

End of Term Newsletter 19th December 2025

Upcoming Whole School Dates

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| March | Fri 27th : | Easter Church Service at 2.15pm |
| | Fri 27th : | End of Term 4 |
| April | Mon 13th : | First Day of Term 5 |
| | Thurs 23rd : | St. George's Day Mufti - Red & White |
| May | Sun 10th : | Junior Parkrun |
| | Fri 22nd : | End of Term 5 |

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Whole School Reminder:
We are an allergy aware school.

NO NUTS

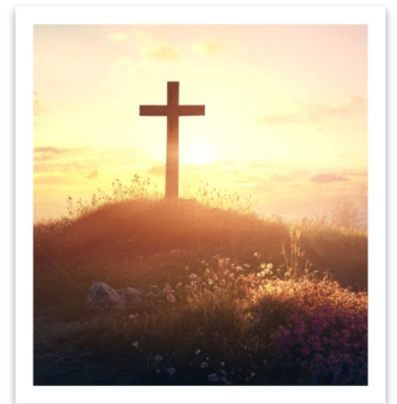
are to be brought in to school. Thank you.



School Notices

Dear families:

- Pop a date in your diary for our next school **Parkrun: Sunday 10th May**
- **Colour Run in May - Date now to be confirmed.**
- A reminder that as we start our new term, **we will no longer be ordering lunches for children in school.** If a child doesn't have a packed lunch with them or a school meal booked in advance, we will be calling home and requesting that a packed lunch be brought into school by lunchtime.
- **Attendance Reports** were emailed out today for all children. Please get in touch with any concerns.
- And lastly.. **have a very happy Easter!**



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 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| 91.9% | 100% | 96.1% | 95.7% | 95.2% | 96.8% | 94.5% | 95.5% |



Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of this wonderfully full though shortest term, I want to pause and celebrate everything our children have experienced, explored, and achieved. It has been a term rich with enrichment, curiosity, and joy, and we are deeply grateful for the partnership of our families and the enthusiasm of our pupils.

From watching tiny chicks hatch and caring for tadpoles, to welcoming guinea pigs into our classrooms, the children have had countless opportunities to learn about life, growth, and responsibility in the most hands-on and memorable ways. Their sense of wonder has been a delight to witness.

I have been inspired by their creativity, courage and perseverance whether performing on stage today at the church, creating beautiful artwork by the sea [in every weather possible] or taking part in first aid learning, this term the children have grown in confidence and independence. Each experience has helped them flourish not only academically, but personally and spiritually.

Our Holy Day celebrations this week brought us together in reflection and gratitude, reminding us of the values that guide our school community and the light we hope to share with one another. This was a truly special time, a moment that I personally will cherish for many years to come.

I want to take this opportunity to once again express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff team, whose hard work, care, and commitment make all of this possible. Their support, creativity, and unwavering encouragement ensure that every child feels valued, nurtured, and inspired. We are truly blessed to have such a devoted team.

Thank you, families, for your continued support and trust. We are incredibly proud of every child and all they have embraced this term. We wish you a peaceful, joyful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for more learning, laughter, and shared adventures.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Pomeroy





LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT
award winners:

Poppy R

Nova Y1

Ruba Y2

Marilou Y3

William Y4

Elsie Y5

Indigo Y6



Honesty Awards



Well done

to our Values Award
winners for this term!

Cassius, Penelope,
Layla, Nathaniel,
Daniel, Maybelle
Isaac and Elliot.



Headteacher Awards

Well done

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

Hayley, Abi, Elsie, Ella, Olivia, Elena, Bonnie, William, Elsie, Oliver, Edward, Stanley, Rupert, Samuel, Athos and Dami.



Easter Bonnet Winners

Well done

on your amazing bonnets!

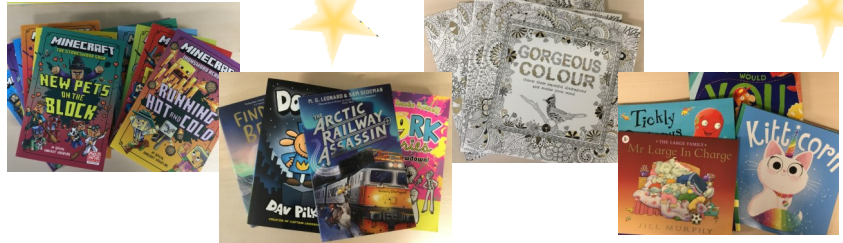
James, Oliver, Joshua, Eli, Eleri, Judah and Hunter





Read, Relax, Repeat Winner

Well done Dollie - our next Reading Raffle winner!



This weeks raffle entries by class:

R: 1 Y1: 2 Y2: 1 Y3: 4 Y4: 4 Y5: 13 Y6: 3

Don't forget: Read 5 times to be entered next term!

Other Achievements



Well done Abigail
on completing 2 Lexia levels!

Yesterday Aidian, Kenzo and William competed in the southern areas year 6 school cross country final at Crawley. They all ran really well!
Aidian came third and received a medal..

Well Done!



Reception Highlights

Reception have had a wonderful term full of rich EYFS learning and exploration.

The children have been developing their Understanding of the World by closely observing real-life life cycles. They were fascinated as they watched our chicks hatch and enjoyed spotting the changes in the tadpoles in our classroom tank.



We also had a visit from a beekeeper, which helped the children learn about how bees live, work and help our environment. This supported their curiosity, questioning and early scientific thinking.



Another highlight was welcoming our new guinea pigs, Monty and Max. Caring for them has given the children opportunities to learn about responsibility, empathy and looking after living things.

It has been a busy and exciting term where the children have been exploring, asking questions, noticing changes and developing a real love for the natural world.



Year 1/2 Highlights

This term, year 1 had a brilliant World Book Day.



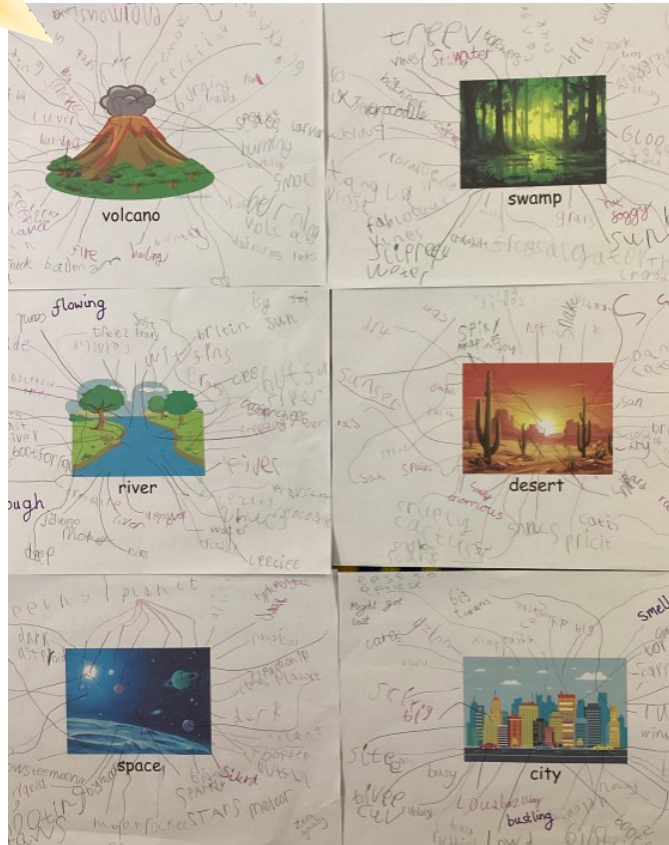
PC Dan, our local community support officer visited the class. He shared ways that we can stay safe when out in public.

We also had the chance to try on some Police uniform, which made for some brilliant photos.



The children used fantastic vocabulary to describe different settings for the next part of our story.

Such brilliant language and wonderful ideas, including; 'a loud, bustling city', 'an enormous, sandy desert' and 'a gloomy, foggy swamp'.



And the class loved visiting the fluffy chicks and tadpoles in Reception!

Year 3 Highlights

Year 3 have enjoyed inviting lots of visitors into the classroom this term.

The children learnt about healthy lifestyles with a PSHE Workshop run by East Sussex Health Service and our annual visit from PC Dan reminded us of how to keep safe out and about and the importance of wearing a helmet when we ride a bike.



Year 3 also took part in a World Book Day author talk. There was a fun treasure island draw-along from the author David O'Connell who writes the Beastie Bros series!



Year 3 also had lots of fun on the field with a football taster session as part of the FA Schools Football Week.

Lots of team work and sportsmanship was on show!

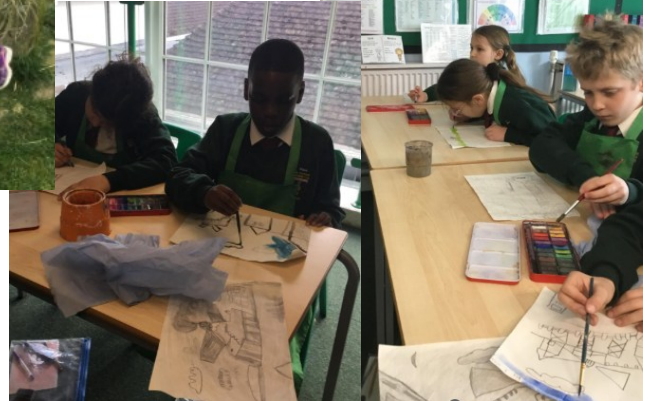


Year 4 Highlights



Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Wish Tower Slopes; they spent time sketching the landscape and observing the natural scenery around them. Back at school, the children used their sketches to create painted versions, experimenting with colour, shading and detail.

Their finished artwork is fantastic, and the whole class should feel very proud of what they produced.



In PE this term, Year 4 have been busy developing their throwing, rolling and catching skills.

The children have practised using different types of equipment and worked on improving their accuracy, control and coordination. Through partner work, small-group activities and fun team games, they've shown great focus and perseverance. **It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow each week!**

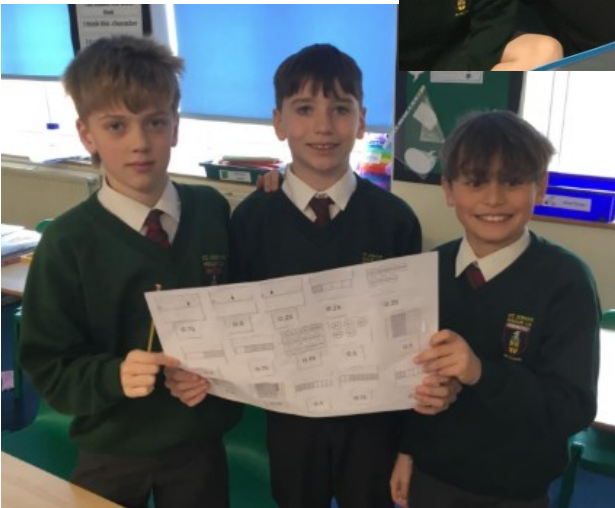


Year 4 have been fully immersed in their History topic this term, learning all about 1066 and the Battle of Hastings. The children have loved discovering why this was such an important year, comparing the claims to the throne, and exploring how the famous battle unfolded.

From analysing weapons and tactics to retelling key events, the class have shown brilliant curiosity and enthusiasm. **It's been wonderful to see them engage so confidently with this fascinating period of history.**

Year 5 Highlights

Year 5 highlights include cuddles with the chicks and guinea pigs, decimals and fractions in maths, the Holy Week events and the First Aid course.



Year 6 Highlights

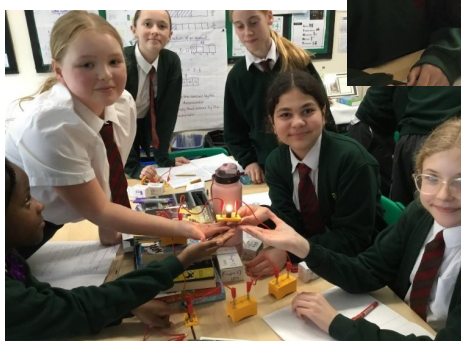
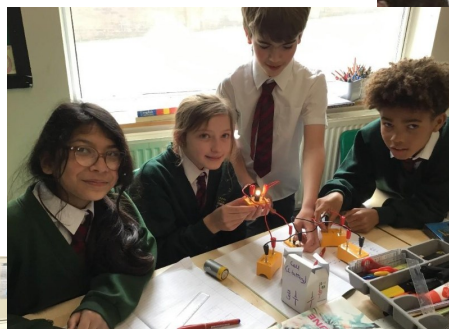
Year 6 have had a very busy term 4!

Some of our highlights have included World Book Day, First Aid Course, meeting and having a cuddle with the baby chicks and a visit from PC Dan.



We've also done lots of hard work and learning, and even managed it while wearing Easter Bonnets!

Well done for a brilliant term Year 6!



Year 6 have been learning about electrical circuits and the difference in battery voltage. They devised an experiment to see what would happen to the brightness of a bulb when more voltage was added to the circuit. The bulb became very bright!

Thank you to the Friends of SJM for buying the amazing electricity equipment.

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FRIENDS NEWS

Events coming next term...



Our first ever Colour Run! Coming in May

We're thrilled to announce that next term we're having a **Sponsored Colour Run**; a fun run where kids are doused in (safe & washable) coloured powder! In school hours, parents/carers invited.

> Come and watch the fun! More info next term...



Tombola MUFTI: St George's Day 23 April

Wear your own clothes, (include something red and/or white) and bring a **bottle or chocolate donation**. Donations will be used as Tombola prizes at our Stay&Play event in June.

> Please bring bottle/chocolates donations on 23 April

Thank you to our star bakers

Thank you to all those who grabbed an Easter nest at church today; you raised a whopping £161! The nests were lovingly made for you by members of our new baking team. If you'd like to join the team (there's no commitment, just help when you can), please email: secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk

£161
raised!



£80 RAISED AT UNIFORM & ICE POP SALE - THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting our recent sale. Another will follow soon!

Dates for your diary...

▶ **Thursday 23 April**
ST GEORGE'S DAY MUFTI
Red & white themed mufti day, and bring a chocolate/bottle donation.

▶ **MAY, date TBC, in the afternoon**
SPONSORED COLOUR RUN
A fun run with obstacles and coloured powder. Adults welcome to spectate.

About The Friends sjm.academy/friends

We are a group of parents and carers, hosting fun events that raise money for the school. If you'd like to get involved, or have ideas to share, we'd love to hear from you. Please email: chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk

TOMBOLA MUFTI DAY

THURSDAY 23 APRIL



ST GEORGE'S DAY

Wear your own clothes, including something red and/or white, and bring a bottle or chocolate donation

Donations can include:

- CHOCOLATES
- WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS
- BUBBLE BATH, SHOWER GEL



> Please drop your donations into the boxes at the school gates on Thursday 23 April

Please wear comfortable clothes suitable for a school environment. Your donations will be used as Tombola stall prizes at our upcoming Stay & Play after school event in June. Thank you.

SUSSEX MUSIC SCHOOL PRESENTS:



MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

JOIN OUR EXCITING MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL, FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-11, DIRECTED BY THE OUTSTANDING GAVIN BROCK.

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28TH - 31ST JULY, 10AM-3PM

HERON PARK PRIMARY ACADEMY
TUESDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST, 10AM-3PM

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 **FACE**

April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours

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| Understanding Anger | 6 April 10am |
| School Anxiety | 6 April 7pm |
| Facing Defiance | 7 April 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 7 April 7pm |
| Anxiety Explained | 13 April 10am |
| Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness | 13 April 7pm |
| Introduction to OCD | 14 April 10am |
| What is ACT? | 14 April 7pm |
| Decreasing Depression | 20 April 10am |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 20 April 7pm |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 21 April 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 21 April 7pm |
| FREE Decreasing Depression | 23 April 7-8pm |
| Improving Family Communication | 27 April 10am |
| Autism: Improving Communication | 27 April 7pm |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 28 April 10am |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 28 April 7pm |