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Newsletter No. 4 – Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Families,

How have we arrived into October so quickly? We continue to be blessed with pockets of good weather and we are making the most of it by staying on the field for as long as possible.

We have had two more Open Day tours this week, with prospective families visiting our school. School was a hive of learning and our visitors were extremely impressed especially when we had an unscheduled visit from 'Morty' the tortoise!

The value we have all explored this week is compassion and our children were able to articulate what this looks like very well. We have explored the fact that compassion is not just about helping, it is also about challenging the situations that cause people to suffer.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Best wishes
Jane Sharrock

CONSTRUCTION CLUB

As the PTA Cinema Night will no longer be taking place on Friday 9th October, Miss Cove and Mrs Pittard will be running Construction Club as usual on this date.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 14th October, at 9.15am, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with the children and you are all welcome to join us. Redwood Class will be leading the service. We have chosen to support Worthing Foodbank again who would greatly appreciate any donations. **Please bring in donations on Wednesday 14th, which can be presented at the Harvest Service.**

Here are some suggestions from Worthing Foodbank:

Priorities

Tinned fruit
Long life juice
Long life milk
Tinned puddings
Tinned soup
Tinned meat
Tinned soup

Also needed

Biscuits
Rice
Tinned fish
Shower gel
Deodorant
Handwash



Thank you for your support.

PTA NEWS

On behalf of the PTA, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us over the past two weeks. Your time, enthusiasm, and generosity have made a significant difference, and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

It has been wonderful to see such strong engagement from our school community. The success of our recent activities would not have been possible without the commitment and encouragement of so many parents, carers, staff, and friends of the school.

Thank you for helping us create such a positive and supportive environment for our children and school community.

We are also pleased to let you know that a PTA newsletter will be coming out shortly, providing more information about who we are, what we do, and the activities and achievements we have been involved in. We look forward to sharing more with you and keeping you updated on future events and opportunities to get involved.

Your 2026-2027 Committee has been voted in as follows:

Nicola Brown – **Chair**

Gemma Harrington – **Vice Chair**

Lindsey Mitchell – **Treasurer**

Sam Cosham – **Secretary**

Trustees:

Sian Northmore

Becky Yates

Katherine Stephens

Katherine Hogan

Nicky Brown - Chair

St John the Baptist PTA

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RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- **Year 1 to Year 6 Parent Consultations – please return slips by 9th October**
- **Year 1 and Year 2 Multi-Skills at The Angmering School**

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.

OCTOBER

Fri 2 Oct	Rowan Class – Wild Heart Hill trip
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

Mon 12 Oct	Year 6 visit to Merriman Grange (10am) Open Afternoon for 2027 Reception (1.30pm)
Tues 13 Oct	Year 1 and Year 2 Multi-Skills (3.45pm)
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 19 Oct	PTA meeting at The Village House (8pm)
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	Y5 & Y6 Football and Netball matches – details to follow
Tues 8 Dec	Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)
Wed 9 Dec	Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)
Thurs 10 Dec	PTA Elfridges – details to follow
Fri 11 Dec	PTA Christmas Disco – details to follow
Sun 13 Dec	Arundel Cathedral Christmas Concert (5pm) – letter to follow
Tues 15 Dec	Christmas Service – parents invited (9.15am)
Wed 16 Dec	Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert – parents invited – info to follow
Thurs 17 Dec	Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert – parents invited – info to follow
Fri 18 Dec	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

