



NEWSLETTER Term 1: 18th October 2024

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Upcoming Whole School Dates

October	Monday 21st : SEND Parent Drop In 11-12AM Tuesday 22nd : Flu Vaccinations Friday 25th : Last day of term
November	Monday 4th : INSET DAY Tuesday 5th : First day of term Tuesday 5th : Parent's Consultation 3.30-6pm Thursday 7th : Parent's Consultation 3.30-6pm Tuesday 12th : Friends AGM Friday 15th : Mufti Day - Tombola Donations Monday 25th : Pantomime Performance Saturday 30th : Christmas Fayre inc. Elfridges
December	Tuesday 17th : Reception Christmas Sing 9AM & 2.30PM Wednesday 18th : Nativity Year 1 & 2 at 2.30PM Thursday 19th : Nativity Year 1 & 2 at 9.15AM Friday 20th : Christmas Church Service (PM)

Whole School

Reminder:

NO NUTS

are to be brought in to school.

Thank you.



Class Worship Areas

Each classroom has a Christian worship area, which is added to regularly as part of classroom learning and reflection. They are spaces where the children can come and ponder, ask questions, reflect and pray. These worship areas are accessible and inclusive to all.

They include age-appropriate Bibles, prayer books, a cross, candle and other helpful resources and artefacts to engage the children in thought and prayer. The children will also have a chance to bring in seasonal items to spark curiosity / awe and wonder e.g. natural seasonal items, like conkers/pine cones...

The worship areas will follow the same theme as collective worship that is planned and delivered with our friends at St John's Meads church.

This enables the children to deepen their understanding and thoughts behind each Christian message. This is then continued with the teacher the next day with the children getting the chance to discuss as a class and carry out further learning activities around the message.

Some of the messages we have had this term are:

"Blessed are the Peacemakers" (Matthew 5:1-10) Value: PEACE.

Jesus taught that God blesses those who show kindness and generosity, despite facing difficulties and hardships. He talked about those who work to make peace and said they would be called children of God. In a world full of injustice, unfairness and war how can we be peacemakers?

"Forgive Others" (Matthew 18:21-22) Value: COMMUNITY.

Forgiveness can be hard, especially when feelings have been badly hurt but it's the best way to make things better and mend relationships. Jesus says we need to go on forgiving and even more radically, he says in Matthew 5:39 that we are to repay evil with good.

It would be lovely for you to talk to your child about what happens in worship as they really do enjoy the singing and actively engage with the biblical messages that are shared each week.

Mrs Byroo

Harvest Festival

The school Harvest Festival celebration in St John's Church was amazing!

As we took time to say thank you to God for the wonderful world he has given us and all the good things in it, it was so good to see children of all ages involved in leading us in everything ranging from a 'Bread Challenge' and a 'Tin of Sweets' Drama to prayers and our Bible reading, with two young people from year 6 leading us through amazingly well.

In addition to the songs woven through, we also had time to explore the story of the feeding of the 5000 with the help of Rev Giles and to think about how we can be involved in helping to share the amazing things in our world - and he even had pieces of gluten free bread ready for every person to share on the way out.....

As children from reception, yr 1 and yr 6 brought up the harvest gifts during the service, we realised how amazingly generous people had been in giving towards Foodbank and it was particularly good to welcome Iain from Foodbank who gave us a taster of what would happen to those gifts and how they would be able to give very real help to those struggling locally. **A very warm thank you to all who gave so generously.**

Indeed, thank you so much to all who worked so hard to make our Harvest Festival celebrations so special. It has been so good to see the way in which the relationship between the church and the school has been growing and developing in recent years in all sorts of ways and we look forward to this relationship continuing to grow and evolve as we go forward from here.

Rev June Hughman



Parent voice

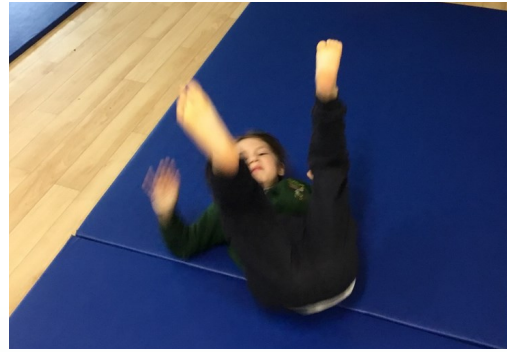
We value the role of parents and carers as key partners in your child's education.

We would like your feedback to help celebrate things we are doing well and continue to identify areas where we can develop and improve. Your views are extremely important and will help us as we continuously strive to improve our school for your child.

Please can you take this short survey, linked below. **Closing Wednesday the 6th November 2024.**

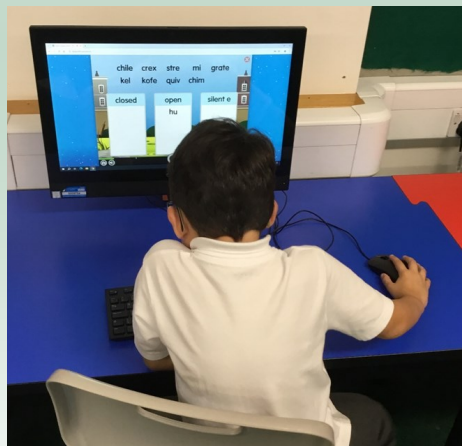
[Parent survey October 2024](#)

Highlights from Year 2



Year 2 have been busy working on their gymnastics routine in PE this week.

We have learnt how to safely roll, jump and balance and the children used their skills to put together a short individual routine. Next week we will try some group work.



In computing this week Year 2 took a quiz all about e safety and being sensible online.

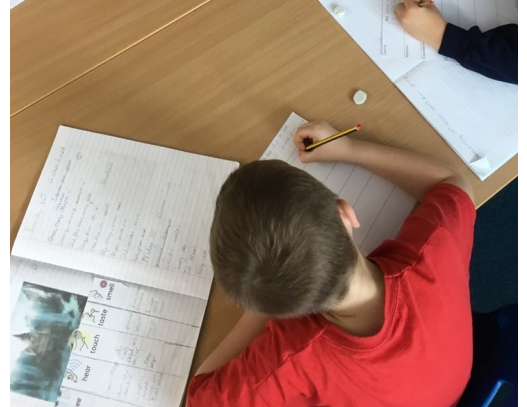
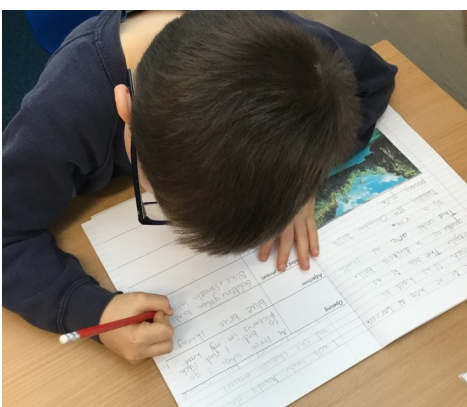
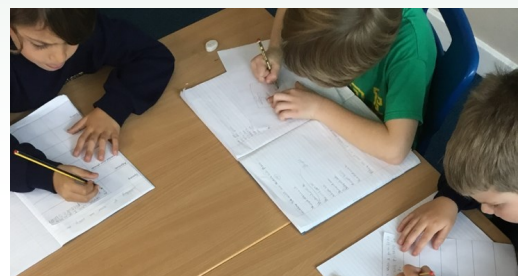
We learnt that we should let an adult know if we see anything online which makes us scared or worried.

We finished off our lesson with some free time on Lexia earning some certificates received in Celebration Assembly!

Also this week we have finished writing poems in English.

The children made a clear plan to ensure they included all the features needed to make a great poem.

Their published learning will be sent home!



Highlights from Year 4

Year 4 have been having a fabulous first term.

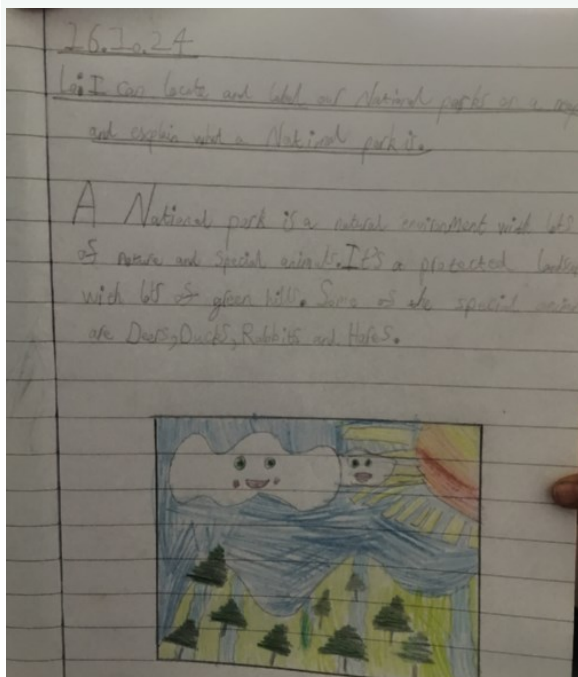
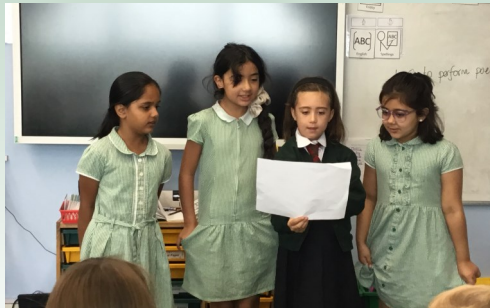
The children had the opportunity to hold an Olympic torch when Mr Aston came in as guest speaker to talk the children about the Para Olympics in Paris.



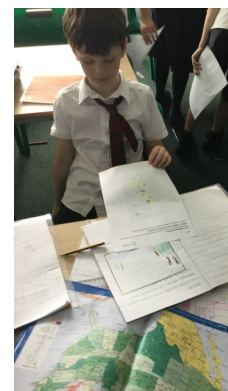
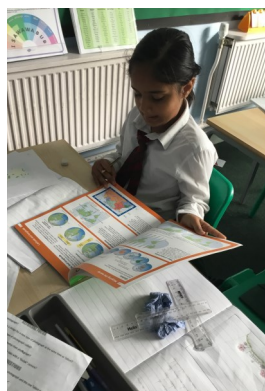
We were also fortunate to have Heather Olver, an Olympic athlete who delivered a circuits training session which the children really enjoyed.

In English the children have really improved their grammar and punctuation knowledge and through our text A Bear Called Paddington have produced some wonderful writing.

To help bring the story to life Mrs Riddle baked two beautiful Victoria sponges for the children to eat.



In Geography we have been learning about where we live within the UK and learning about cities and counties, we are exploring National parks focussing on the South Downs National Park.



Elfridges - Now at the Christmas Fayre

Thank you for your donations today – you've all been so kind!

We had originally planned to do Elfridges on 5 December, but will now instead bring Elfridges to the Christmas Fayre on Sat 30 November! We will have a designated area where your child can come and choose a gift to wrap for a family member.

More info soon!

Drop your donation into the Elfridges box inside the main entrance. **Thank you so much.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Christmas Fayre

Could you spare 30 minutes at the Christmas Fayre to help?

The more hands we have, the more activities we can arrange and the more fun the event is for the kids! Please click on the link below to let us know if you can help on the day.

>>[Click here to sign up to volunteer](#)



Perform at the Christmas Fayre

If your child is interested in singing, dancing or playing an instrument at our Christmas Fayre performance area, we'd love to have them! Please email us on:

secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk

AGM – TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 9-10AM

You're invited to our AGM next month where we will share how funds have been used this year and elect the committee for the forthcoming year. We would love more members to join our team, specifically in the role of Treasurer, so please come along if you are interested in finding out more. There'll also be time to chat together afterwards, and enjoy coffee and cake.

>> If you'd like to come, please RSVP by emailing chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk . You can also email to nominate someone, or yourself, for a particular role.

Thank you so much for all your support

The Friends of St John's Meads

Friends of St John's Meads presents

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friends of
ST JOHN'S MEADS
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Live Entertainment
- Crafts & Games
- Santa's Grotto
- Hot Food & Mulled Wine
- Raffle & Tombolas

SATURDAY
30 NOV

12 - 3PM

St John's Meads School
Rowsley Road
Eastbourne

❄️ £1 ADULT ENTRY / KIDS FREE ❄️

➤ Online booking coming soon



Sponsored by



All the proceeds from this event will go to the Friends of St John's Meads; a charity dedicated to raising money to benefit pupils at St John's Meads CE Primary School. Registered charity 1106227.

5 REASONS TO JOIN THE FRIENDS

Friends of
ST JOHN'S MEADS
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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FOR THE CHILDREN

Our events are great fun for the children, raising funds for their education, which improves their school experience. Win win!

FOR THE SCHOOL

School budgets are tight. We fund resources & activities that might not otherwise happen. Your voice can input into these decisions.

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FOR YOU

Volunteering is a rewarding experience - be part of a team that has a lot of fun! Whatever your skills, you can play a part.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

There is no better way to know what's happening in school. Connect with others that share the same passion for St John's.

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KEEP THE FRIENDS GOING

When parents leave the school, we need new members to keep the fundraising going. Give as much or as little time as you like.



**FIND OUT MORE AT OUR AGM
TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 9AM**

All are welcome. RSVP by email: chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk

Willingdon

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Spooky Season - October Half Term

Weds 30th October 2024

Thurs 31st October 2024

9.30am-2.30pm



CREATIVE



FUN

Multisport

Basketball, Football, Benchball
Badminton, Table tennis, Just dance

Students welcome from Year
groups 4-8 from all schools

Team Challenges

Taskmaster, STEAM, Photography
Logic Puzzles, Scavenger Hunt Team

Rates

£40 per day per child.
10% sibling discount
PP students attending year 7 or 8 at
Willingdon Community school 50%
discounted rate

All enquiries to holidayclubs@willingdonschool.org.uk



Dear Parent/carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that I currently have space in my timetable to take on new guitar pupils. Lessons happen weekly and take place within school hours (on a rotating timetable to avoid too much disruption).

Our lessons follow a nationally recognised syllabus but are tailored to each pupils individual tastes.

If you want to learn to play Foo Fighters, you'll learn Foo Fighters!

If you want to learn to play Ed Sheeran, you'll learn Ed Sheeran!

If you want to learn to play Justin Bieber, you'll learn Metallica!!

Pupils have the choice to learn just for fun or to take graded exams which eventually start counting towards UCAS points. We work in small groups or on an individual basis and as well as lessons we have a whole range of extra curricular activities such as Rock and Pop band projects, guitar orchestras and many more!

For more information on lesson cost and to apply please visit

www.createmusic.org.uk

Or feel free to drop me an email on the address below. Please feel free to check out my guitar demo on the YouTube link below as well

jordan.Cresswell@createmusic.org.uk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5KkpHWrjDo>

CLASS+

Communication, Learning Autism Support Service

Fantastic and very knowledgeable advisors, I felt listened to and validated. Excellent advice really valuable.' This is a really valuable service that has been very helpful!



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TOGETHER FOR EXCELLENCE
AND INCLUSION

ABOUT US

CLASS+ works across East Sussex to support families/carers of autistic children and young people including those on the diagnosis pathway. We provide advice and support that enables families/carers to develop their knowledge & understanding of autism. We aim to help parents/carers develop their confidence around how to best to support their neurodiverse child whilst also building on their child's strengths, confidence, and self-esteem. The team is part of the wider CLASS service and focus on home based concerns. We are a Parent Carer referral service.

SCAN QR CODE TO SEE
WHAT WE OFFER



NB: Please note that CLASS+ is not a mental health advice point and practitioners do not hold the appropriate clinical expertise to directly address mental health needs. CLASS+ do however, provide Autism advice, give ideas for resources, share helpful approaches, and perhaps most importantly listen to the needs & experiences of parents/carers.



KING'S ACADEMY *of* PERFORMING ARTS

EXCITING NEWS!

OPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2024 - OUR NEW FRIDAY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The King's Academy is a BRAND-NEW performing arts school based in Eastbourne and we are excited to be taking bookings for our Autumn term which starts on Friday, 13th September 2024. We provide high energy musical theatre classes and workshops for young people and we believe in giving every young person a chance to shine with expertly tailored scripts to suit everyone, performing a different show each term. All of our classes and workshops are facilitated by industry professionals ensuring a high standard of teaching and excellence.

We have a limited number of places at our school which is based locally at The Kings Centre, 27 Edison Rd, Eastbourne, BN23 6PT and as a parent of a child at a local school, we would like to offer you the chance of enrolling your child. The King's Academy is open to young people aged from 6 to 16 years of all abilities with no experience necessary. Siblings are welcome and enjoy a half-rate fee.

Performance at King's Academy is about more than simply learning how to sing, dance and act it's about empowering young voices through performing arts and building confidence, giving young people skills for life and unleashing creativity.

Classes Available:

DAY	SCHOOL	DATE/TIMES	PRICE PER TERM
FRIDAY <i>NEW</i>	Main School 6 – 16 years	AUTUMN TERM: 13.09.24 – 30.11.24 TIME: 16.00pm – 18.00pm	£150.00
FRIDAY <i>COMING SOON</i>	Mini School 4 – 5 years	TERM: TBC TIME: 15.45pm – 16.45pm	£75.00

King's Academy is pleased to offer a discount of 50% to families enrolling a second or subsequent student.

BOOK YOUR TWO-WEEK TRIAL PLACE NOW HERE:



We look forward to welcoming you to the King's Academy.

Kate

Director

King's Academy of Performing Arts



Autumn 2024 @ Explorers Club

9 VERY AMAZING ANIMALS

and How God Used Them

3.30pm to 5pm on Tuesdays for Reception to Year 4

In the Lounge at All Saints' Church, 21a Grange Road, Eastbourne

07522335021 Juliandale@allsaintseastbourne.com

£1 per child plus up to 30p Tuck money

17th, 24th September

12th, 19th, 26th November

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd October

3rd December Xmas Party

5th November **LIGHT PARTY!** 4.30pm to 6pm

Light Party is £3 per child including party food & craft

