



Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026



Upcoming Dates

October

Fri 2nd - School Disco
Tues 6th - Individual school photos
Fri 9th - Harvest Service
Tues 13th - Parents Evening
Thurs 15th - Parents Evening
Thurs 22nd - Last day of term 1
Fri 23rd - INSET Day

November

Mon 2nd - First day of term 2
Fri 27th - Meads Magic
Tues 24th - Whole school pantomime

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Whole School Reminders:



We are an allergy aware school.
NO NUTS are allowed in school.

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



Whole School Notices

- Please see the Friends news below for a very exciting announcement!.....

- Uniform Changes for September 2027**

Please see the included Uniform Policy, that will come in to effect from September next year.



- Communications Reminder**

Following our review of how we share information and correspondence with families across the school, we will be using ClassDojo for class-based updates on learning and activities. Whole-school communications, individual letters, trip information, club details and other key updates will be sent via Arbor email. Please do look out for invite links to sign up for ClassDojo if you haven't yet done so.



Thank you for your ongoing support



Attendance

Best attendance this week: **Shell**

Shell Class	Pebble Class	Rockpool Class	Wave Class	Ocean Class	Whole School
98.8%	96.3%	97.9%	96.8%	94.1%	96.8%

Love



Independence



Generosity



Honesty



Teamwork



Disco!!



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FRIENDS NEWS

A little hello from us

Hi! We hope this finds you well-settled into the new school year. A special hello to our new starters! We are the Friends - a group of parents & carers who raise money for the school. May you feel right at home here at St John's Meads.

Coming up next week...



Do you feel the power, of the Gladiator!

The excitement is palpable. Next week a very special guest will be swinging by...Zack George, aka, **STEEL** from BBC's **Gladiators**! Zack, an elite CrossFit athlete, will **lead an assembly and visit each classroom**, talking to the children about the benefits of movement, mindset and wellbeing. This visit is funded entirely by The Friends. We hope the kids have the best time :)

Fundraising update



We came **SECOND!** Thank you for voting

A huge thank you to everyone for voting for us in Tesco stores across Eastbourne back in July. We are thrilled to say we came **SECOND** and have **won a grant for £1000!** The grant will fund a school project called 'Plant, Eat, Grow'. More info soon!

£77 RAISED AT LAST FRIDAY'S UNIFORM SALE – THANK YOU!



Dates for your diary...

▶ **Monday 2 November, 9am, School** **THE FRIENDS AGM**

Find out more about The Friends & how you can join our team! All are welcome.

▶ **Saturday 5 December** **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Games, Grotto, Tombolas, Festive cafe and more!



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School Uniform Policy

We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential.



Wearing school uniform is important in maintaining high standards and a sense of pride and belonging to the school. There is a formal school uniform, which all children are expected to wear, and the co-operation of parents in maintaining the standard of dress is expected.

The majority of our school uniform can be purchased from supermarkets. Items of uniform with the school logo are only available from our uniform supplier - Price and Buckland.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stjohnsmeads>

Whilst there are a number of optional items with a school logo, the only compulsory item with a logo is a **bottle green school sweatshirt/cardigan**.

Previously owned sweatshirts and cardigans may be available from the school office for a small donation.

School ties, which are compulsory in years 3-6, are only available from the school office, purchased through Arbor.

Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name – including shoes.

Compulsory Winter Uniform - may be worn all year	<u>Years R, 1 & 2</u>	• Bottle green school sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo • Dark grey shorts, trousers with black socks • Dark grey skirt/pinafore with white socks or black tights • White polo shirt (with optional school logo) • Black school shoes
	<u>Years 3, 4, 5, & 6</u>	As above, but polo replaced with: • White collared shirt • School tie (available from the school office)
Summer Uniform - optional, after Easter holidays until October half term	<u>All children</u>	• Green and white gingham (checked) dress with white socks • Dark grey shorts/trousers with white polo shirt and black socks
P.E. All Years		• White round neck PE T-shirt (with optional school logo) • Emerald green PE shorts • PE black tracksuit bottoms – (optional but recommended as children wear their PE kits to school throughout the year) • Green school jumper or cardigan • Trainers <i>Please note: No branding/sport logos etc permitted</i>
Jewellery in PE		• The Association for Physical Education's (AfPE) guidance on personal effects: AfPE recommends that all jewellery, including earrings, should be removed at the start of every PE lesson to ensure a safe working environment for all pupils. • Therefore, pupils will be asked to remove all jewellery including earrings at the start of a PE lesson. If pupils cannot remove earrings they should not wear them to school on PE days.



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Jewellery	Only wristwatches (not smartwatches) and small, plain studs are permitted
Hair	• Hair longer than jaw length should be tied back (this applies to both genders) • Scrunchies or ribbons should be school colours only (bottle green or white) • Alice bands should be school colours only and be an appropriate size
Nail Varnish and Makeup	• Nail varnish and make-up are not permitted in school
Additional items	Required in school daily: A bag to carry a reading book (school book bag with logo optional) <u>A water bottle</u> When needed during the year: • A waterproof coat • A sunhat • Forest school clothing - lightweight old clothing with long sleeves and legs, old trainers or boots • Swimming kit, including hat • A lunch box

We reserve the right to forbid items of clothing, accessories and footwear that are not on the School Uniform list, or are unacceptably dangerous in school or against the interests of the children at large.



St Wilfrid's Hospice

Dear School community,

We would like to invite children and young people to take part in the Seahorse Project 'Autumn Gathering' a relaxed creative afternoon inspired by Día de los Muertos — Day of the Dead. This colourful Mexican festival celebrates the cycle of life and death and is a time for families to gather and remember family and friends who have died. You may have seen it in the movie Coco!

Autumn Gathering Event

 Thursday 29th October 2026

 3:00 – 4:30 pm

 St Wilfrid's Hospice (The Street)

This relaxed, drop-in session offers children a safe and welcoming space to:

- Create a mask or decorate a cookie inspired by the Day of the Dead.
- Reflect on and remember someone important to them
- Meet other children and young people with similar experiences

No prior connection to the hospice is needed — all are welcome. Drop in or sign up on the Seahorse Project page on St. Wilfrid's hospice website.

Families can bring their own snacks and drinks or use the on-site café. All creative materials will be provided.

We know that supporting bereaved children can feel important but sometimes challenging. This event offers a simple, creative way to help children express memories and feelings in a safe and supportive environment.

If you know a child or family who might benefit, we would be very grateful if you could share this invitation.

With warm regards,

The Seahorse Team
St Wilfrid's Hospice



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MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

8:30AM – 3:30PM

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ARTS AND CRAFTS
(HALLOWEEN THEMED)
FUN AND GAMES

MEMBERS £35.00
NON MEMBERS £40.00

FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

PLEASE BRING A PACK LUNCH
(NO NUTS PLEASE)

BOOKING OPEN ONLINE VIA THE WEBSITE

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PLAY MOVE EXPLORE GROW!

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Thu 29 Oct • 1:30–3:00pm **£9.00**

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Thu 29 Oct • 11:00am–12:30pm
Fri 30 Oct • 11:00am–12:30pm
Fri 30 Oct • 1:30–3:00pm **£9.00**

SPACES ARE LIMITED

Book online
Bookings are non-refundable

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SESSION INFO
EVERY MONDAY
17:30 – 19:00
YEAR 2 – YEAR 9

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