

Weekly Bulletin 23rd January 2026

Upcoming Whole School Dates

Feb	Tues 10th:	Guardian Consultations
	Tues 10th:	Safer Internet Day
	Thurs 12th:	Guardian Consultations
	Thurs 12th:	Last Day of Term 3
	Fri 13th:	INSET Day
	Mon 23rd:	First Day of Term 4

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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

Healthy Snacks

Please provide fruit for snack time rather than crisps or chocolate, as we are a Healthy School.

Dear families,

As we are still seeing some inconsiderate parking during drop off and pick up, please see the below:

- **Parking notice** - We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when parking around the school. Recently, we have noticed some situations that could put pupils, pedestrians, and our neighbours at risk.
- **Please help us keep everyone safe by:**
 - Parking responsibly and avoiding blocking driveways or pavements.
 - Allowing a few extra minutes in the morning so drop offs aren't rushed.
 - Only stopping in designated areas and avoiding unsafe drop offs near the gate.
- **Reminder - independent entry into school is currently permitted for Year 6 pupils only.** Younger children should not be dropped off to enter the site alone.



Your cooperation makes a real difference to the safety of our school community, and we truly appreciate your support in keeping the area around the school calm and safe for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance This week: Best attendance: Year 1

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
97.4%	98.3%	97.4%	97.1%	96.6%	95.3%	93.2%	96.1%

LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT
award winners:

Cameron R

Arlo Y1

Damir Y2

Nathaniel Y3

An Y4

Tashiana Y6



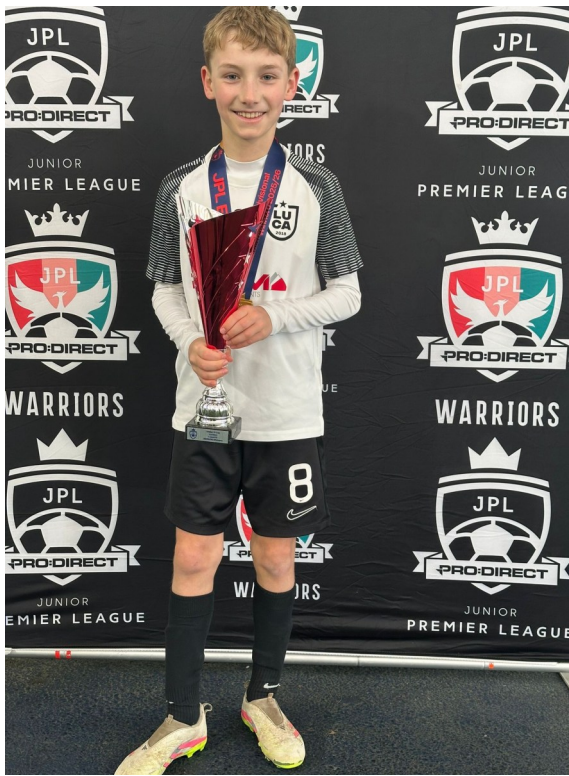
Headteacher Awards

Well done

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

**Kanzo, An, Sebbie,
Pari and Angus.**





Out of School

William and his football team came runners up in the Junior Premier league National finals.

They played against teams from across the UK and came second overall.

The finals were played at St George's Park where the England team train.. Well done William!



External Holiday Clubs

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NEW

Eastbourne Uckfield Hailsham

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMP

SCAN ME

VARIETY OF SPORTS

ART & CRAFT

FOOTBALL

STRATEGY GAMES

DANCE

PERFORMING ARTS

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

We now offer even more childcare vouchers!

Childcare Vouchers **Edemed** Bright Horizons. Childcare **Choices** **bravo** benefits **GEMELLI** EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Fun Football Camp

Join us for a fun filled day of football! Loads of fun activities to explore and enjoy such as:

- Football Matches
- Football Skill Drills
- Goalkeeping Drills
- Shooting Drills
- Free Golf
- Football Tennis
- Football Rounders
- World Cup/Wembley
- Tournaments and Competitions

Fun for all no matter of your age or ability!

What to bring

- Packed Lunch
- Breaktime Snacks
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Change of Clothing (expect to get muddy!)
- Football Boots and Astro Turf Trainers Advised

Locations - NEW HICKFIELD LOCATION!

- Eastbourne - Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, BN20 8XN
- Uckfield - Manor Primary School, Downview Crescent, TN22 1UB
- Hailsham - Hailsham Primary Academy, Bulrush Lane, BN27 4FB

Notes

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026

Options & Prices

Breakfast Club (Open to all aged 4-11) - 07:45-08:45 - £7.50

Half Camp Day (Open to all aged 4-11) - 08:45-12:45 - £19.50

Main Camp Day (Aged 5-11 Only) - 08:45-15:15 - £29.50

After Camp Club (Aged 5-11 Only) - 15:15-16:15 - £7.50

Multi Activity Camp

Come and join us for our Multi Activity Holiday Camp, with plenty of activities including:

- A Wide Selection of Sports
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Painting
- Art and Craft Activities
- Movies
- Party & Circle Games
- Team Games

Don't forget to visit our gift shop filled with loads of fun toys and items for you to enjoy (card payments only)

What to bring

- Packed Lunch
- Breaktime Snacks
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Spare Clothes

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*Both Multi Activity and Fun Football Camps will be run at the same venue but will be two separate holiday camps to ensure there is something for everyone whilst also making it accessible and easy for parents/carers to book siblings onto different camps. We look forward to seeing you all there!

*Please note all children aged 4 attending must be currently attending primary school in reception.

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FRIENDS NEWS

Fundraising update



A massive £3,700 raised at Christmas Fayre

Thank you to you all who came and supported the Christmas fayre and helped make it happen. **Raising £3,700 is a huge achievement for a small school** and it really will make a difference to improving the playground for all the children.



A special thank you also goes to our Y6 parents; your help was invaluable and we hope the fayre was a special last one for your kids.

We would love your feedback about the fayre; keep your eyes peeled for a little online survey coming soon where you can share your thoughts.



A huge thank you to everyone who ordered personalised cards and gifts from XMAS4SCHOOLS before Christmas. **Together we raised £99 - thank you!**

Coming soon:



Thursday 26 February: 7.30pm - ADULTS only

Our popular pub quiz night is back! This time we're in the school hall with a licensed bar & snacks, run by the Friends. All are welcome; parents, carers, friends and family. Save the date and grab your teams (6-8 adults per team).

Online booking coming soon.

PLUS: To celebrate 'World Book Day' and the '2026 National Year of Reading', we will be working with the school on a special **Sponsored Read** initiative. More details to follow.

About The Friends sjm.academy/friends

We are a group of parents and carers, hosting fun events that raise money for the school. To find out more about us, including who your class rep is and the current committee, visit sim.academy/friends



We're always looking for more helpers! If you'd like to get involved, or have ideas to share, we'd love to hear from you. Email: chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk

Online Safety & Safeguarding

ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about ROBLOX

ROBLOX STUDIO
The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS
Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS
When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.

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Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!
Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Robux etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS
Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION
In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION
Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'
Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS
Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT
Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?
Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

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Please email any concerns: dsl@sjm.academy

Taming the Worries



This is your library

Learn practical tips and access expert guidance on how to support your child manage their anxieties at this informal workshop for parents and carers.

This event is free and you do not need to be a library member to take part.

Find out more and book your place by scanning the QR code below.

Friday 13 February | 10am to 12pm

Eastbourne Library

eastsussex.gov.uk/libraryevents

Scan to book:



Place2Be's

**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

9-15
FEB
2026

This event is taking place during Children's Mental Health Week 2026.
Find out more at: www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk