

Weekly Bulletin 17th April 2026

Upcoming Dates

April	Mon 13th :	First Day of Term 5
	Thurs 23rd :	Author Visit - £1 Cash Donation! & St. George's Mufti Day - Bottle Donation!
May	Mon 4th :	Bank Holiday
	Fri 22nd :	End of Term 5
June	Mon 1st :	First Day Term 6
	Mon 22nd :	INSET Day
July	Fri 10th :	Sports Day
	Tues 21st :	Leavers Service & Last Day Term 6

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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,

Ordering Lunches

A reminder that all school lunches **must be ordered in advance from home via Relish**.

Orders close at midnight the day before the meal is required. If a child arrives at school without a pre-ordered school lunch or a packed lunch, we will contact you and ask for a packed lunch to be brought into school by lunchtime. This helps us to ensure a prompt and smooth start to the morning's learning.



Thank you to all the families who have already signed up to ClassDojo. Please login to access photos, key dates, learning information, reminders, and updates about what is happening in your child's classroom.

ClassDojo

Summer Uniform can now be worn by all years. The uniform policy can be found on our website here: [SJM Academy - Policies](#)

Please pop on to Arbor and **complete any outstanding consents for social media and ClassDojo**. This can be found on the main Arbor login page on the app, or under Profile > Consents.

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
99.3%	99.1%	95.1%	95%	91.1%	92.4%	96.6%	95%



LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT
award winners:

Joshua R

Iris Y2

Nasser Y3

Cody Y5

Florencia Y6



Headteacher Awards



Well done

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

Kossay, Athos,
Samuel, Stanley,
Cody, Samuel,
Aibheanna and Tulia

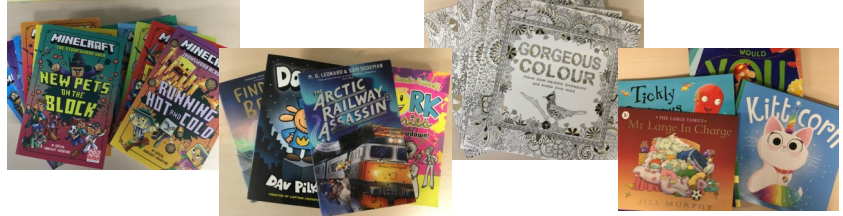




Read, Relax, Repeat Winner



Well done Petra - this week's Reading Raffle winner!



This weeks raffle entries by class:

R: 5 Y1: 3 Y2: 2 Y3: 5 Y4: 4 Y5: 13 Y6: 5

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



Other Achievements

Congratulations Tilly!



Tilly completed her last confirmation class over Easter and was part of a lovely first communion service on Easter Sunday.



Grace, Abi and Tilly all passed the next stage at Rookies Lifeguarding.. **Well done!**



Ruby, Reuben, Ammara, Angus, Aidian, Quinn, Jacob, Frankie, Betty and Tilley received certificates for their teamwork and participation during our football taster day.

Well done!

Online Safety & Safeguarding

AGE RESTRICTION
12+



**FORTNITE
BATTLE ROYALE**

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus', where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Newly featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the characters' appearance, but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are attractive for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can take part in a series of challenges, receiving more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whichever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes stated that it had seen "dozens" of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the game and account thousands of pounds in fraudulent charges.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with either their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, no proof of age is required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check whether your child has the game downloaded.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Hearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and works towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V Bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V Bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap," making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game is free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription, which does require a fee.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies according to the game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired result. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile devices in April 2018, meaning it can be played without the need for a home games console. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is playing this game.

Top Tips for Parents

LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing games on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobile. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play the games for. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be difficult to take them away from a game mid-play. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional 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 prepaid card, or a games store gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.



National Online Safety

A whole school community approach to online safety

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hel@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

<https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/parents/fortnite-battle-royale>

Mrs L Pomeroy - (DSL) Designated Safeguarding Lead

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

Please email any concerns: dsl@sjm.academy

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FRIENDS NEWS

Coming up next week...



Tombola MUFTI day! Thursday 23 April

Children can come to school in their own clothes on St George's Day (wear something red and/or white!) **and bring along a bottle or chocolate donation.** Donations will be used as Tombola prizes at our Stay&Play event in June. Thank you!

> Please drop donations at school gates at drop off/pick up



On Thursday 21 May, all children are invited to take part in our Sponsored ColourRun; an exciting fun run where the children are doused in special coloured powder!

Taking place on the school field in the afternoon (during school hours) we would love parents/carers to come and watch.

Please save the date. Sponsorship forms will be sent home very soon...



£161 RAISED AT EASTER NESTS SALE – THANK YOU!

St John's Meads...you LOVE an Easter nest! Thank you for all your donations.

Dates for your diary...

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

▶ **Thursday 21 May, in the afternoon**
SPONSORED COLOUR RUN
A fun run with obstacles and coloured powder. Adults welcome to watch.

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



LITTLE ADVENTURERS

Explore Nature, Find Adventure!

ACTIVITIES

- Forest School
- Time with farm animals
- Pond Dipping
- Art, Sport and Games
- Campfire Storytelling
- Pashley Adventures around the school grounds and much more!

Snacks and drinks included.
Packed lunch to be provided by parents.

3RD - 14TH AUGUST

To book a place, please fill in the form
[Little Adventurers Holiday Club 2026](#)

Little Adventurers Holiday Club 2026



DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.

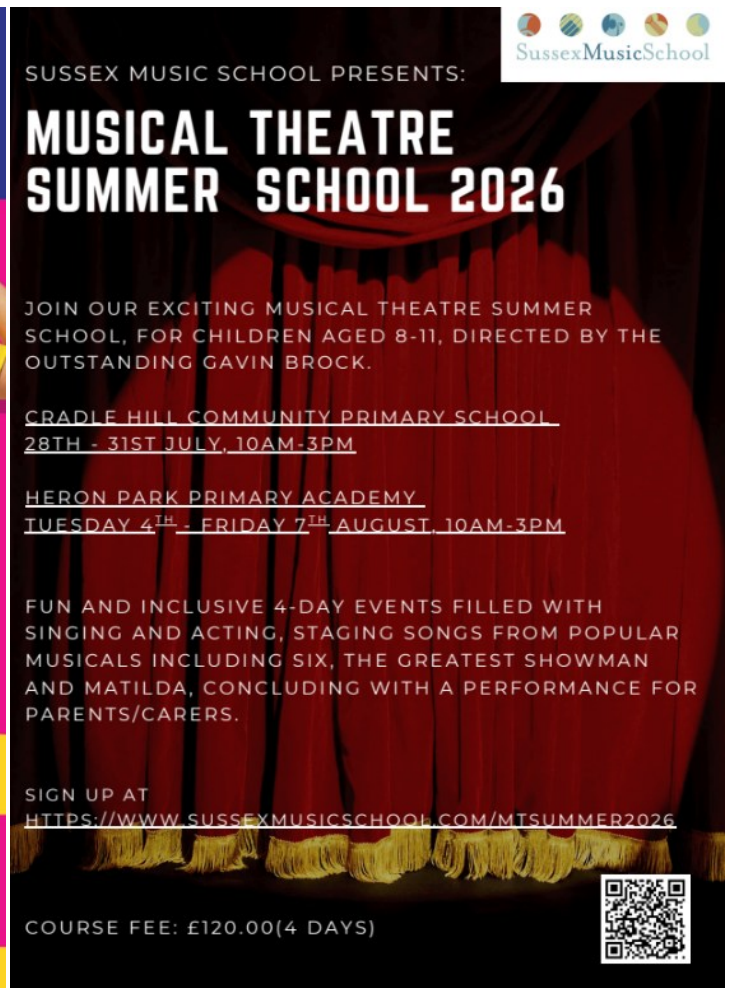
Pevensey Cricket Club Softball
Pevensey Rec. 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Thursday 7th May - Thursday 2nd July

Open to school years 3 - 6

Sign up today



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CRADLE HILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
28TH - 31ST JULY, 10AM-3PM

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

FUN AND INCLUSIVE 4-DAY EVENTS FILLED WITH SINGING AND ACTING, STAGING SONGS FROM POPULAR MUSICALS INCLUDING SIX, THE GREATEST SHOWMAN AND MATILDA, CONCLUDING WITH A PERFORMANCE FOR PARENTS/CARERS.

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COURSE FEE: £120.00(4 DAYS)

