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## Upcoming Whole School Dates

<b>February</b>	Friday 14th : Last day of term 3 Monday 24th : First day of Term 4
<b>March</b>	Thursday 6th : World Book Day Thursday 6th : Friends Quiz Night

*Whole School Reminder:*

**NO NUTS** are to be brought in to school. Thank you.



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Key Stage 1 Progress

It has been impressive to see the progress that the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are making in their reading and phonics. They continue to show great resilience and independence as they tackle words, they find tricky by sounding out and blending. I love it especially when their little faces light up when the adults working with them shower them with praise for their efforts.

## WW2 Project

Year 6 have truly impressed me with their efforts linked to their work on WW2. They have created all manner of things to reflect their knowledge around this topic. I was especially enthralled by this Anderson shelter created by Scarlett, complete with light bulb and hand sewn bedding! I must confess, I did not even know what an Anderson shelter was prior to this week and have had to read about it.



## Upcoming Events

Look out for some exciting sporting, science and theatrical events next term.

St. Andrews have invited us to join them for a production of Moana. Y3 & Y4 will attend the matinee show and we are planning to take Y5 & Y6 to the evening showings. **More to follow after half term.**

St. Andrews are also hosting their Science events next term - Y3 and above will watch some fun experiments and Y6 will have an additional opportunity to visit the laboratories to conduct some experiments... I know they are going to love it.

I hope that you are pleased and reassured that I will be staying on for a bit longer. It is a pleasure to work with the St John's Meads community and I really do appreciate all your kind words, encouragement and prayer. This truly is a special place; the love and care that is shown to children everyday makes me proud to be a part of it.

Thank you for all the kindness that you show us here at St. John's Meads.. Do have a lovely half term!

Mrs Byroo



## Attendance

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the entire St. John's Meads community for your continued support in improving our school attendance. We are thrilled to share that our current overall attendance rate is an outstanding **95.3%**!

Well done to all of our students for this fantastic achievement.

To celebrate this success, we've introduced a new focus in our Friday Celebration Worship, where we highlight the attendance of different year groups. This initiative is designed to foster a healthy sense of competition, encouraging all groups to aim for the best attendance. We're excited to see how everyone will rise to the challenge!

**Keep up the great work, everyone!**



## Thank you!

We raised a fantastic **£181** for the NSPCC on number day, thanks to all of your donations.

Amazing! You can see some photos from the day later in the newsletter.

## Wheels wanted!

If anyone has any good condition scooters or bikes suitable for reception age children, please do think of us if you are having a clear out!

Please send a photo to [reception@sjm.academy](mailto:reception@sjm.academy) if you have something you are able to donate. **Thank you!**



A helping hand with your mental health  
**me & my mind**  
East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

## Wellbeing

As part of our ongoing support from the Me and My Mind East Sussex Mental Health Team, we are excited to offer a workshop for parents on

**Thursday, 27th February at 4pm.**

Some of you may have had the opportunity to meet Jon Barron the Me and My Mind parenting practitioner during Parents' Evening yesterday.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please complete the booking form on the poster below. This will help the team tailor the session to best meet the needs of our school community.

We look forward to seeing you there!





## ME & MY MIND, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

### Anxiety and Worry: What it is and how to support your child.

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



27th January 2025



4-530



St John's Mead Primary School



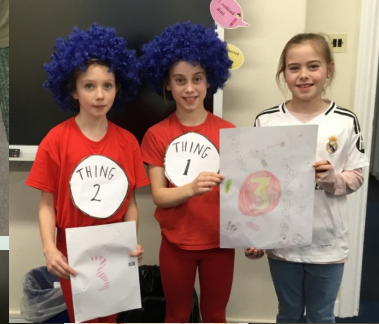
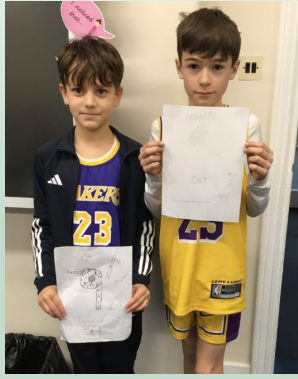
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County Council



# Highlights from NSPCC Number Day



# Highlights from Year 1

We have been learning about senses in Science and have been using our sense of hearing to work out what object was in each pot.



We have been learning to write letters in English, starting by story mapping a letter to learn it by heart.



In Maths we have been partitioning numbers to 50 into tens and ones. We have been writing number sentences to show this.



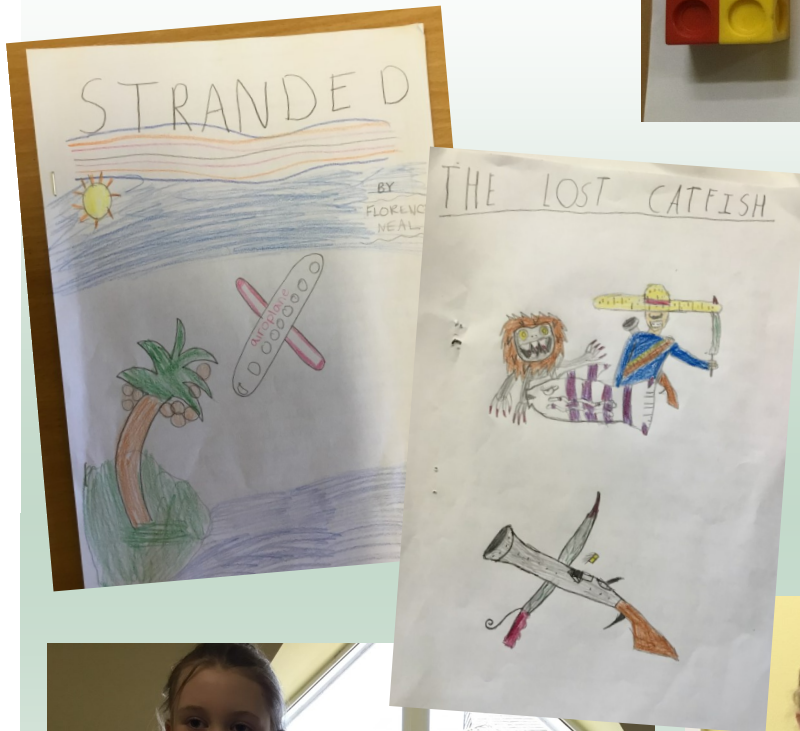
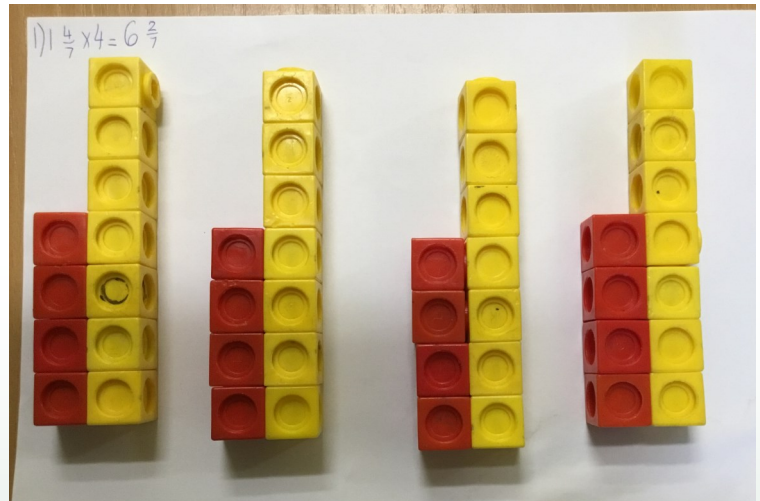
Number Day activities -  
Place value bingo and  
Snakes and Ladders .



We explored the way our body changes during exercise. Our heart rate increased and so did our breathing.

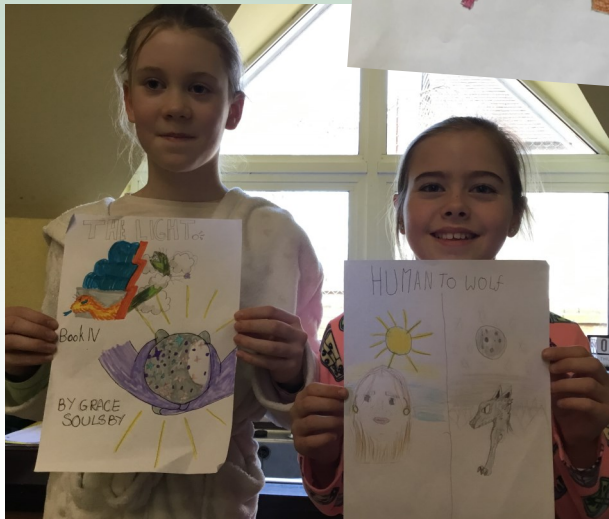
# Highlights from Year 5

Year 5 are using Multilink cubes as a hands-on resource to build a strong understanding of fractions, making learning fun and visual!



They have been on an exciting writing adventure, creating their own thrilling stories!

Along the way, they've developed skills in using descriptive language, structuring narratives, and building suspense to engage their readers.



The children earned their marble reward for working so hard this term, and chose to have a pyjama day. Well done Year 5!



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# FRIENDS NEWS

## Coming soon...

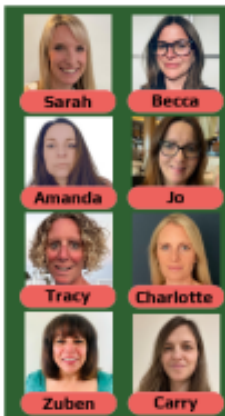


**Thursday 6 March, 7pm: Quiz Night at The Ship Inn**

Our popular pub quiz night is back! Tickets are £15pp and include a burger & chips meal. All adults welcome.

➤ Book now at: [pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa](http://pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa)

## Committee update:



### Friends committee for 2025

Following our recent Annual General Meeting, we're thrilled to confirm that our committee team for 2025 are:

- **Chair:** Sarah Lawrence
- **Secretary:** Becca Bowater
- **Treasurer:** Stuart Easton
- **Members:** Tracy Marsh, Zuben Montgomery, Jo Oakey, Charlotte Rivett, Carry Stoddart and Amanda Wilson.

### Class reps

Our class reps, keeping you updated with Friends news, are:

- **Reception:** Helen
- **Year 1:** Rhi and Dani / **Year 2:** Hannah, Helena & Kerry-Ann
- **Year 3:** Carry and Shemane / **Year 4:** Tom and Jo A
- **Year 5:** Amanda and Tracy / **Year 6:** Emma and Becca.

**THANK YOU!**

After serving as committee 'secretary' and 'chair' for an incredible 5 and 2 years respectively, **Amanda Wilson and Zuben Montgomery** have stepped down from their roles.

**We want to say the biggest thank you** for the countless hours given, so many of them unseen - we are hugely grateful.

**FRIENDS OF FRIENDS**

We have some wonderful businesses in our community. At **Gianni's Restaurant**, St John's families get 10% discount all year when dining in, PLUS this half term, pick up a freshly made family-sized lasagne to cook at home. Order by Sunday: 07542 852599.

## About The Friends

We are a group of parents and carers, hosting fun events that raise money for our school. Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved.

➤ Get in touch: [chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk](mailto:chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk)

Friends of St John's Meads presents

# QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 6 MARCH

Join us for our popular  
Pub Quiz Night and help  
raise funds for the school.

All adults welcome - no  
experience necessary.

**DATE** Thursday 6 March, 7pm

**VENUE** The Ship Inn, Meads, BN20 7RH

**£15 pp**

includes burger  
main meal

**Teams of  
6-8**



## HOW TO BOOK

- ★ Gather a team of 6-8 people & choose a team name
- ★ Choose either **Beef** or **Vegan** burger & chips
- ★ Book your place online at:

> [pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa](http://pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa)



**Dress code: USA theme!**



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. Run entirely by volunteers, thank you for supporting us. Registered charity 1106227.







*With half term soon approaching we offer our delicious lasagne for you to enjoy at home*

**\* on a preorder only £25.00 per tray**  
( serves 5-6 )

Already prepared by our amazing chefs  
pre-baked just pop in the hot oven  
35-40min@180  
for a hassle free dinner!!!  
Or freeze it for later :)

To choose from :

**Lasagne al Forno-**

Traditional Beef lasagne with Mozzarella and  
Parmesan  
(\*gluten, dairy, celery, sulphur dioxide)

Or

**Lasagne Vegetariana-**

Mediterranean Vegetable lasagne  
( courgette, mushroom, peppers, tomato)  
(\*gluten, dairy, celery)

**ORDERS ACCEPTED UNTIL  
5PM ON SUNDAY 16TH OF  
FEBRUARY**

**VIA GIANNI'S WHATSAPP NUMBER :  
07542 852 599**

*\*if you have any questions or allergies that we shall be aware of pop a message and we will get back to you :)*



**EXCLUSIVE TO ALL  
ST JOHN'S FAMILIES**

**EAT IN 10% DISCOUNT  
OF THE WHOLE BILL**

**\*TO CLAIM MENTION  
THE NAME OF THE  
SCHOOL WHEN  
ASKING FOR THE  
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GIANNISEASTBOURNE.CO.UK**

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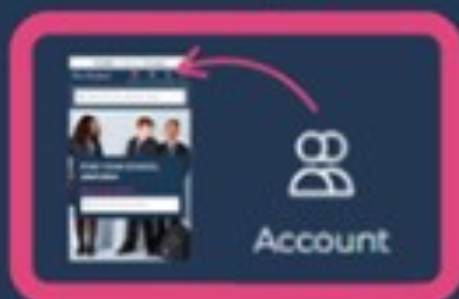
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## NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM WEBSITE LAUNCH

On the **11th** of February we will launch our **NEW** website. The URL remains: [www.price-buckland.co.uk](http://www.price-buckland.co.uk)



Website QR code. This will take you to the homepage to search for your school

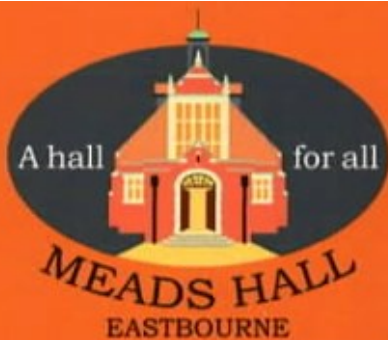


If you have ordered from our website before, go to the **Account Section** and **re-set** your password. You can use the same password that you have currently.



You can then see previous orders and manage your account.

Any Questions? Call us on 01159 640827



See the renovations for yourself  
Find out what happens in your hall  
Everyone welcome!

**OPEN DAY**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 11am – 3pm**

Pop up Café  
Information about classes  
and events held in the hall  
and Meads voluntary groups

New layout  
New roof & windows  
New kitchen & toilets  
New audio-visual system  
Redecorated throughout



Book your parties and meetings!  
20% discount on all one-off bookings made before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

[www.meadshall.org](http://www.meadshall.org) [booking@meadshall.org](mailto:booking@meadshall.org) 07759 463324

# Jungle Rumble

**FREE drama, dance and singing  
workshops for 4–8s**

**We're trekking into the jungly  
undergrowth for a wild adventure.**

Join us for this special one-off session as  
we sing along with a cheetah and dance  
the *Jungle Jive*.

## Nearest venue

Meads Hall,  
Eastbourne, BN20 7QL  
Saturday 22nd March  
OPEN DAY from 11am–3pm  
Sessions running  
throughout the day

**Just turn up and  
bring your friends!**





## Waterstones Children's Short Story Competition 2025

500 Words, Any Genre

Open to Key Stages 2 and 3  
One winner per Key Stage

Closing Date: Saturday 19th April 2025  
Winners Announced: Sunday 25th May 2025

Email entries to: [eastbourne@waterstones.com](mailto:eastbourne@waterstones.com)  
with the subject: Short Story 2025

Prize: Bag of books (selected by our team),  
social media representation of the winners, and  
bragging rights!

Please include your name, year group, and contact email or  
mobile number with your submission



For families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Sussex

- ADVICE LINE
- WEBSITE
- SUPPORT & SOCIAL GROUPS
- WORKSHOPS
- BENEFITS HELP
- COMPASS CARD

**AMAZE**

[amazesussex.org.uk](http://amazesussex.org.uk)



Information, advice and support on special educational needs and disability for parents, carers, children and young people up to 25 in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. We work with families with children with any disability and your child does NOT need a diagnosis to get in touch.

**01273 772289**

**[sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk](mailto:sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk)**



## Getting your voice heard

Amaze supports our local parent carer forums (PaCC and ESPCF) to make sure the voices and views of parent carers are central to the planning of SEND services.  
<https://www.espcf.org.uk/>  
<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/>

## Support Amaze

We rely on the generosity of individuals, companies, community groups and funders to deliver our range of free services. Find out about the different ways you can support Amaze and help more children and young people with SEND and their families:  
<https://amazesussex.org.uk/support-us/>

## Contact us

Visit our website to register with Amaze or request help from one of our services

[amazesussex.org.uk](https://amazesussex.org.uk)

SENDIASS advice line

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Tel: 01273 772289

Email: [sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk](mailto:sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk)



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## Information Advice Support



For families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

In Brighton & Hove and East Sussex

Amaze is for any family in Brighton & Hove or East Sussex that includes a child or young person with a special educational need or disability aged 0-25. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis to get support.

## Information & advice

Get detailed information about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) on our website at <https://amazesussex.org.uk>. Or contact our SENDIASS advice line for more individual guidance. The advice line is for parents, carers and young people up to 25 in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Email [sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk](mailto:sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk) or call 01273 772289.

## Workshops & courses

We run regular, free, online workshops for parent carers on topics such as getting the right SEN support in school, Education, Health and Care plans, disability benefits, and more. See <https://amazesussex.org.uk/events>

## Help with claiming disability benefits

If you want to make a claim for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) for a child or young person, Amaze can offer free advice and sometimes practical support, if you have extra challenges.

## Parent groups & befriending

We offer befriending and regular social groups for parent carers at various locations in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Our parent groups are delivered as a partnership with East Sussex Parent Carer Forum (ESPCF) and Brighton & Hove Parent Carers' Council (PaCC).

## Support & social groups for young people

Young people aged 14 to 25 with SEND can join our Amazing Futures peer support activity groups in Brighton & Hove, Bexhill, Hastings, Eastbourne and Seaford. Activities include board games, arts and crafts, sports, walks, retro gaming and more.

We also offer careers guidance for young people aged 14 to 25 with SEND in Brighton & Hove, to help them plan their next steps in education, employment or training.



## ND Family Support

Our ND Family Support Service is for families with children and young people under 25, before and after assessment for neurodevelopmental (ND) differences such as autism, ADHD and tics/Tourettes. We support families in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex.

We offer family training and navigation, parent groups and befriending, and youth activities for young people with neuro-differences.  
<https://amazesussex.org.uk/nd-family-support>

## Compass leisure card

Our free Compass Card offers leisure discounts for 0 to 25 year olds with SEND in Brighton & Hove. To get a card, children and young people need to live or go to school in Brighton & Hove.  
<https://amazesussex.org.uk/compass-card/>

East Sussex families can get an i-go card which offers similar benefits.  
<https://igo.eastsussex.gov.uk>