



Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026



Upcoming Dates

October

Thurs 22nd - MUFTI day; CHOCOLATE donation

Thurs 22nd - Last day of term 1

Fri 23rd - INSET Day

November

Mon 2nd - First day of term 2

Wed 21st - Cricket Workshop - All years - PE KIT

Fri 27th - Meads Magic

Tues 24th - Whole school pantomime

December

Fri 4th - MUFTI - BOTTLE Donation

Sat 5th - Christmas Fayre

Thurs 17th - Last day of Term 2

www.sjm.academy - Tel: 01323 730255 - office@sjm.academy

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



Christmas Card Designs

You should now have received your child's Christmas Card artwork. Please fill in the guardian information and **return it to school on Monday** so we can send it off to Xmas4Schools for printing.

Play Equipment and Football Reminder

All children remain the responsibility of their parents or carers before the school doors open in the morning, and **balls should not be brought from home to use during drop-off and collection times**.

For everyone's safety, children should not use the play equipment or play football on the playground before or after school. These activities raise potential safety concerns for both the children involved and others on site as the playground and equipment are unsupervised outside of school hours.

As some of our year 6 children come and go from school independently, they do not have a supervising adult to support them should a problem arise. Latebirds use the playground after school and have been delayed in heading outside, due to children playing after school.



Thank you for your ongoing support



Attendance

Best attendance this week: **Wave**

Shell Class	Pebble Class	Rockpool Class	Wave Class	Ocean Class	Whole School
98.5%	96.7%	96%	98.9%	95.7%	97.1%

Love



Independence



Generosity



Honesty



Teamwork



LIGHT Awards



Well done

to this week's LIGHT award winners:
Frankie, Joshua, Felix, Sophia,
Emil and Edward

Headteacher Awards

Well done

to this week's Headteacher award winners:
Richard, Mila, Eleri, Alexander,
Damir, Natty, Angus, Ella,
Maybelle, Abigail, Penelope,
Olivia and Jowan



Read, Relax, Repeat Winner

Well done Ruby!

For winning the Gladiator tickets in our extra special raffle this week!

This week's readers:

Shell - 7 Pebble - 14 Rockpool - 12 Wave - 3 Ocean - 14



Summer Reading Challenge



Well done

to all who completed the reading challenge:
Arlo, Fabian, Joshua, Gigi, Thomas,
Quinn, Kathrin, Danny, Oliver,
Demi, Dami, Niamh, Dominika, Elsie,
and Nathaniel

Outside Achievements

Well done

to Cara for completing her
Silver Brownie Award,
and
to Jacob for completing his
Silver Cubs Award



Love - This Term's Value Award



All other classes will be awarded their Value awards for this term on Tuesday next week - Wave class are off on a trip so Elsie received hers today.

Well done Elsie!

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FRIENDS NEWS

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ON NEXT WEEK...it's a busy one...



Gladiator Tickets Auction - bid by Weds 21st
Bid now in our special auction to win a family ticket to Gladiators LIVE Tour 2026! These are seats given personally by Gladiator STEEL that money cannot buy! Simply enter your **HIGHEST** bid in our online auction - **bid any time from now until Weds 21 Oct, 11:55pm**. Winner will be announced Thursday 22 October.
➤ **CLICK HERE to place your bid online now**



Children's Christmas Cards - return Weds 21st
Soon, your child will bring home their own Christmas card design, with a form to complete. Although it says the 19th, **you can return the form up to Weds 21st Oct**. Returning the form registers you to order cards and other fun gift items online, so don't miss out!
➤ **Please return your completed form by Weds 21 Oct**



Chocolate Tombola Mufti Day - Thurs 22nd
Next Thursday, children are invited to **wear their own clothes** to school and **bring along a chocolate gift to donate**. These will be used as Tombola prizes at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you so much - your gifts will help us to have a bumper Tombola!
➤ **Drop your donations at the school gates on Thurs 22 Oct**



SCHOOL TEA TOWELS 2025/26: We have a few spares left for sale
Grab one from the office. £6.50 each, Run, don't walk 😊

Next term...dates for your diary...

➤ **Monday 2 Nov, 9am, School**
THE FRIENDS AGM
Find out more about The Friends & how you can join us! All welcome.

➤ **Saturday 5 December**
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Games, Grotto, Tombolas, Festive cafe and more!

By supporting our events, you help create special memories for our kids and raise vital funds for our school. Thank you.

TOMBOLA MUFTI DAY

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

**Wear your own clothes!
And bring along a
chocolate donation.**

**All donations will be used
as Tombola prizes at the
upcoming Christmas Fayre.**



**Please drop your donations into the boxes
at the school gates on Thursday 22 October**

Chocolate expiry dates of 2027 onwards please

Thank you for your support

**Please remember to wear comfortable clothes that are
suitable for a school environment.**

St Andrew's Prep
EASTBOURNE

Friends
of St Andrew's

FIREWORKS NIGHT

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2026
17:45 – 19:00



Fun games

and candy floss
and glow in the dark
novelties all available
from 17:45 in the
Durlacher gym.



DJ

playing party music
for the children

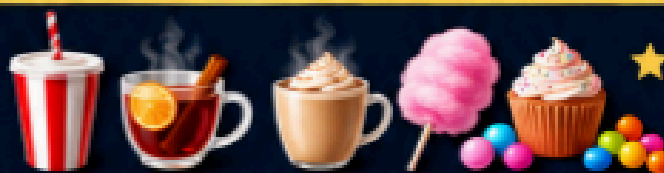
Raising funds in aid of

**HAPPY PAWS
PUPPY
RESCUE**



Hot dog and vegetarian/vegan

★ option included in ticket price. ★



Soft drinks, nulled wine (0%), Sweets and Snacks
★ available to purchase in the Durlacher. ★



**CLICK HERE
TO BOOK TICKETS** ➔

Tickets bought before
midnight Friday 16th
October will cost:

£10.00

(£4.00 for nursery
children).

Tickets purchased
thereafter if available
will be:

£12.50

(£6.00 for nursery
children).



C.A.C.L.OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

Mon 26th, Tues 27th, Weds 28th Oct
Year Reception - 14 years
9.30am-12noon

Superb astro pitch & sports hall
Excellent coaches & small groups

Hillbrow Health & Wellbeing Centre
Denton Road, Eastbourne



C.A.C.L.OCTOBER GYMNASTICS CAMP

Mon 26th, Tues 27th, Weds 28th Oct
Reception - Year 8
9.30am - 12 noon

Fully equipped gymnasium
Excellent coaches
Small groups

Hillbrow Health & Wellbeing Centre
Denton Road, Eastbourne



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CHRISTIAN LIGHT PARTY

31st October
5pm - 6:30pm
For children in Reception to Year 6
an alternative to halloween

JESUS SHINES IN US ALL!

FUN GAMES
CRAFTS
BIBLE-BASED ACTIVITIES
FRIENDS FOR EVERYONE

at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road

VICTORIA Baptist Church Eastbourne

VICTORIA Kids Club

Baptist Church Eastbourne

Safe, faith & Fun

A club for children in Reception to Year 6

Fridays | 5pm to 6:30pm
Term time only

We play games, have crafts, enjoy sports, and finish with a short talk linked to a story in the Bible.

This club is a safe space where children can play, make friends, and learn about Jesus.

Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne

Get in touch for more information

REAL PEOPLE • REAL FAITH • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Explorers Autumn 2026

The Amazing Adventures of David! From Flock to Throne Room

8th, 15th, 22nd September Club Night - Tuck, games, craft & Bible story

29th September: **Warm Waffles and Ice-Cream**

6th, 13th, 20th October Club Night - Tuck, games, craft & Bible story

27th October: **HALF TERM**

2nd November Light Party 4.30-6pm

10th, 17th, 24th Nov & 1st Dec Club Night - Tuck, games, craft & Bible story

8th December **Christmas Party!**

Every Tuesday in Term-time. 3.30pm to 5pm. £1 per child & up to 30p tuck.



In the Lounge, All Saints' Church, 21a Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4HA. Explorers is for Reception to Year 4 (Yr 4 can go to Ignite Club if they wish) Contact: Jamie@allsaintseastbourne.com or Julian : 07522335021

IGNITE CLUB Autumn 2026

DAVID

His True Story!

8th, 15th, 22nd September Club Night - Tuck, games & Bible time.

29th September: **Warm Waffles and Ice-Cream**

6th, 13th, 20th October Club Night - Tuck, games & Bible time

27th October **HALF TERM**

2nd November **Lazer Tag & Bowling Social**

10th, 17th, 24th Nov & 1st Dec Club Night

8th Dec **Christmas Party!**



Every Tuesday in Term-time. 6pm - 7.20pm £2 per person & up to 60p tuck. In the Lounge, All Saints' Church, 21a Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4HA. Ignite is for Years 4 - 7 (Yr 7 can go into Tuesday Teens if they wish) Contact: Jamie@allsaintseastbourne.com or Julian : 07522335021



What's on October Halfterm - 2026

MONDAY 26th October

LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS

09.00 - 09.45 **COURSE FULL**

10.00 - 10.45 **COURSE FULL**

11.00 - 11.45 **1 SPACE**

12.30 - 13.15 **COURSE FULL**

13.30 - 14.15 **1 SPACE**

14.00 - 15.15 **COURSE FULL**

Cost £22.00 pp

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1

10.00 - 12.00 **4 SPACES**

Cost £13.00 pp

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 1

10.00 - 15.00 **COURSE FULL**

Cost £23.00 pp (for both days)

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1 PLUS

13.00 - 15.00 **8 SPACES**

SCAN ME TO BOOK!



TUESDAY 27th October

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 3

09.00 - 12.00 **4 SPACES**

Cost £32.00 pp

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 2

10.00 - 15.00 **COURSE FULL**

Cost £23.00 pp (for both days)

LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS

13.00 - 13.45 **COURSE FULL**

14.00 - 14.45 **COURSE FULL**

15.00 - 15.45 **1 SPACE**

Cost £22.00 pp



WEDNESDAY 28th July

LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS

09.00 - 09.45 **2 SPACES**

10.00 - 10.45 **COURSE FULL**

11.00 - 11.45 **COURSE FULL**

12.00 - 12.45 **COURSE FULL**

Cost £22.00 pp

FAMILY FUN WHIZZ

14.00 - 16.00 **TURN UP ON THE DAY**

Cost £7.00 pp

THURSDAY 29th July

MTB GROUP RIDE

10.00 - 14.00 **7 SPACES**

Cost £35.00 pp (Child)

Cost £35.00 pp (Adult)

Email: holidaycourses@eastsussex.gov.uk

Phone: 07766 422352 / 07584 262556



Eastbourne Cycle Centre

Where to find us

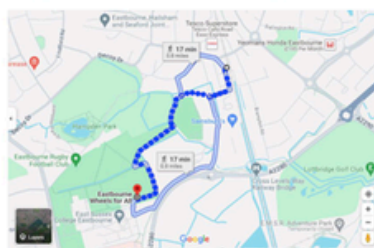
Eastbourne Sports Park
Cross Levels Way+
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 2UF

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Located next door to East
Sussex Downs College.

To get to the Cycle Centre you can either come through the main gates (if open) onto the track, our centre is located to the right-hand side of the track. Or you can come into the main Sports Park reception who will be able to guide you to where we are.



The nearest train station
is Hampden Park,
around a 20-minute walk
from station to
Eastbourne Sports Park.