



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 22 — 7th March 2025

Our values: In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith ,

Aspirational in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

Taken from Luke 4:1-13 The First Sunday of Lent, Year C

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf." But Jesus replied, "Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone." Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours." But Jesus answered him. "Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said to him, "throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone." But Jesus answered him, "It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test." Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Bronze Reading Award— 50 reads

Y5— Aira



Silver Reading Award: 100 reads

YR—Lucy, Killian, Orla

Y4 — Hope, Ava

Y5— Thapasya

Gold Reading Award— 150 reads

YR— Thomas, Kilian

Y1—Riley, Ariana, Layla, Sophia

Y3—Katy

Y4— Santiago

Y5— Cuba



Attendance Award: Year 6 & 4— 99.63%

Whole School Attendance: 97.3% (**AMAZING!!!**)

(Target attendance: 96%)



Superstars of the Week!



YR - Vedha for throwing herself into all aspects of her learning this week.



Y1 - Isabella for always being such a kind and caring member of year 1! And being a wonderful role model to her friends!



Y2 - Mariana for consistently showing solidarity to her peers.



Y3 - All of year 3 were superstars at Butser Farm, our guide said how polite and enthusiastic you all were well done!



Y4 - Arina for so consistently being so responsible, so focussed and so helpful.



Y5 - Sienna, for always working so hard and with a very sensible, mature attitude and helping others too!



Y6 - Daniel for demonstrating perseverance in writing and choosing to challenge himself in his work.

Proud Work: 27/03/25

YR - Daisie for her independent writing in phonics this week.

Y1 - Bella for her very cool car design in D.T. !

Y2 - Hannah S or creating a thoughtful and caring lent prayer.

Y3 - Teo for a fabulous write up of our trip.

Y4 - Ava for the art she did at home—inspired by Ted Harrison—with such accurate reproduction of the lines, shapes and colour palette he used.

Y5 - Abrianna for her studies in charcoal based on the work of Henry Moore.

Y6 - Sofia K for using formal tone and relative clauses to add clarity and detail.



Numbots

Rust: YR Jude, Y3 Milly, Marco, Connie, Y6 Abbeygayle

Steel: Y2 Adam, Y3 Eloise

Brass: Y3 Molly, Lucas

Copper: Y3 Eloise, Lucas

Iron: Y1 Layla, Y3 Molly, Marco, Nuhan, Katy

Tin: Y1 Riley, Y3 Molly, Marco, Lucas



Times Table Rockstars

Support Act: Y3 Harry, Y4 Elizabeth,

Unsigned Act: Y4 Alexander

Headliner: Y3 Lucas, Y4 Ava



Parents Evening

Bookings remain open for this terms parents evening. This will take place on Wednesday 11th or Thursday 12th March 2025. Please book your slot using the link sent out via SZAPP. If you have any issues with booking a slot please speak to the school office.

After-School Clubs

Please note that chess and tag rugby teacher-led clubs **will not** be taking place next week due to parents evening. Clubs run by an external provider or Mr Kowal and Mrs Carrington will continue as normal.



2025 Diary Dates!

Tues 11 & Weds 12 March: Parents Evenings (no after school clubs)

Tues 18 March: Year 2 London Aquarium School Trip

Friday 21st March: International Storytelling / Pyjama Day for whole school (details to follow)

Thursday 27 March: Year 1 South Downs Planetarium School Trip

Thursday 27th March: Charity Arts and Crafts Sale

Friday 28th March: Easter Dress Down Day

Monday 31 March—Friday 4 April: Year 6 Residential

Monday 31 March: School Class and Leavers Photos

Friday 4 April: Last day of Spring term

Tuesday 22 April: return to school for Summer term

Tuesday 17 June: Year 5 Weald and Downland School Trip

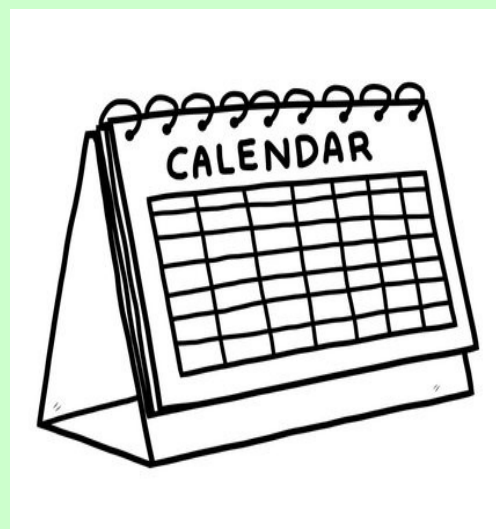
Saturday 28 June 12pm-3pm: Summer Fair

Friday 4 July: Reception Littlehampton Trip—provisional

Tuesday 22 July: Last day of Summer term

Weds 3 Sept: **INSET Day**

Thursday 4 Sept: Children return to school



Chartwells Order Deadline Dates

If your child has hot meals, please ensure that this is ordered by the following dates.

Week Commencing	Order Cut Off Date
17th March 2025	6th March 2025
24th March 2025	13th March 2025
31st March 2025	20th March 2025
24th March 2025	13th March 2025
22nd April 2025	10th April 2025

EASTER TREATS

Thursday 3rd April 2025

MAINS

Beef Burger
Chilli No Carne
Jacket Potato & Beans

SIDES

Spring Vegetables
Seasonal Salad

DESSERT

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Order via ParentPay no later than
Thursday 20th March 2025

Please Note: Special diets will remain in place.

Year 3—Trip to Butser Farm

Year Three had a great time visiting Butser Ancient Farm. The children had fun carving chalk, making cord, looking at artefacts and discovering first-hand how Stone Age people lived. Our guide Andy commented how polite, enthusiastic and knowledgeable the children were so well done all for representing St Johns so well.



Health and Safety Reminders

Please can we remind you that The 48-hour sickness rule states that children should stay home from school if they have been vomiting or experiencing diarrhoea for at least 48 hours. This rule applies regardless of the cause of the sickness.

The rule helps to reduce the risk of infection for other children in school.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



World Book Day!



Information from West Sussex County Council

The Family Learning team at West Sussex County Council are running **free, virtual sessions on raising teens**. The aim of these sessions is to help parents/carers understand the teenage brain, and offer guidance on how to communicate with their teens and foster a positive home environment.

Raising Teens: Navigating the Teenage Mind

This **4-week course begins on the 11 March with 90 minute sessions running virtually, in the evening**. Whilst on this course, you'll gain a deeper understanding of teenage brain development and how it influences behaviour, communication, and relationships. We'll dive into the key emotional, social, and developmental needs of teenagers, and explore what happens when those needs aren't met, leading to shifts in behaviour.

To find out more and register, please click [here](#).

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme - Easter booking process

Bookings for the Easter HAF Programme can be made from 09:00 on 3 March 2025.

Places are available at a range of different holiday clubs across the County for children and young people receiving benefits related free school meals. Each session includes a free nutritious meal, and every child can attend up to 4 sessions over the Easter break. All bookings need to be made using their booking system using the following URL <https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>

If you would like any further information, such as HAF codes or local clubs, please contact us on HAF@westsussex.gov.uk.



Please see full 2025/2026 dates below:

Autumn Term 2025

INSET: Wednesday 3 September 2025

Thursday 4 September: children return to school

INSET: Friday 10 October

Friday 24 October: children break up for October half-term

Half-term: Monday 27 October—Friday 31 October

Monday 3 November: children back to school

Friday 19 December: children break up for Christmas holiday

Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December—Friday 2 January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 January 2026: children back to school

Thursday 12 February: children break up for February half-term

INSET: Friday 13 February

Half-term: Monday 16 February—Friday 20 February

INSET: Monday 23 February

Tuesday 24 February: children back to school

Friday 27 March: break up for Easter

Easter holidays: Monday 30 March—Friday 10 April

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 April: children back to school

Friday 22 May: break up for May half-term

May half-term: Monday 25 May—Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June: children back to school

INSET: Friday 12 June

Tuesday 21 July: children break up for summer

Summer holiday: Wednesday 22 July