

Weekly Bulletin 27th February 2026

Upcoming Dates

Feb	Mon 23rd :	First Day of Term 4
March	Tues 3rd :	Cake Sale, held by Reception
	Thurs 5th :	World Book Day
	Fri 6th :	PC Dan visiting whole school
	Mon 9th :	Living Eggs Arrive
	Mon 23rd :	Holy Week Event
	Wed 25th :	First Aid Yr 5& 6
	Wed 25th :	Battle Abbey Yr 4
	Fri 27th :	End 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,

- **World Book Day £1 Vouchers** have gone home with your child today

- We are very excited to announce that we now have 2 school Guinea Pigs! They are rescue Guinea Pigs and are a father and son.

The Friends have kindly purchased all their supplies and the children have been told all about them during Collective Worship.

They are currently settling in, and over the coming weeks all the children will get to meet them.

Please do pop on to Arbor and complete the Consent request, to allow your child to hold and stroke our new furry friends.

Next week we will be collecting name suggestions from the children and having a school vote.. Watch this space!



Thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance This week: Best attendance: Reception

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
99.4%	98.5%	90%	96.4%	89.7%	97.2%	95.8%	95%



LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT award winners:

Ammara Y1

Joel Y2

Olivia Y4

Iris Y5

Olivia Y6



Generosity Awards



Well done

to our winners of the termly values award:

Abigail, Cody, Elsie,
Teddy, Tes and Olivia



Headteacher Awards

Well done

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

Liliwen, Leon, Danny, Indigo, Minal, Maybelle, Cody, Dollie, Jacob, James, Rupert and Penelope



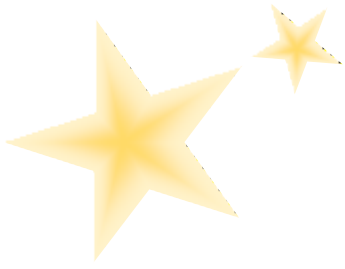
Outside Achievements



Well done

to Kenzo and Felix who were awarded prizes from Allstars football,

and to William who won silver and gold medals in a County swimming competition.



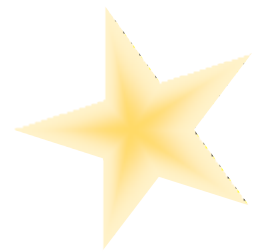
Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Herstmonceux Science centre on Thursday.

Thank you to the parents who helped on the day - the children had a great time.



Football and Netball Festival—Yr 6



Children from Year 6 had a brilliant afternoon at the Football and Netball Festival at St Andrews yesterday!

The children were all brilliantly behaved and really threw themselves into their sports.

They showed great teamwork, determination and fun and we are really proud of them all.



Online Safety & Safeguarding

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."

What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story', stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!". When uploading to 'Our Story', your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies'. Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.

Top Tips for Parents

THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com.

USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the Snap Map. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send any negative messages for images through gallery in the chat on the app as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app's settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends', 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends'.

National Online Safety
 A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
 Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

Sources of Mind: Social media and young people's mental health | Life in Libraries - Children's Commissioners Report | Google Play Store | <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB> | <https://nonsafety.net/snapchat-parent-website/> | EJC.com | indspendirect.co.uk

Mrs L Pomeroy - (DSL) Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr B Berhane - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs K Hitch - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Waterstones Eastbourne

KS2 + KS3

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Calling all writers! Join our short story competition for the chance to **WIN** an epic book bundle, hand selected by the booksellers of Waterstones Eastbourne.

Write a fictional story of any genre that is no more than 500 words, then email your story to **eastbourne@waterstones.com**

Please include your full name, year and school, as well as contact details of a parent or guardian.

SUBMIT BY APRIL 4TH

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED
APRIL 18TH**



Dear Parent/carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that I currently have space in my timetable to take on new guitar pupils. Lessons happen weekly and take place within school hours (on a rotating timetable to avoid too much disruption).

Our lessons follow a nationally recognised syllabus but are tailored to each pupils individual tastes.

If you want to learn to play Foo Fighters, you'll learn Foo Fighters!
 If you want to learn to play Ed Sheeran, you'll learn Ed Sheeran!
 If you want to learn to play Justin Bieber, you'll learn Metallica!!

Pupils have the choice to learn just for fun or to take graded exams which eventually start counting towards UCAS points. We work in small groups or on an individual basis and as well as lessons we have a whole range of extra curricular activities such as Rock and Pop band projects, guitar orchestras and many more!
 For more information on lesson cost and to apply please visit

www.createmusic.org.uk

Or feel free to drop me an email on the address below. Please feel free to check out my guitar demo on the YouTube link below as well

jordan.Cresswell@createmusic.org.uk
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5KkpHWrjDo>

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026



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Eastbourne Uckfield Hailsham

NEW

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HAF Holiday Activities and Food Provider

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

VARIETY OF SPORTS

ART & CRAFT

FOOTBALL

STRATEGY GAMES

DANCE

PERFORMING ARTS

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

We now offer even more childcare vouchers!

Childcare Vouchers: Edenred, Bright Horizons, Childcare Choices, bravo benefits, GEMELLI EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camps

Join us for a fun filled day of Multi Activity and fun football! Loads of fun activities to explore and enjoy including A Wide Selection of Sports . Fencing . Gymnastics . Dance . Painting . Art and Craft Activities . Movies . Party & Circle Games . Team Games . Football Matches . Football Skill Drills . Competitions and loads more! Fun for all no matter of your age or ability!

What to bring

Packed Lunch , Break time Snacks , Refillable Water Bottle , Change of Clothing (expect to get muddy!) , Trainers (Multi Activity) , Football Boots and Astro Turf Trainers Advised (Fun Football)

- NEW** Uckfield
- Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp**
- Manor Primary School, Downsview Crescent, TN22 1UB
- Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026
- Hailsham
- Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp**
- Hailsham Primary Academy, Bulrush Lane, BN27 4FB
- Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026
- HAF Funded Spaces at this Camp!
- Eastbourne
- Multi Activity and Fun Football Holiday Camp**
- Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, BN20 8XN
- Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026
- HAF Funded Spaces at this Camp!
- Options & Prices
- Breakfast Club (Open to all aged 4-11) - 07:45-08:45 - £7.50
- Main 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

*Both Multi Activity and Fun Football Camps will now be run at the same venue as one camp to ensure there is something for everyone whilst also making it accessible and easy for parents/carers to book. We look forward to seeing you all there! Please note all children aged 4 attending must be currently attending primary school in reception.

activeeducationsussex.co.uk/book-a-course

Follow our socials



Support for families

The CLASS+ service is no longer available.

East Sussex County Council now provides family support through the Family First Helpline, along with a range of other services designed to help parents and carers.

This is a simple guide to the main support routes available for families:

Parenting Team

The Parenting Team, also run by East Sussex County Council, provides advice and support for parents and carers of children from birth to 19 years old. Support may be offered over the phone, through online groups and webinars, or in person at face to face sessions.

The team can be reached on 01424 725800 or by emailing:

EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk



Amaze SENDIASS

Amaze SENDIASS offers impartial and confidential information, advice and support for families of children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25, living or attending school in East Sussex or Brighton & Hove.

The service provides a wide range of support, including access to online resources, a telephone and email advice line, online workshops covering key SEND topics, follow up calls for more complex situations, and one to one advice for young people aged 13 to 25 from the Young People's Worker.

The ND Family Support Service also accepts referrals from families or professionals through the ND Family Support – Amaze Sussex referral form.



PANDAS FOUNDATION

CALLING ALL PARENTS



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO UNWIND AND MEET OTHER PARENTS? THIS IS A SPACE WHERE YOU CAN BE YOU—NO JUDGMENTS, NO EXPECTATIONS. COME IN FOR A CUPPA AND CATCH A BREATH

Come in a ball gown, pyjamas, hair up, hair down, no hair at all. However you find yourself in that day, just come, it's all good

WHAT TO EXPECT

- FRIENDLY FACES WHO UNDERSTAND THE REALITY OF PARENT LIFE - NOT JUST WHAT'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- ALL INCLUSIVE - EVERYONE WELCOME
- A WARM CUPPA AND A COSY SPACE TO CHAT & A CHANCE TO BE YOU
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS, GET SUPPORT AND SHARE TIPS (OR JUST VENT)!

GROUP LOCATION AND DETAILS BELOW

