.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE – Please speak to the office if you need copies of recent correspondence.

- Year 6 trip to Merriman Grange
- Year 5 and Year 5 Netball training
- Rowan Class trip to Wild Heart Hill

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 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.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 26 Sept	Open Morning for 2027 Reception (10am)
Mon 28 Sept	Open Afternoon for 2027 Reception (1.30pm) PTA Emergency Meeting (3.25pm)
Tues 29 Sept	Y3 & Y4 Basketball at Angmering (3.45pm)

OCTOBER

Thurs 1 Oct	Open Morning for 2027 Reception (9am)
Fri 2 Oct	Rowan Class – Wild Heart Hill trip – details to follow
Tues 6 Oct	Year 1 and Year 2 Arundel Castle trip Redwood Ancient Greek Wow Day Y5 & Y6 Basketball at Angmering (3.45pm)
Wed 7 Oct	Open Morning for 2027 Reception (9am)
Thurs 8 Oct	NHS Nasal flu spray programme (pm) Year 6 SATS meeting with Mrs Wellby (5pm)
Fri 9 Oct	Astracolour individual photos ~~PTA Cinema evening~~ – POSTPONED No Construction Club
Mon 12 Oct	Year 6 visit to Merriman Grange (10am) Open Afternoon for 2027 Reception (1.30pm)
Wed 14 Oct	Harvest Festival Service – parents invited – (9.15am) – details to follow Redwood Class will be leading the service Harvest Festival Service – local community invited (1pm)
Thurs 15 Oct	Six Weeks In – meeting for Reception and new families (9am) – details to follow
Tues 20 Oct	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 6.30pm) – letter to follow
Wed 21 Oct	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 5.30pm) – letter to follow
Thurs 22 Oct	Y5 & Y6 Football and Netball matches – details to follow
Fri 23 Oct	Last day of half term

NOVEMBER

Mon 2 Nov	Back to school
Wed 4 November	No Sewing Club NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Fri 6 Nov	Parent Forum – all invited (2pm)
Fri 13 Nov	No Chelsea Football Club PTA Fireworks Evening – details to follow
Wed 18 Nov	Open Afternoon for 2027 Reception (1.30pm)

DECEMBER

Thurs 3 Dec

Tues 8 Dec

Wed 9 Dec

Thurs 10 Dec

Fri 11 Dec

Sun 13 Dec

Tues 15 Dec

Wed 16 Dec

Thurs 17 Dec

Fri 18 Dec

Y5 & Y6 Football and Netball matches – details to follow

Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)

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PTA Elfridges – details to follow

PTA Christmas Disco – details to follow

Arundel Cathedral Christmas Concert (5pm) – letter to follow

Christmas Service – parents invited (9.15am)

Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert – parents invited – info to follow

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Last day of term

Non-uniform day

JANUARY 2027

Mon 4 Jan

INSET day

Tues 5 Jan

Back to school

Fri 15 Jan

Parent Forum (2pm)

Wed 20 Jan

Young Voices at the O2

FEBRUARY

Tues 9 Feb

Safer Internet Day

Fri 12 Feb

Last day of half term

15 – 19 Feb

Half term break

Mon 22 Feb

Back to school

Thurs 25 Feb

Redwood trip to Chichester Festival Theatre (10.30am) – info to follow

MARCH

Tues 2 Mar

Parent Consultations (3.30 – 6.30pm)

Wed 3 Mar

Parent Consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)

Thurs 4 Mar

World Book Day

Tues 9 Mar

Redwood Class assembly (2.45pm)

Fri 12 Mar

Parent Forum (2pm)

Tues 16 Mar

PTA Sponsored Bounce – info to follow

Wed 17 Mar

Year 1 and Year 2 assembly – parents invited (2.45pm)

Fri 19 Mar

Easter Bonnet Parade – parents invited (9.15am) – info to follow

W/C 22 Mar

Year 6 Bikeability Training – details to follow

Wed 24 Mar

Easter Service – Rowan class leading (2.15pm)

Fri 26 Mar – Fri 9 Apr

Easter Break

APRIL

Mon 12 Apr

INSET day

Tues 13 Apr

Back to school

MAY

Mon 3 May	May Day Holiday
Tues 4 May	Back to school
Fri 7 May	Parent Forum (2pm)
W/C 10 May	Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests
Thurs 20 May	New Reception entrants 2027 meeting (6pm)
Wed 26 May	Reception assembly – parents invited (2.45pm)
Fri 28 May	Last day of half term
31 May – 4 June	Half term break

JUNE

Mon 7 June	INSET day
Tues 8 June	Back to school
Sat 12 June	Summer Revels
Thurs 17 June	Sports Day (am)
Wed 23 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 30 June	Rowan Class assembly – parents invited (2.45pm)

JULY

Fri 2 July	Parent Forum (2pm)
Tues 6 July	Redwood Production performance (6pm)
Wed 7 July	Redwood Production performance (6pm)
Thurs 15 July	Whole school music concert (9.15am)
Fri 16 July	Year 6 Leavers' Service (9.15am) PTA Summer disco – info to follow
Mon 19 July	Year 6 party (3.30pm)
Tues 20 July	Last day of term
Wed 21 July	INSET day