

End of Term Newsletter 24th October 2025

Upcoming Whole School Dates

- Oct** Friday 24th : Last day of term 1
- Nov** Monday 3rd : INSET day
- Tuesday 4th : First day of Term 2
- Wed 5th : Bonfire Night Themed Lunch
- Friday 2st : Ful Vaccinations
- Tuesday 11th : Remembrance Day Themed Lunch
- Friday 28th : Bottle Donations & Mufti
- Saturday 29th : Christmas Fayre
- Dec** Friday 19th : Christmas Church Service
- Friday 19th : Last day of Term 2

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Whole School Reminder:
We are an allergy aware school.

NO NUTS

are to be brought in to school. Thank you.



School Notices

Dear families:

- **INSET Reminder** - Monday 3rd November is an **INSET day** so we shall see you back at school on Tuesday 4th November.
- **Thank you - from the Foodbank.**
Some of our School Council helped to hand over all of your wonderful donations this morning.
- **Have a wonderful half term break!**



Attendance This week: Best attendance: Year 1

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
71%	100%	88.2%	95.8%	94.6%	96.2%	99.3%	93.2%



Headteacher's Message

Dear families,

As we end the first term, I want to thank you all for the warm welcome and continued support. It's been a joyful, busy few months filled with learning, laughter, and growth. The children have settled well, embraced new routines, and shown great enthusiasm -especially through creative projects, worship, and school events.

Our focus on the Value of Love has inspired thoughtful reflections on how we can show love like Jesus to friends, family, and our school community.

We're proud that during the Excellence Review, St John's Meads was praised for its strong Christian ethos and the way pupils interact. Today, we celebrated pupils who consistently showed love with certificates and medals—well done!

A personal highlight was our Harvest Celebration. Despite changes, the staff and children came together beautifully, and their singing brought such joy and peace.

Thank you to those who completed the 'Settling in' questionnaires—there's still time, and we'll review responses after half term.

It was lovely seeing so many families at teacher consultations and sampling Relish's food. We feel lunches are now of good quality and quantity and thank Relish for their hard work making meals inviting, delicious and nutritious for our children.

I also attended the Friends AGM and want to thank Sarah, Becca, and the team for their dedication. Their work creates lasting memories for our children, and I'm excited to share that we'll be introducing new play equipment next term thanks to their support!

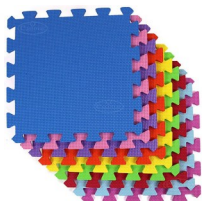
We're expanding our enrichment offer, with new clubs like construction and board games already full. More opportunities will follow, and if you'd like to share your skills by running a club, please contact the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Pomeroy



- WANTED -



We are on the look out for the following to enhance the children's playtimes:

- Dressing Up Clothes
- Large sheets / Tarpaulines
- Soft interlocking playmat / Flooring
- Stereo / CD Player for playing CD's

LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT award winners:

Reannah R

Penelope Y1

Layla Y2

Matilda Y3

Nathan Y4

Jacob Y5

Liliwen Y6



Headteacher Awards

Well done

to our Headteacher's Award winners for excellent work this week:

Kossay, Aidian,
Eve, Richard,
Jorja, Felicity,
Athena



Love Awards

Well done

to this Term's Love award winners:

Joshua R

Tulia Y1

Eleri Y2

Isabella Y3

Grace Y4

Aila Y5

James Y6



Other Achievements

A group of children from year 4 went to the junior enterprise challenge.



Some of our pupils received their Summer Reading Challenge Certificates from East Sussex Libraries.



Reception Highlight



Reception have been developing their motor skills through the Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle programme, an early writing approach.

Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle combines dance, music, and large, controlled movements to help children strengthen the muscles needed for writing.



These sessions are not only lots of fun but also play a vital role in helping children become confident and enthusiastic mark makers.

Well done Reception!



Year 1/2 Highlights

Years 1 and 2 have had a fantastic few weeks, full of exploration, determination and learning.

From creating different shapes using our bodies in PE, to exploring Autumn in Science and building Eastbourne in Geography, the children have been superstars.

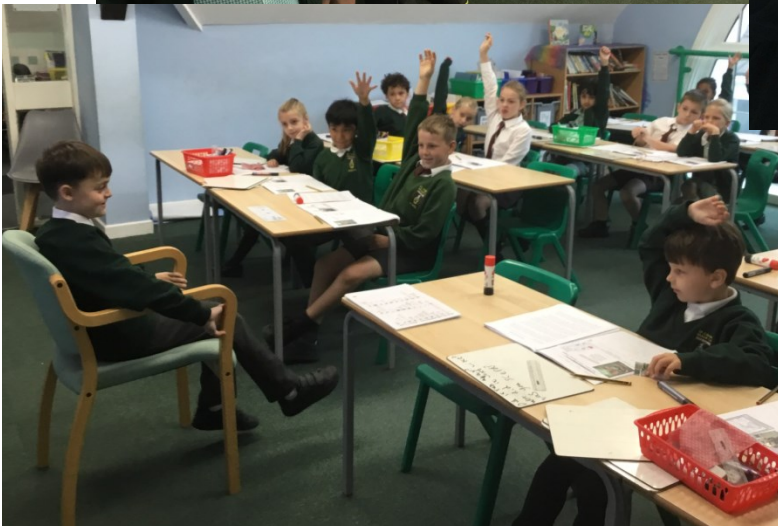
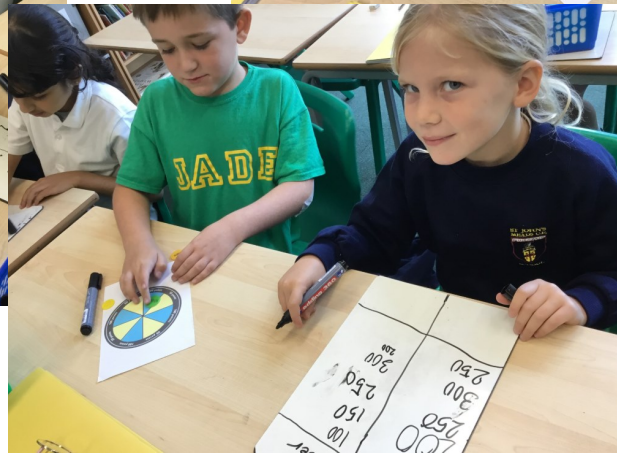
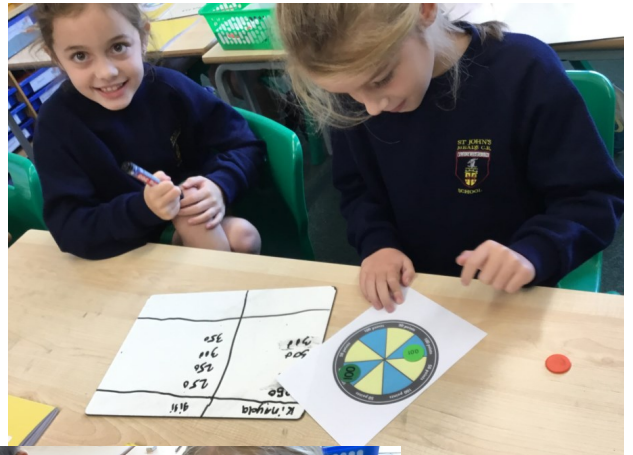
My personal highlight has been their incredible fact files about aliens, which were brilliant to read, and showed their boundless creativity.



Year 3 Highlights

In Maths, Year 3 have been understanding place value as well as practising their addition and subtraction skills.

We have enjoyed playing games to help understand new concepts.



In English, Year 3 have been learning about Rainbow Dragons!

We started our non-chronological report learning with lots of drama - creating freeze frames and hot seating eye-witnesses.

Year 4 Highlight

This term, Year 4 have been busy learning all about Eastbourne and creating their very own informative leaflets about the town.

The children researched key landmarks, tourist attractions, and interesting facts, then used their writing and design skills to produce eye-catching leaflets.

From the pier and seafront to the South Downs and Beachy Head, the class showcased everything that makes Eastbourne special.

EASTBOURNE
ADVENTURE
★ CITY ★

Looking for a place where everywhere's laughter?

Come to Eastbourne where there's always fun (especially at the pier)



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They worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their fantastic finished work!



Sebbie

10: To publish and present a leaflet

EASTBOURNE

Pier

Flag

Sebastian Lawrence

(and more) Year 4

open the folder

Year 5 Highlight

"Year 5 had a fabulous trip to the British Museum learning about the Egyptians!"



Yesterday I went to the British Museum. It was amazing.

British Museum

We got into the museum and had lunch. My lunch was very big and I traded some food. It was very nice!

First we got on the train at Eastbourne train station with Judah and my mum. We played a game of Uno. After the train we got on the tube.

This is the Tube map!

Once we got off the train we walked for 10 minutes to the tube. We got there and walked to the first one and got on! It was very squashed. We did a couple of stops the onto the next tube and did some more.

After that we went in to the Egyptian bit.

← This is a symbol of the hieroglyphics. I don't know what it means so I will search it.

~~~~~ This is another symbol.

This is a canopic jar to put organs in like lungs or liver.



Samuel A

**British Museum**

We boarded the train at 9:33am from Eastbourne to London Victoria. It was in a group with Moya, Niamh and Meour. Adult was Heidi (Niamh's mum). It was one of the best trips ever. It was just so good exiting even just on the train and this is just the beginning!!

This is some hieroglyphics carved in some brown stone (but I am not quite sure what it means!)

This is a piece of a man how got stabbed in his right side. He was left in the sand, and the sun mummified him. He lost a finger and you see that white spot on his head that a part of the man's soul.

Pharaoh mask

me & Niamh

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

MY name in hieroglyphics



Ruby

# Year 6 Highlights

The children have settled confidently into their routines and embraced the responsibilities that come with being the oldest in the school. They've worked incredibly hard throughout the term and shown great maturity and leadership.

One of the highlights has been their role as buddies to our new Reception children. They've truly embodied the school value of love, offering care, support, and kindness to the youngest members of our community.

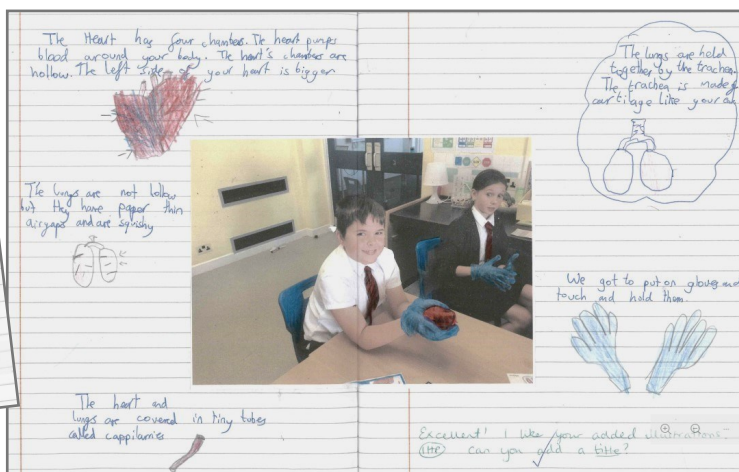
Weekly buddy reading sessions are a joy to witness, and their thoughtful interactions on the playground and around the school are exemplary.



Matilda



"We have been learning about the circulatory system in science in Year 6. Two parents brought in a lamb's heart and lungs for us to examine. We learned so much!"



Stanley

The class thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece and their enthusiasm was brought to life during our trip to the British Museum. Exploring artefacts in the galleries was a memorable experience, and their behaviour throughout the day was outstanding. **What a great start to the year!**



24 OCTOBER 2025

# FRIENDS NEWS

## Mufti Day – Wow – Thank you!



We've been bowled over by your generosity today! A huge thank you for your chocolate donations; this will help us have a brilliant Tombola at the Christmas Fayre and raise lots of cash! There'll be another Mufti Day next term, but instead, we'd love bottle donations.

> Our next Mufti Day is Friday 28 Nov - bottle donations please

## Don't miss, first week back...



### Friday 7 Nov - Deadline: Christmas card forms

Straight after half term, your child will bring home a Christmas card they have designed, with a form to complete and return to the office. This registers you to order cards and other fun gift items online.

> Don't miss the date; return your form to the office by 7th Nov

## Christmas Fayre: Sat 29 Nov, 12-3pm



### Booking opening soon!

Soon after half term, you'll be able to book online for our Christmas Fayre (adults are £1 and children enter for free), plus a time slot for Santa's Grotto; £3 per child. We'll also have details about buying raffle tickets so please keep an eye on our updates.

### Promote your business to our community

Could your business or workplace donate a raffle prize for our Christmas Fayre? In return we'd love to promote your company to our school community. If you're interested, drop us a line on [chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk](mailto:chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary...

Friday 7 November  
CHRISTMAS CARD  
DEADLINE

Friday 28 November  
MUFTI DAY - BOTTLES

Saturday 29 Nov, 12-3pm  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE



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FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS MEADS PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS

## Fayre



Adults  
£1  
Kids FREE

**SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 12-3<sup>pm</sup>**

Join us for an afternoon of festive fun

**SANTA'S GROTTO - GAMES - CRAFTS  
TOMBOLAS - HOT FOOD & CAFE - SPECIAL GUESTS - RAFFLE**

Booking opens soon

**ST JOHN'S MEADS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ROWSLEY ROAD, BN20 7XS**

Friends of  
ST JOHN'S MEADS  
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Friends of St John's Meads Church of England Primary School Association. A registered charity. 1106227

# External Club Providers

**MESSY**

**LIGHT PARTY**

**1 NOVEMBER**  
**2-4PM**

**CRAFTS**

**GAMES**

**SONGS**

**STORY**

**FOOD**

**SUPERHERO THEME**

Prizes for best dressed superhero

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FREE!

**ST JOHN'S**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH**  
**ST JOHN'S ROAD,**  
**MEADS, BN20 7ND**



ALL SAINTS YOUTH TEAM  
INVITE YOU TO OUR BRILLIANT

# LIGHT PARTY!



JUST SCAN HERE TO GO  
TO BOOKING PAGE &  
FIND OUT MORE!

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025  
4.30PM - 6PM - £3 PER CHILD

GAMES—MUSIC—CRAFT—FOOD FOR ALL PRIMARY AGE CHILDREN.

BOOK WITH QR CODE ABOVE. SPEAK TO JULIAN OR JAMIE  
OR EMAIL AT [JULIANDALE@ALLSAINTSEASTBOURNE.COM](mailto:juliandale@allsaintseastbourne.com)

All Saints' Youth Team are having a Light Party on the Tuesday after half term, and all of St John's Meads are invited!

We will be enjoying some light themed crafts, neon-facepainting, food, icecreams, games, music and a fun talk about Jesus as our Light in a dark world. **Please do book on the QR link so we can save your child a space.**

**ST JOHN'S  
YOUTH CLUB**  
AGES 7-15  
St Johns Church, Meads

Next Session Friday 7th  
November!!!!  
6pm-8pm

MEAL INCLUDED!

FUN & GAMES!

£2 DONATION

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS



# November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Raising Self Esteem                  | 3 Nov 10am          |
| Decreasing Depression                | 3 Nov 7pm           |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep             | 4 Nov 10am          |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain      | 4 Nov 7pm           |
| Improving Family Communication       | 10 Nov 10am         |
| Autism - Improving Communication     | 10 Nov 7pm          |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour    | 11 Nov 10am         |
| Supporting A Child with ADHD         | 11 Nov 7pm          |
| <b>FREE ADHD Kids &amp; Homework</b> | <b>13 Nov 6-7pm</b> |
| Understanding Anger                  | 17 Nov 10am         |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use        | 17 Nov 7pm          |
| Facing Defiance                      | 18 Nov 10am         |
| Anxiety Based School Avoidance       | 18 Nov 7pm          |
| Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness      | 24 Nov 10am         |
| Anxiety Explained                    | 24 Nov 7pm          |