

NEWSLETTER Term 4: 4th April 2025

Upcoming Whole School Dates

April Friday 4th : Easter service
Friday 4th : End of Term 4
Monday 21st : Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 22nd : First day of Term 5

May Monday 5th : May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd : Last day of Term 5

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Whole School Reminder:

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

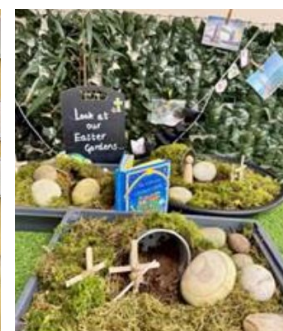


Dear Parents and Carers,

This final week has been filled with lots of creativity. The children worked on Food and Nutrition as part of the DT curriculum. Tasty sandwiches were made and promptly wolfed down in Year 3, while Year 1 loved making fruit salad. Year 5 scaled it up by making bread. Not only was this good fun but it also plays a big part in developing lifelong skills, using equipment safely and most importantly being able to feed yourself!

I was particularly impressed by Reception in their RE lesson this week. They have been learning all about the Easter story with several elements that work together to develop a range of skills. I have never heard the Easter story told with such enthusiasm and fervour- complete with actions of the boulder being rolled away.

We had an external auditor visit to assess our Safeguarding processes and she compiled a report that was pleasing to read. The staff at St John's continue to ensure that our school is a safe and happy place and this is further evidence of that.



'The wellbeing and care of every pupil is at the fore front of all aspects of school life at St John's Meads. A calm and safe atmosphere pervades the school, as does the school's Christian values and ethos and underpins the school's decision making, as evidenced in the 2017 SIAMs report.'

Student voice was also part of the review and this is what was reported: The change from the 'rainbow approach' to the zones of regulation and the new school 'Light' values are significantly improving pupils attitudes to learning, love of school and inter-personal relationships. In a short space of time it has become embedded in the culture of behaviour management. Pupils are able to describe the new approach in detail, and were very positive about the changes.

I think back rather wistfully to the Easter holidays when my boys were younger. I recall lots of lovely walks in the sun in our beautiful surroundings and plenty of Easter eggs.



I wish you and your family much of that for your Easter holidays too. Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness to us all here at St John's Meads,

Mrs Byroo

1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Sports Highlights

Year 6 took part in both a netball and football festival at St Andrew's.

We had a great time and the children showed exemplary behaviour and great sporting attitudes.



As with all sport, there were highs and lows and the children really pulled together in their teams to cope with defeat and celebrate goals! Well done everyone involved.



Highlights from Reception

As part of our PSED learning about being healthy, Reception enjoyed making fruit salad.

We practised our careful chopping skills, keeping our fingers away from the sharp edge and also enjoyed eating it too!



We have also been learning about time in Maths, and completed some fun 1 minute challenges!



Highlights from Year 1

We created fruit salads for our DT project and practiced our cutting and presentation skills.

They were very tasty!



We retold the Easter story, using miniature Easter gardens.

We learnt about how important the train station is to Eastbourne in History.

We pretended we were travelling from 1800s London to holiday in Eastbourne. First Class seats were definitely the comfiest!

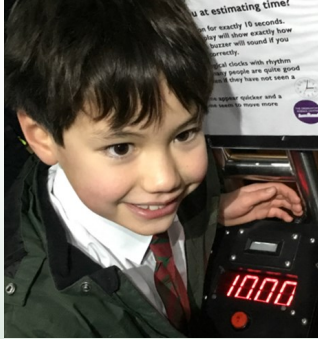


We learnt that animals eat different things in Science, and grouped animals into Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores.



Highlights from Year 5

Just before science week we went on a school trip to the Science Observatory where we learnt about absolutely everything science.



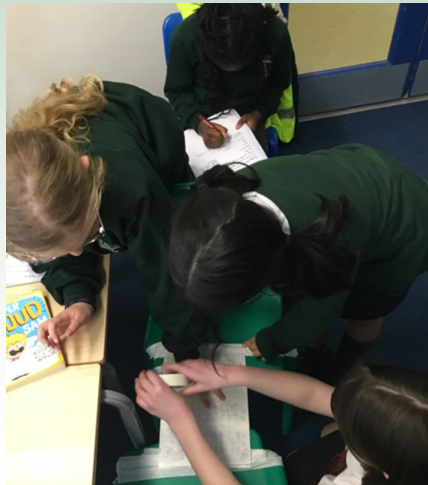
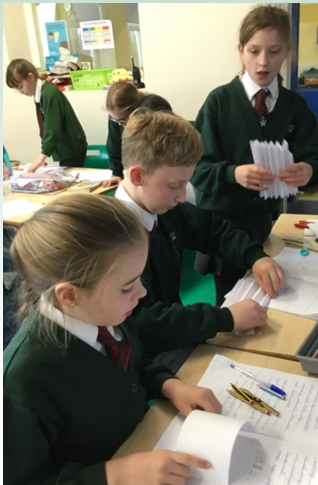
We started off science week learning about ecosystems, including producers, consumers, and decomposers.

We made posters to explain this process.



Then we also enjoyed a fantastic visit to St Andrews Prep, where we witnessed a rocket experiment and made predictions about how it would launch.

Finally, we made bridges and tested out our hypothesis.



Additionally, as a reward for our amazing World Book Day door display, we earned some fun time on the field, playing parachute games in the sun!

It was a week full of learning and fun activities!



4 APRIL 2025

FRIENDS NEWS

Happy Easter to you all



What eggstraordinary eggbands!

The children looked amazing in their eggbands today. We hope they had fun making them. Your child should have come home with a small chocolate egg treat from all of The Friends. Thank you so much for all your support this term. We hope you have a wonderful break.

Coming up next term...



Bag2School textile collection - 23rd & 24th April

If you're having a Spring clear out this Easter, we'd love you to bag up any unwanted textiles and bring them to our Bag2School collection the first week of term. For every bag you donate, the school raises cash. **Items accepted are:** ✓



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Jewellery



Belts



Hats



Socks



Bags



Drop your bags (tied shut) at THE ZONE (far left of playground) on:
📅 **Weds 23 April: 3.15-3.30pm** or **Thurs 24 April: 8.30-8.45am**



Stay&Play - date tbc

Our popular Stay&Play after school event will be back next term!
If you'd like to help us plan the event or have ideas to share,
please email: secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk

About The Friends

We are a group of volunteers - parents and grandparents - raising money for St John's Meads. We are passionate about our school and its community.

GET INVOLVED

If you'd like to help out, or have ideas you'd like to share,
please get in touch: secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk.



DONATE UNWANTED TEXTILES

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NO SCHOOL UNIFORMS PLEASE WITH OR WITHOUT LOGO

A whole family event

MESSY

EASTER

EGG HUNT

GAMES

GRAFT

snacks

The real Easter story

Saturday

5TH APRIL 25

1pm to 3pm

VICTORIA
Baptist Church Eastbourne

NO CHARGE

Download your **FREE** copy of
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Essential information for families with children 0-16 years

The **MUST HAVE** Family Directory
from bump to teens!

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or scan the QR code:



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 **APRIL 7th - 11th** **£25.50 Per Day** 9:30am - 1:30pm 

EASTER

HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR 6 TO 11 YEAR OLDS

ACTIVITIES:

- Creative Arts and Crafts
- First Aid Training with Daisy First Aid
- Pottery with Eastbourne Studio Pottery
- Fun Cricket with East Dean & Friston Cricket Club
- Out in the wild bush craft skills with Cherry Wood Adventures
- Slime Making & Disco Party
- Games, Easter egg Hunt
- And much more!!

7th April
The Gather (Beacon Shopping Centre Eastbourne)

8th - 11th April
Eastbourne College, Beresford House, Summerdown Road BN20 8DG

All our activity mentors are professional, and Enhanced DBS checked

LUNCH PROVIDED
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE!
HAF FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE

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<https://www.facebook.com/TydolTuitionCentre>



All Abroad! Bus Easter Holiday clubs 7th-10th April 2025 Seaford

Join us this Easter for global adventure,
exploring springtime food & fun, through
cooking, art, games, languages, outings & VR!

£30 per day
£95 for 4 days
sibling discounts

Bookings:

[www.eequ.org/
allabroadbus](http://www.eequ.org/allabroadbus)



FREE! HAF places



9.30am-2pm daily, snacks & lunches included.
@ Mercread Youth Centre, Seaford BN25 1AB

Enquiries and more info:
allabroadbus@gmail.com
www.allabroadbus.org
[@allabroadbus](https://www.instagram.com/allabroadbus)





Fun Football Camp

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EASTER HALF TERM

Come and join us for our Fun Football Holiday Camp, with plenty of football activities including: Football Tennis, Foot Golf, Football Rounders, Shooting Drills, Tournaments, Skill Activities, Goalkeeping Drills, Matches, Individual Challenges and many more!

VENUES **SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO BOOK NOW!** 

HAILSHAM HOLIDAY CAMP
Hailsham Primary Academy, Bulrush Lane, Hellingly, BN27 4FB

EASTBOURNE HOLIDAY CAMP
Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, BN20 8XN

DATES

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Multi Activity Holiday Camp

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EASTER HALF TERM

Come and join us for our Multi Activity Holiday Camp, with plenty of activities including: A wide selection of Sports, Fencing, Gymnastics, Dance, Performing Arts, Painting, Art and Craft Activities, Movies and many more!

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Easter Holiday Club

East Dean Church

9th - 11th April

9.30am-12pm.

for children aged 4-11

(or school years R-6)

No charge!

Bible teaching, games, craft, songs and refreshments, learning about Jesus and why we celebrate Jesus and why we celebrate Easter.

Email Becca for a registration form at **edfjbenefice@hotmail.com**

Booking is essential!





INSPIRING ACTIVITY

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

EASTER HOLIDAYS

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

Trustpilot
★★★★★
Based on over 20,000 reviews

YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: GILDREDGE HOUSE BN20 8AB

Dates: MONDAY 7TH - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Times: 8:30-4PM

Price: £29.95 PER DAY

Ages: YEARS 1-6

Additional info: HAF Places Available: <https://eequ.org/>

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

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TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

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2 DAY KIDS EASTER BOOTCAMP

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th April
1pm - 4pm
Children aged 4-10 yrs

- ✓ Dance Class
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Bouncy Castle
- ✓ Soft Play
- ✓ Silent Disco
- ✓ Qigong Class

£25 PER DAY



01323 335116 Unit 43, Station Road Industrial Estate, Hailsham, BN27 2ER

An online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

Thursday 3rd April 10 -11:30am

Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to **PARENTS**
on the **Homepage**





Spring 2025

Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

<p>Thursday 24th April 19:00 - 20:00 FREE</p>		<p>Responding to Angry Behaviour What can we do in the moment?</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th March 10:00 - 11:30 £24</p>		<p>Anxiety Explained Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.</p>
<p>Thursday 3rd April 10:00 - 11:30 £24</p>		<p>Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd April 19:00 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p>Improving Family Communication How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.</p>

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FACE Easter Timetable	
all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Facing Defiance	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	8 April 10am
Understanding Anger	8 April 7PM
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm
What is ACT	15 April 10am
Introduction to OCD	15 April 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	22 April 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	22 April 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	24 April 7pm
Improving Family Communication	28 April 10am
Autism Improving Communication	28 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	29 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	29 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	6 May 7pm