

End of Term Newsletter 22nd May 2026

Upcoming Whole School Dates

June	Mon 1st :	First Day Term 6
	2nd - 4th :	Book Fair
	Thurs 4th :	Open Classrooms
	Wed 17th :	Stay & Play
	Mon 22nd :	INSET Day
July	Fri 10th :	Sports Day
	Sun 12th :	Park Run
	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

Dear families:

- Pop a date in your diary for our next school **Parkrun: Sunday 12th July**
- **Scholastic Book Fair - In school Tuesday 2nd , Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June**
We will also be running a Design a Book Cover Competition. Children are invited to design a new cover for their favourite book, and there will be Book Fair vouchers awarded for the most creative entries. A 3-for-2 deal on books will also be running, to encourage reading at home.
- **Open Classroom - 3.30-4.30pm Thursday 4th June**
Join us to look at your children's work and enjoy some reading time together, looking at the new books funded by The Friends.
- And lastly.. **have a very happy half term break!**

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
88.8%	100%	96.1%	96.9%	94%	92.4%	96.4%	94.9%



LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT
award winners:

Olivia R

Eve Y1

Rocco Y2

Kinayda Y3

Faiza Y4

Samuel Y5

Tashiana Y6

William Y6



Teamwork Awards



Well done

to our Values Award
winners for this term!

Betty, Iris,
Ammara, Marilou,
William, Jorja and
Rupert.



Headteacher Awards

Well done

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



Outside Achievements

Well done

Henry for winning a medal in your Triathlon, and Niamh, Ralph and Angus for doing brilliantly in your football tournaments!





Read, Relax, Repeat Winner

Well done

Thomas, who won our Reading Raffle this week!



This weeks raffle entries by class:

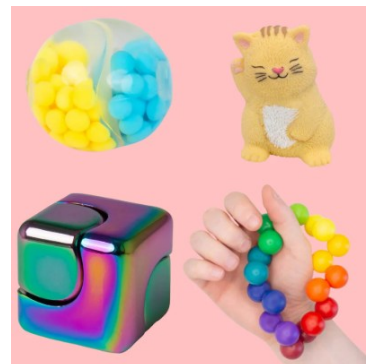
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Don't forget: Read 5 times to be entered next term!

Dear families,

Over the course of this term, we've noticed an increasing number of toys, fidgets and squishes being brought into school. Unfortunately, these items have begun to cause some disruption to the learning environment, which we are keen to avoid so that all children can focus and thrive.

We kindly ask that pupils do not bring any fidgets, squishes or toys of any kind into school. For those that need sensory or focus-support tools, these will be provided by the school in agreement with our SENCO, Mrs Hitch.



Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm, positive and productive learning space for everyone.

HOUSE COLOUR T-SHIRTS & CAPS - ORDER BY FRIDAY 5 JUNE

>> [CLICK HERE](http://pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa) to place your order: pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa

On Wednesday 10 July, children will take part in Sports Day representing their houses:

Amber, Ruby, Topaz, and Jade.

The Friends have special house colour t-shirts & caps you can purchase which can also be worn by your child for PE throughout the year! Adult sizes are available too, so why not join in the fun and order one for yourself? They are £8.50 each and the proceeds from each t-shirt and cap sold will go towards raising funds for the school.

All orders MUST be placed by Friday 5 June to be delivered in time for Sports Day.

PS. If you are unsure what house your child is in, please ask the office or your child's teacher.





British Values Half Term Project

To mark the end of term, we are launching some St John's British Values Challenges!

**For Reception
Year 1 and Year 2**

British Values Family Challenge

Over half term, we are inviting children and families to show what British Values look like in real life. Choose one or more of the following:

Democracy – making a family decision together

Rule of Law – agreeing and following shared rules at home

Individual Liberty – making a positive choice or trying something new

Mutual Respect – showing kindness and consideration

Tolerance – learning about or celebrating different beliefs or cultures

How to take part: Capture your example in any format: a photo, short video, drawing, or a few sentences

We will share a selection in school and celebrate entries in our first assembly back, with certificates for **creativity, thoughtfulness** and **impact**. This is a great opportunity to bring these important values to life beyond the classroom - **we're really looking forward to seeing what our families create!**

For Year 3, 4 & 5

KS2 British Values Challenge

An opportunity for children to show how these values really shape our lives beyond school. Choose at least one British Value and demonstrate it in action:

Democracy – organise a vote or debate at home and explain the outcome

Rule of Law – create and uphold a set of rules that make something fair or run smoothly

Individual Liberty – take responsibility for a personal goal, choice or new experience

Mutual Respect – show sustained kindness, leadership or teamwork

Tolerance – explore, learn about, or celebrate a culture, faith or perspective different from your own

Your challenge: Present your example in a thoughtful and creative way. This could be:

A short written reflection

A poster or piece of artwork

A photo journal or video

A presentation explaining your thinking and impact

We are particularly looking for pupils to explain why their example matters and the difference it made to their family time. We will showcase some of the strongest entries in assembly and recognise those who demonstrate depth of thinking, creativity and real-world impact.

Send all entries via email to the office, or bring it in to school. Deadline: Tuesday 2nd June

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FRIENDS NEWS



THEY ALL SMASHED IT!



What an afternoon! The children gave their absolute ALL and we loved seeing them have the best time. Thank you parents & carers for getting behind the event; making sure the kids had all they needed (we see your prep!) and coming to cheer them on. A huge shout out to all our volunteers; couldn't have done it without you!

Colour Run Sponsorship deadline: Friday 12 June

The online total so far stands at over £900 - wowzers, thank you! There are still 3 weeks left to share the online donation page with friends & family and help us smash our target. Collecting cash? Please pass cash to the office, also by Friday 12 June. Next term, we'll be excited to share what we can fund with the money raised!

➤ [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online - thank you

Get Sports Day ready...



House T-shirts: pre-order by Fri 5 June

Children will take part in Sports Day on 10 July representing their houses and we have special t-shirts & caps in house colours for sale. Adult sizes are available too, so why not join in the fun and order one for yourself? **Pre-order by Fri 5 June. £8.50 each. Delivered to school in time for Sports Day.**

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Dates for your diary...

- **Friday 5 June - deadline**
HOUSE T-SHIRTS/CAPS ORDERS
- **Friday 12 June - deadline**
COLOUR RUN DONATIONS
- **Wednesday 17 June, 3.15-5pm**
STAY&PLAY
- **Ongoing until 31st July**
VOTE FOR US IN TESCO

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**

GET SPORTS DAY READY

PRE-ORDER NOW t-shirts & caps for Sports Day

Children will take part in Sports Day representing their houses. Help them to stand out with our specially designed house colour t-shirts/caps, now available to pre-order.

House t-shirts can also be worn by children for PE throughout the year. Grown ups; why not join in the fun and order a t-shirt for yourself?

If you don't know your child's house, please ask the office.

T-SHIRTS £8.50 / CAPS £8.50

Different sizes available including Adult sizes

SCAN CODE TO ORDER >>

Or visit:
pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa



ORDER BY FRIDAY 5 JUNE

You will be notified by email when they are ready to collect.

All proceeds will go towards making improvements to the school field - thank you for your support



SPORTS DAY 2026 10 JULY



KINGDOM BUILDERS

KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB

A Bible-Based Holiday Club for ages 5-10

17 to 21 August

10am - 1pm

£20/£5 per child (Sibling discount available)

For more info or to book go to www.stjm.org.uk/holidayclub

St John's Church Meads
St John's Road, Eastbourne,
BN207ND





FREE

HOCKEY COACHING SESSIONS FOR STATE SCHOOL CHILDREN


27th & 28th May 2026

YR-Y6 10:00-12:00
Y7-Y11 13:00-15:00

AT SAFFRONS SPORTS CLUB, COMPTON PL RD, BN21 1EA

Children will need astro shoes or trainers (no studs or blades) and will need to bring a gumshield and shin pads. Sticks will be provided (if needed).

Scan QR code to book:

What's on

May Half Term - 2026

TUESDAY 26th May

LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS

09.00 – 09.45
10.00 – 10.45
11.00 – 11.45
12.30 – 13.15
13.30 – 14.15
14.00 – 15.15

Cost £22.00 pp

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1

10.00 – 12.00

Cost £13.00 pp

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 1

10.00 – 15.00


Cost £23.00 pp (for both days)

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1 PLUS

13.00 – 15.00

Cost £20.00 pp

SCAN ME TO BOOK!



WEDNESDAY 27th May

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 3

09.00 – 12.00

Cost £32.00 pp

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 2


10.00 – 15.00

Cost £23.00 pp (for both days)

LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS

13.00 – 13.45
14.00 – 14.45
15.00 – 15.45

Cost £22.00 pp



THURSDAY 28th May

LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS

09.00 – 09.45
10.00 – 10.45
11.00 – 11.45
12.00 – 12.45

Cost £22.00 pp

FAMILY FUN WHIZZ

14.00 – 16.00

Cost £7.00 pp

FRIDAY 29th May


OFF ROAD GROUP RIDE

10.00 – 14.00

Cost £35.00 pp (Child)


Cost £35.00 pp (Adult)

Email: holidaycourses@eastsussex.gov.uk
Phone: 07766 422352 / 07584 262556



Eastbourne Cycle Centre

MTB Ride Holiday Courses



Mountain Bike Group Ride - Usually takes place on a Thursday - 10.00-14.00

For ages 9+ (Adults are welcome to book too)

Group Session - Maximum of 10 (Minimum numbers required to run = 6)

Bikes and helmets available to use (Please let us know if you need to borrow one)

Cost £35.00 per person

Ride 1: 4 Hour (mostly) off road ride for novices and those new to off road riding. Starts and finishes at Eastbourne Cycle Centre. Eastbourne Cycling Centre to Abbots Wood, and back. Including some fun basic MTB skills. (Route can be subject to change due to conditions).

Ride 2: 4 Hour (mostly) off road ride for novices and those new to off road riding. Starts and finishes at Eastbourne Cycle Centre. Eastbourne Cycling Centre to The Long Man, and back. Including some fun basic MTB skills. (Route can be subject to change due to conditions).

Ride 3: 4 Hour MTB group ride for riders with some experience and those new to MTB riding. Starts and finishes in Friston Forest. Including a fun MTB skills section. **Meet and collect at Butchershole Car Park, Friston Forest.** (Route can be subject to change due to conditions).

The next ride will take place on Thursday May 28th 10.00-14.00 and will be Ride 1 or Ride 2, TBC.

Meet and collect at Eastbourne Cycle Centre.

HELP SHAPE A GREENER, HEALTHIER MEADS!

Public Workshops for a Better Wellbeing

Cleaner Parks
& Beaches



Meads Hall

77 Meads Road BN20 7QL
Mon 1st June, 6pm

The Hydro Hotel

Mount Road BN20 7HZ
Mon 8th June, 6pm

Safer Streets

Green Spaces
& Wildlife

Sustainable Living

All Welcome! Have Your Say on a
Greener, Healthier Meads!

Organised by the Wellbeing Working Group of Meads Neighbourhood Panel.

Enquiries to wwgmeads@emaildodo.com