

# NEWSLETTER Term 4: 21st March 2025

## Upcoming Whole School Dates

**March** Wednesday 19th : Yr3&4 to see Moana at St. Andrew's  
Wednesday 26th : Zylo Dance workshops - PE kits for all

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



### **Perks of a Headteacher.. Introducing Beaky!**

All 10 chicks have hatched. This has caused much excitement here at St John's this week and I just could not help myself... All the classes and the Office staff have had a chance to name one of them and it really has filled the children (and staff) with much wonder.

I was reminded of the preciousness of life this week. The first was the arrival of the chicks and the second time was when I was out on duty, watching the children play in the sunshine. There are some moments that you just can't put into words and all I can say is that both those moments humbled me and made me feel so privileged to be part of something so miraculous: Watching children (and chicks) learn and grow.

The change in **lunchtimes** has been well received - the children are loving the addition of the fake flying hawk in the playground - they called her Sharon. Year 6 and Year 5 children are enjoying their time outside and it has been a lovely atmosphere for them to sit and have their lunch in the sunshine. The feedback on the school packed lunches from the children has been positive as well.

**Reception/Year 1 Parent/Carer meeting:** All Parents/Carers of these classes were invited in for a meeting with me to talk about the potential changes that will affect their children and the new Reception intake in September 2025. The decreasing birth rates are having an impact on schools nationally and locally and schools are having to think of ways to adapt to these changes.

I was really heartened by the supportive attitude of the Parents/Carers who attended the meetings. Their ideas and their proactive approach was most welcome and I will be communicating with them about this a bit more over the next few months as well.

At this point- changes to our classes will not affect any class that is currently in Year 2 and above, however, I will be writing to the whole school community early next week to explain this in more detail.

***Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward. Psalm 127:3***

Have a great weekend all, Mrs Byrro

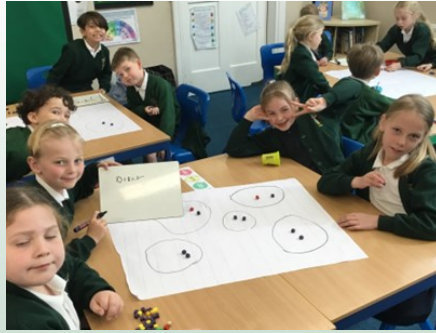
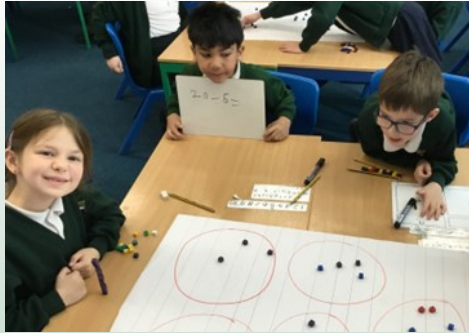
### **No Electronic Toys**

No electronic toys are allowed to be brought in to school please.

This includes anything with LED/flashing lights.

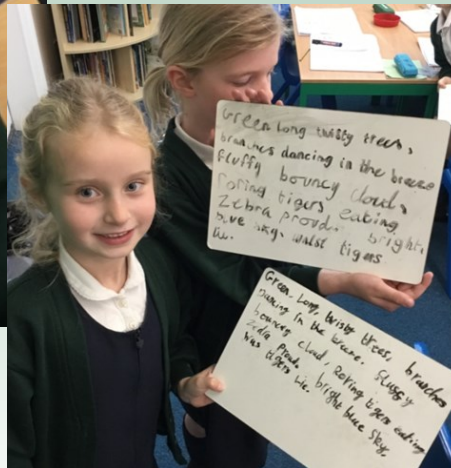
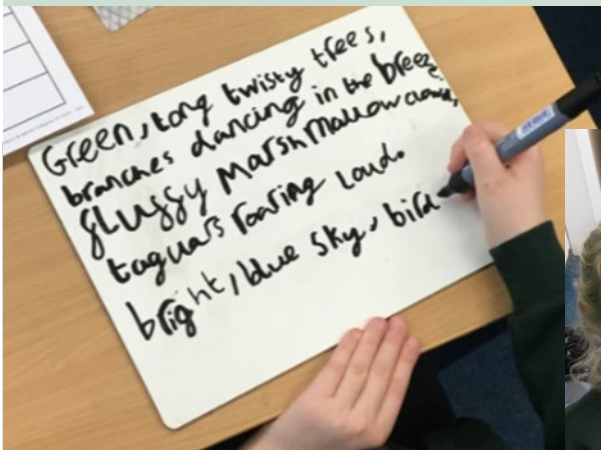
## Highlights from Year 2

In Year 2 we have been using our timetables to help us solve division problems. We worked in small groups and independently to divide by 2, 5 and 10.



In English we have started writing Amazon Rainforest poems using rhyming words.

This has been challenging but all of the children have taken it in their stride and are working so hard. I can't wait to read their final pieces!



And finally we had a visit from PC Dan who spoke to us all about the importance of being safe out and about as well as stranger danger and how to ask for help when we're in public.

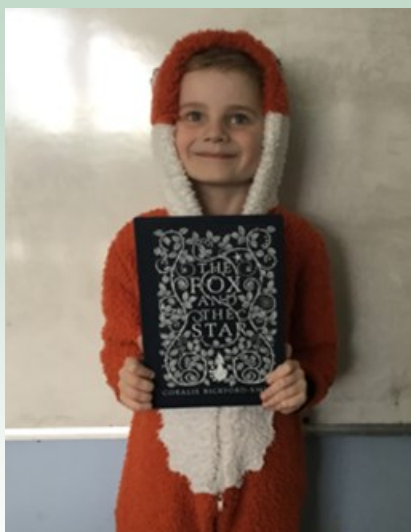
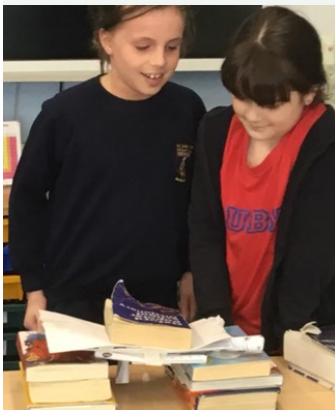
He also let us try on his police uniform!





## Highlights from Year 4

During Science week, Year 4 researched, designed and made their own bridges. We found out about lamination, corrugation and the use of triangles to add strength. The children were given 15 pieces of paper and a limited amount of masking tape. To test their strength, we placed a dictionary on them.



Year 4 enjoyed World Book Day this year, dressing up with lots of wonderful outfits.

They designed their own front covers for their favourite books and made their own bookmark.



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# FRIENDSNEWS

## Coming up: Easter egg-band parade



### Easter Service: Friday 4 April, St John's Church

Celebrate with us on the last day of term as the children walk from school to church wearing specially decorated egg-bands.

**All egg-bands will be provided** and coloured in by your child during class time. You are welcome, however, to donate to your child's class any Easter themed craft items/stickers etc. for the children to decorate with. Please bring these into class by Monday 31 March.

**1.30pm** Easter nests on sale to take away

**1.45pm** Watch the children arrive

**2pm** Easter Service begins (ends 3.25pm)

## Fundraising update...



### NEW Science kits for school

Money raised at the recent quiz night has funded **30 specialist science kits for teaching electricity**. All the children will hugely benefit from these kits, so thank you! We've also funded some smaller items, which includes skipping ropes, play sand and books.



### 'Cashpot for schools' raises £109.70

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the Asda shoppers who supported St John's in the cashpot for schools campaign.



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## 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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk).

# Easter egg-band parade

Friday 4 April



**Join us for our Easter service  
where the children will parade  
their eggcellent egg-bands**

1:30pm Easter nests on sale to take away  
1:45pm Watch as the children arrive  
2pm Service begins (ends 3:25pm)

**St John's Church, St John's Road, BN20 7ND**

**All parents, carers and family welcome**



## **Eggbands provided**

**All children will receive an  
eggband made of card to  
colour in during class time  
and wear on 4 April.**

*Optional* - you are welcome to  
donate to your child's class  
any Easter themed craft  
items/stickers etc. for the  
children to decorate with.  
Please bring these into class  
by Monday 31 March.



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**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  
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**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

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**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!

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## 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](https://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

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

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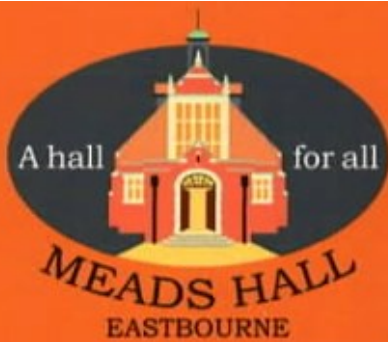


## Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm





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  
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