

NEWSLETTER

Term 5: 23rd May 2025

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Upcoming Whole School Dates

- May** Friday 23rd : Whole Class Photos
Friday 23rd : Last day of Term 5
- June** Monday 2nd : First day of term 6
Thursday 5th : Football sessions for all years (PE KIT)
Friday 20th : INSET day
Tuesday 24th : Whole School Photo
Monday 23rd : INSET day
- July** Wednesday 2nd : Moving Up Morning
Friday 4th : Sports Day
Tuesday 8th : Stay & Play on Field
Friday 22nd : Leavers Service / Last day of term 6

Whole School Reminder:

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



Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of another busy half term, and I wonder- where has this year gone to?

The children at St John's Meads have continued to work hard. **Year 6** carried themselves with maturity and resilience throughout their SATS and we are all so very proud of them. They have further impressed me this week with their insightful discussions when I visited their lesson. They were talking about primary and secondary artefacts, and I shared an interesting news article I had read a while ago about a woolly mammoth graveyard that was found in Swindon! I have included the article below if you are interested in reading about it.



[Attenborough And The Mammoth Graveyard - Media Centre](#)

Year 5 have been very creative, drawing inspiration from William Morris and nature to create beautiful wall tiles. It is always wonderful to see the children learning in a range of different ways.

The **Reception** children are not to be left out as they too are making really good progress in their phonics and the learning of the diagraphs and tricky words. You can see the lovely work the other years have been doing in the following pages.

Thank you for all the positive wishes and kind words for our SIAMS- church inspection yesterday. The outcome will be shared in due course as it must be quality assured first. What I can say is - yet again, the warmth, kindness and care shone through, and we are proud that we got to demonstrate what makes this school so very special.

The Friends also demonstrate what this school community is about. They are actively involved in supporting us in so many ways and we are particularly grateful that they have enabled us to clear up the field clear, supporting with the cost of the Knockhatch trip and arranging a range of events for the end of term. Thank you.

There is much to look forward to next term and I too have some good news to share. I appreciate all your kind words regarding my time at St John's drawing to an end in term 6. However, I am not going to be far away. I will be remaining with the Trust and will be at St Catherine's supporting their leadership team in the next academic year. This means that I still get to work with St John's Meads children and see some familiar parent faces on the gate as well.

Have a lovely, restful half term. I will see you back for Term 6 - it promises to be a busy but productive one too.

Mrs Byroo

Proverbs 22:6 : Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Mrs. Grout's daughter Lily ran the Worthing Half Marathon on the 4th of May, to raise money for The Ben McNicol Trust.

Molly, Tabi and Emily made a wonderful banner to support Lily in the race.

Ben McNicol was a former pupil of St. John's Meads School, and sadly passed away on May 26th 2012. The charity was then set up to help children with cancer and their families.

If you would like to donate, you can do so by following this link:

[Lily Grout is fundraising for The Ben McNicol Trust](#)

Well done Lily!



Highlights from this term

This term, **Year 5** have been embracing their artistic side with a project inspired by the natural world.

The children began their creative journey with a walk-in nature, where they observed and sketched leaves, trees and other natural forms that caught their attention.

Back in the classroom, these sketches became the foundation for a printmaking project. The children carefully carved their designs into printing blocks, then used ink to bring their nature-inspired artwork to life.



The final prints were truly beautiful, showing a wonderful mix of detail, imagination and creativity. It has been a fantastic experience that combined time outdoors with artistic learning, and we are very proud of all the pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Highlights from this term



Year 5 also enjoyed some different activities this week; Bikeability and DCAT enriched, where 20 children learned a choreographed dance to 'Summer Nights' and had their voices recorded singing the song. We are really looking forward to practising and then performing along with all the other schools in the Diocese Academy Trust at Hurstpierpoint College. **Well done, Year 5!**



Year 4 have been making Greek salads this week as part of their DT lessons.

The children enjoyed exploring the ingredients, experiencing the various smells and textures. The children eagerly tried a variety of new vegetables—onions were a particular hit!

Even some of the parents have had the chance to try the salads and have given fantastic feedback, commenting on how delicious they were.



Highlights from this term

Reception have enjoyed visits from the fire service and a dentist as part of our topic about 'People who help us'.

We learnt all about how to look after our teeth and gums from the dentist and the children really enjoyed looking inside the fire engine, squirting the hose and finding out about the special equipment that fire fighters use.



The children have also been busy learning about 3d shape in maths and telling some exciting stories in literacy!

In RE we have been thinking about what makes us precious and unique.



Highlights from this term

This term, **Year 3** has been focusing on both teamwork and individual responsibility through a fun and challenging relay activity.

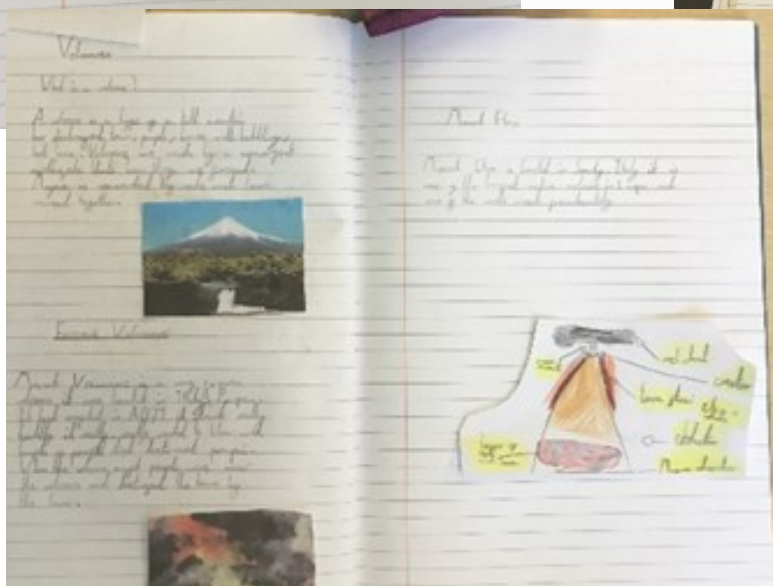
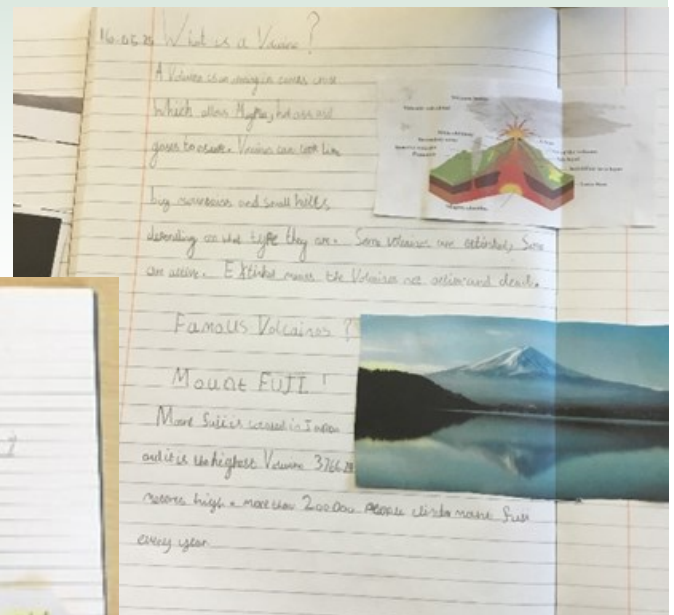
Their mission was to collect the most blocks as a team, with each student taking turns to run and pick up only one block at a time.

The relay encouraged them to work together, communicate effectively, and strategize to maximize their efforts.



Alongside this, they have also been developing their writing skills by creating their own non-chronological reports on volcanoes.

These reports allowed them to explore and present interesting facts about volcanoes, fostering creativity while refining their understanding of how to structure a report.

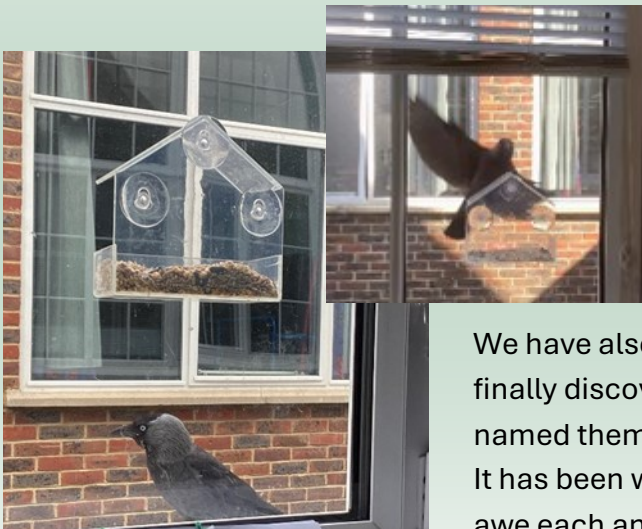


Highlights from this term

Year 1 have had a wonderful few weeks of learning, centred around nature and our wonderful world.

In Science we have been focusing on plants and their different parts as well as explaining the job that each part plays in helping the plant to grow.

We explored the field and found real life examples of the parts of a plant before creating and labelling our very own in the classroom.



We have also been visited by some feathered friends who have finally discovered our bird feeder. We have affectionately named them 'Charlie the Jackdaw' and 'Sprinkles the Magpie'. It has been wonderful to see the children's excitement and awe each and every time the birds appear at our window.



We have also had some fantastic Maths, practicing describing direction and turns, using the correct vocabulary to direct each other to the treasure, as well as practicing splitting amounts into equal groups. Although it has been a short term it has certainly been a brilliant one.



Highlights from this term

Year 6 have had a brilliant term working incredibly hard towards their SATs.

As a school, we are so proud of their effort and focus during this important week.

Apart from SATs, they've been busy in English reading the book 'October, October' and have produced some beautiful writing based on the main character.



We enjoyed our trip this week for 'Safety in Action' where the children met local emergency service workers and learnt about keeping themselves safe as their independence grows.

Another highlight of the term was receiving their leavers' hoodies!



One more term to go and we've got lots of exciting things planned.

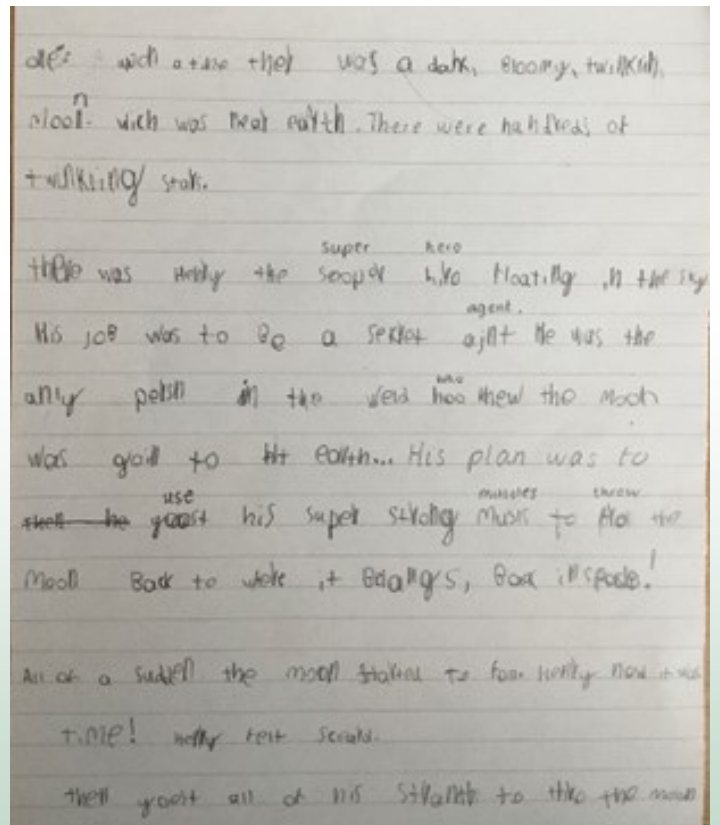
Well done Year 6 for an amazing Term 5!

Highlights from this term

What a fun term **Year 2** have had! There has been many exciting learning opportunities both in school and on their school trip to Drusillas, this really was a highlight!

As we move further into the year, Year 2 are starting to develop their independence with their writing using all of the skills they have learnt over the year.

This week the children had freedom to write a story about anything they wanted, developing a character, describing a setting and coming up with a problem for their character!



We also started work on Fractions in maths, finding a half and half of an amount.

After half term we will be beginning to look at quarters and then moving onto telling the time!

Reading has been a big focus this term with so many of the children now on Accelerated Reader!

All the children work together to support each others reading, showing active listening.



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FRIENDS NEWS

Coming up in June...



House T-shirts & Caps: order by 6 June

You can now order a House Colour t-shirt and cap for your child to wear on Sports Day. **Order by Friday 6 June** and your items will arrive at school ahead of Sports Day. T shirts/caps are £8 each.

> Order today at: pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa



WANTED! Used Uniform: Mon 9-Fri 13 June

We would love donations of used school uniform for our next pre-loved sale: **logo items, ties and PE shorts only**. Bring them in during Mon 9 - Fri 13 June. Good quality please; no rips or stains.

> Drop into the box inside main entrance doors, during 9-13 June

Fun for all the family...



Tuesday 8 July, 3.15-5pm, School field

You're warmly invited to the field after school on **Tuesday 8 July** for our fun-filled Stay&Play afternoon: **games, inflatables, hotdogs, ice cream and more!**

We'll need a little help to make it run smoothly, so if you can lend a hand, please pop your name on the rota when it comes out next term. More info soon!

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.



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

GET SPORTS DAY READY

House Colour t-shirts & caps are now available to order for Sports Day

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ORDER BY FRIDAY 6 JUNE

Orders will arrive at school office in time for Sports Day.
You will be notified by email when they are ready for collection.

All proceeds will go towards making improvements to the school field - thank you for your support



SPORTS DAY 2025 4 JULY

BEDE'S SWIM SCHOOL

Bede's Prep School is delighted to announce the launch of its Swim School, which runs dedicated swimming lessons for children aged 4 years and older. We offer Swim England Learn to Swim Stage 1-2 lessons, on Tuesday evenings at Bede's Prep School.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Block 2: 22nd April - 20th May
- Block 3: 3rd June - 8th July
- Block 4: 9th September - 7th October
- Block 5: 4th November - 2nd December

SESSION TIMES:

- Session 1: 5:45pm - 6:15pm
- Session 2: 6:15pm - 6:45pm
- Session 3: 6:45pm - 7:15pm

DETAILS:

- £60 per block of five lessons
- Max of 5 swimmers per class
- Complete registration form to book

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Ocklynge Junior School, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, BN20 6XN

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Tuesday 27th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025

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PRICES

Breakfast Club (07:45-08:45) - £6.50 per session
Half Camp Day (08:45-12:00) - £15.00 per session (Aged 4 Only)
Main Camp Day (08:45-15:15) - £27.50 per session (Aged 5-11 Only)
After Camp Club (15:15-16:15) - £6.50 per session

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