

End of Term Newsletter

10th July 2026

Upcoming Dates

July Tues 21st : Leavers Service & Last Day Term 6

Happy Summer Holidays!

Sept Thurs 3rd : First Day of Term 1

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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

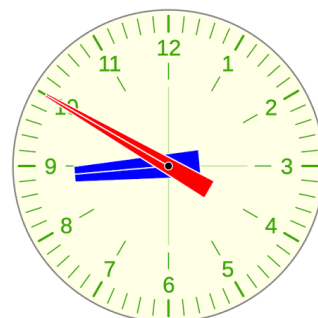
Healthy Snacks

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

Dear families,

Change of School Day timings

When we come back to school in September, the school day will be **8.50am - 3.20pm for all pupils**. Doors will continue to open at 8.40am. A reminder that if your child is not collected by 3.30pm, they will be taken to Latebirds and will need to be collected from there.



School Office Hours - The school office will be closed over the summer, but emails will be checked intermittently throughout. The school office will re-open on Wednesday 2nd September.

- Thank you** - Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, parent helpers and our fabulous Friends who have given us their time over this academic year. Thank you for all the lovely gifts and kind words you have shared with us over this last week. We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you all in September. And of course, our very best wishes for those leaving us today.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance This week: Best attendance: Year 2

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
90.8%	89.8%	98.7%	93.9%	98%	91.1%	97%	94.7%



Love

Independence



Generosity



Honesty



Teamwork



A Message from Mr. Berhane

Welcome to the final newsletter of a truly wonderful year.

Celebrating an Exceptional Year at St John's Meads

As another school year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our children and thank our families for their continued support.

At St John's Meads, we want every child to flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. This year, our pupils have achieved remarkable success, whilst continuing to benefit from the rich, caring and inclusive environment that makes our school so special.

Outstanding Academic Success - We are delighted to share that our 2026 Year 6 outcomes are the strongest in the school's history and, based on early indications, place St John's Meads amongst top 5% nationally.

Strong Foundations - Success in Year 6 begins with strong foundations in the early years and lower school. We are therefore thrilled that:

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

100% of pupils achieved the expected standard. This outstanding achievement reflects the strong reading culture that runs throughout our school.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

76% of pupils achieved the expected standard. This represents a strong foundation upon which future mathematical success can be built.

More Than Results - Whilst we are proud of our academic achievements, they tell only part of the story.

Throughout the year, a range of external visitors and reviewers have recognised the special qualities that make St John's Meads such a remarkable place to learn and grow.

The Diocese reported: "A strong sense of belonging is evident across the school community, with support staff describing the environment as nurturing and mutually supportive."

Reviewers also found that: "Pupils spoke positively about adults being kind, approachable and willing to listen."

Our Inclusion Quality Mark assessment recognised that: "These values are understood by the entire school community."

One visitor perhaps summed up the school best when describing St John's Meads as: "A caring and healing school."

External professionals consistently recognised the calm atmosphere, positive behaviour, strong relationships and deep sense of care shown by both pupils and staff.

Outstanding Opportunities Beyond the Classroom - We believe that education is about much more than tests and examinations.

Whether performing on stage, representing the school in sport, taking part in educational visits, developing leadership skills, contributing to the community or exploring new interests through clubs, our pupils benefit from a wealth of opportunities that enrich their learning and broaden their horizons.

Outstanding outcomes are only part of the story. By the end of Term 5, pupils had accessed over 100 opportunities for enrichment across the school, helping them grow into confident, capable and well-rounded young people. These included trips to London, Brighton, the Beach and after school clubs.

These opportunities form part of our commitment to ensuring every child experiences a broad, memorable and inspiring primary education.



A Message from Mr. Berhane & Mrs. Pomeroy

Thank You

Our success is built upon a strong partnership between children, staff, the church, our wider community and, most importantly, our families.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and trust. Together, we continue to build a school where children are known, valued and inspired to achieve their very best. We are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved this year and look forward to another exciting year ahead.



To Our Wonderful Year 6 Pupils

Today, we said goodbye to a truly remarkable group of young people as they begin the next stage of their journey.

Over the years, they have grown into confident learners, thoughtful leaders, talented performers, determined sportspeople and caring friends. They have been fantastic role models for the younger children in our school and have left their mark on St John's Meads in so many positive ways. Their exceptional outcomes reflect not only academic success, but also their resilience, character, kindness and determination. We could not be prouder of all they have achieved.

As they leave for a wide range of secondary schools, they do so carrying with them the values, friendships and memories that have been such an important part of their time at St John's Meads. We wish every one of them happiness, success and exciting new opportunities in the years ahead.

Once a member of the St John's Meads family, always a member of the St John's Meads family.

Good luck, Year 6. We will miss you.

Wishing you every blessing and a joyful family summer.

Mr. Berhane

Dear SJM families,

Well, what a year! As I sit down to write this message to you, I am totally blown away by the incredible year we have all had. From all my interactions with the children, staff, parents and community I am so thankful for each and every one of you.

A huge thanks to the staff team. The care, commitment and dedication is outstanding. This is shown in so many ways from how staff and children interact with each other, how pupils positively engage in learning, are able to discuss our LIGHT values and show this daily through their words and actions to the remarkable outcomes this year. We are so proud of all the children.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Riddle, Mrs Dyer, Mrs Pillar and Mr Barber and I know you will join me in thank them and wishing them well for their next adventures. As we say goodbye, we also welcome two new appointments. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Sanders and Mrs Loaring who have been appointed as Assistant Headteachers for the next academic year.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing those of you returning on Thursday 3rd September.



Mrs. Pomeroy

LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT
award winners:

Najaat, Damir,
Iris, Aylin, Iris,
Elena, Olive



Headteacher Awards

Well done to this
week's Headteacher award
winners:

Abigail, Iris, Nova,
Indigo, Marilou,
Oscar, Minal,
Khalid, Cody,
Angus, Salma,
Thomas, Mahan,
Hailey, Viktoria



Read, Relax, Repeat Winner



Well done to this week's winner ... Aria!

This weeks raffle entries by class:

Reception: 5 Y1: 2 Y2: 5 Y3: 5 Y4: 21 - most improved!
Y5: 11 Y6: 2

Other Awards



Well done to all our Sports Day medal winners!

Sports Attitude award: Betty & Cameron, Tulia & Jack, Dima & Abigail, Angus & Gigi, Danny & Cara, Minal & Stanley, Athena & Oscar. Sporting Achievement: Poppy & Alexander, Eve & Khalid, Reuben & Eleri, Quinn & Amber, Sebbie & Aurelia, Salma & Myles, Tilly & James O.

Relish Superstars:

Hailey, Iris, Oscar, Keit, Kathrin, Eli, Betty, Petra & Khalid



100% Attendance:

Emil, Marios, Nova, Kinayda, Eleri, Oliver, Lily, Matilda & Joshua.

Outside Achievements



Well done

William, William, Kenzo, Henry, Aurelia Sebbie and Edward, who all took part in Eastbourne Triathlon and Aquathlon events last weekend.



Ella and Niamh won gold awards at Brownies... Well done all!



Thank you!

Thank you so much to all the parents who took the Reception Class sunflowers home. An amazing £50 was raised for The Ben McNicol Trust. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Kelly Hitch



Sports Day



21 JULY 2026



FRIENDS NEWS

Final reminders from us...



Whole school tea towel - pick up in September

For anyone not able to collect their order from church today, please pick it up from the school office in September.

If you can't collect in September, please ask a friend to collect on your behalf, OR email secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk and we will arrange to get it to you!



Voting in Tesco ends soon - Friday 31 July

Pop to your local Tesco by Friday 31 July and vote for us to receive funding for an upcoming school project called 'Plant, Eat, Grow'.

Voting stations are at **all Tesco stores across Eastbourne**; your vote will get us the cash we need, so please pop in and vote!

Fundraising update

This past year, you have helped us to raise a massive £9,176.96p for the school. WOW! You can find **more details in the attached Fundraising Review** so please check that out.

Total raised
£9,176.96
2025-2026

STAY&PLAY raised £1,157

Sports Day Refreshments raised £186.54



Time to say goodbye

To those families leaving St John's Meads this year, a huge thank you for all your support during your time with us - we wish you all the very best. **A special thank you goes to Amanda Wilson**; committee member and former Friends Secretary and **Tracy Marsh**; committee member and chief gazebo installer! Both have served on The Friends tirelessly for over 7 years and we aren't sure what we will do without them! A million thank yous; we will miss you so much!

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



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S MEADS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

FUNDRAISING REVIEW '25-26

RAISED BY YOU >>

£9,176.96

This is some total. This community really is something else. **THANK YOU** for truly getting behind every initiative and giving so generously. It really makes a difference.

Fundraising activities included: Christmas Fayre; Colour Run; Stay&Play; Quiz Night; Mufti Days; Easter Nests Sale; Uniform, Donuts & Ice Pop Sales; House T-Shirts/Caps Sales, Sports Day Refreshments; and the School Tea Towel.

GIVEN TO SCHOOL >>

£8,479.41

You've enabled us to fund the following projects this year:

- Little Wandle Reading Scheme Books
- Guinea Pigs
- Reception Playground and Outdoor Play Equipment
- Whole School Panto Trip
- Classroom Reading Books

More funds will be passed to the school very soon to help deliver new initiatives...we will keep you posted.

WE DID IT TOGETHER – THANK YOU



ME & MY MIND, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

**Supporting your child to
manage the return to school
after the holidays.**

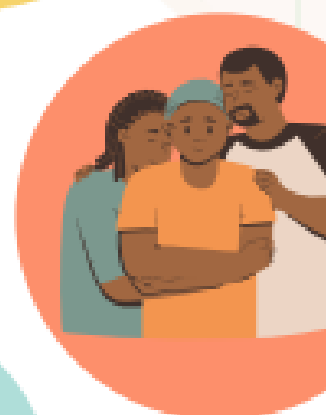
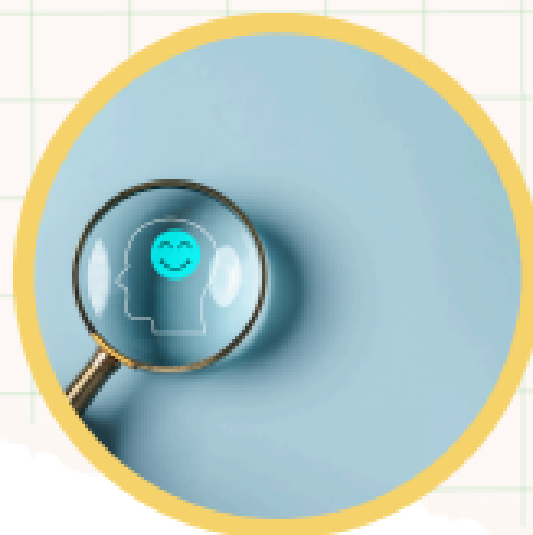
In this session, we will share
information about children's mental
health and wellbeing and ideas for
supporting them.

We aim to make these sessions as
informal and comfortable for you as
possible. There is no pressure for
you to share anything about
yourself or your family.

Booking Information

Please use this booking form to book your
space by clicking this link or
scanning the QR code

Parent & Carer Booking Form



INFORMATION



Thursday 24th September 2026



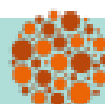
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HOLIDAY CLUB THE SOVEREIGN CENTRE

Beat the boredom this school holiday. Children aged 8-12 years will enjoy an exciting mix of activities including swimming, arts and crafts, bouncy castle and more.

Days: Running weekly Monday and Friday
 Dates: 27th July - 28th August 2026
 Time: 8.30am - 1pm
 Cost: £20 per child

A hot or cold lunch is included. Children must be competent swimmers and be able to swim 25m.

Book via the Better UK App or scan the QR code





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FACE August 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

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm