



English Martyrs Newsletter

15th March 2026

Our Mission Statement

To accept each individual as they are and to enable them to develop their full potential within a Christ-centred, worshipping community in a spirit of love, happiness and understanding



4th Sunday of Lent

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one." Others said, "No, he only looks like him." The man himself said, "I am the man." Some of the Pharisees did not believe that Jesus had healed him and they drove him away. Jesus heard about this and when he found the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped Jesus.

John 9:1-38

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Weaving

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard in their textiles DT lessons and recently completed a fantastic project inspired by the Anglo-Saxons. The children designed and wove their own Anglo-Saxon money pouches using wool, carefully planning their patterns and colours before bringing their ideas to life on the loom. They thoroughly enjoyed learning the weaving techniques and showed great patience and creativity throughout the process. We are very proud of the effort they put into designing and creating their pouches!



Big Lent Walk

This year our school will be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, joining hundreds of Catholic schools and parishes across the country to help provide life-saving clear water for communities in need.

CAFOD uses the funds raised to build water systems, such as community cisterns, which transform daily life for families who currently have to walk long distances for clean water.

Our walk will take place on the morning of Tuesday 24th March (timings to follow). Parents, friends and family are warmly invited to join us—and you might even choose to get sponsored too, so that together we can make an even bigger difference to the lives of our global neighbours.

I have attached a copy of the sponsor form to this newsletter, and we will give our paper copies this week. We would be very grateful if all

sponsorship money could be returned by Friday 27th March (the last day of term).



Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th Mar	KS2 visit from Author David Fuller
Monday 16th Mar	Rocksteady Concert 9.30am parents welcome
Tuesday 17th Mar	Year 5 & 6 Annie show at Oscar Romero
Wednesday 18th Mar	Class photos
Wednesday 18 th Mar	*Date change* Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 19th Mar	Fire Brigade visit Year 1 & 2
Thursday 19th Mar	Online Parent Talk: Let's Talk About Our Kids & their Tech, 7 – 8.30 p.m.
Monday 23 rd Mar	Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 24th Mar	Big Lent Walk a.m.
Tuesday 24th Mar	SEN Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 26 th Mar	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
Thursday 26th Mar	Year 5 Fire Brigade visit
Thursday 26 th Mar	Year 2 Class Liturgy, parents welcome from 2.45pm
Friday 27 th Mar	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 27th Mar	Spring Disco— KS1 4.45-6.15pm KS2 6.45-8.15pm

Summer Term Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th Apr	Children return to school after Easter break
Thursday 23rd Apr	KS1 Hedgehog visit
Friday 24th Apr	Year 3 Egyptian workshop
Tuesday 12th May	Year 1 Arundel Wetlands visit
Thursday 14th May	Year 4 Lodge Hill day visit
Friday 22nd May	May Procession—Details TBC
Friday 22nd May	Last day of half term
Monday 25th to 29th	May Half Term
Monday 1st June	Inset Day
Tuesday 2nd June	Children return to school
Tuesday 2nd—5th June	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 11th June	Year 4 Fishbourne Roma Villa trip
Tuesday 16th June	Year 5 Life of Christ play trip
Thursday 2nd—3rd July	Year 5 Blacklands Farm Trip

Online Parent Talk about Children and Technology

Last week, we sent out an invite to parents about a talk taking place at St. Oscar Romero's about Smartphone Free Childhoods last Wednesday. We know that it may have been tricky to attend in person, so wanted to highlight that there is an online Papaya talk about this for West Sussex parents this Thursday, 19th March from 7 p.m.—8.30 p.m. More information can be found on page 4 and the link for booking has been sent out with the newsletter. Please do attend if you are able.



Andy's London Marathon fundraiser for Friends of PICU

Andy Banks (dad of Pep in Year 1) is going to be running the London Marathon this year to raise funds for Friends of PICU. The Friends fundraise to buy equipment, fund major projects, desensitise the medical environment and to buy a new ambulance for the Children's Intensive Care Unit at Southampton University Hospital. This charity is close to the family's heart and will continue to support them in the future, so it would be amazing if members of our school community would sponsor Andy. The link to his Just Giving page is:

www.justgiving.com/page/andy-banks-4

Thank you in advance for anything you can spare for this great cause.

Sports Update

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 Girls Football team who represented the school really well at an event at Windlesham House School this week. Although we lost our each of our matches 1-0, they were really close with the teams very evenly matched. We did then win during the our friendly match against Windlesham House, and I was so proud of the way that the girls refined their play in each game and showed great sportsmanship.



NRG Juniors Easter Camp

Join us for a fun-filled Easter netball camp, where junior players can develop skills and enjoy. Everyone welcome!

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March
at Worthing College
9am-12 - yrs 2-5
1pm-4pm - yrs 6-9

£15 per session

Email admin@nrgnetball.co.uk for a booking form



Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce the upcoming Sussex Jam Basketball Camp for children aged between 6 and 16 taking place at Worthing High School.

Camp Dates:

30 March
31 March
7 April
8 April

Time:

9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost : £35.00 per day.

For players who would like extra time to work on their skills, we are also offering an optional Breakfast Club from 8:00am – 9:00am for £5.

Our camps focus on skill development, confidence building, and creating a fun and inclusive environment for young players to enjoy basketball.

Children eligible for HAF (children aged between 8 and 16) can attend the camp free of charge. If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact us at:

sussexsummerjam@gmail.com

You can also check out the work we do on Instagram: [@sussex_jam](https://www.instagram.com/sussex_jam)

We look forward to seeing you at camp.

Best regards,

Sussex Jam Basketball

JUNIOR PADEL OPEN DAY



● WHERE?

PADEL PROJECT UK,
WORTHING RFC, ROUNDSTONE LN,
ANGMERING, BN16 4AX

● WHEN?

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2026
10:00AM - 2:00PM

- ✓ FREE TASTER SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
- ✓ NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- ✓ RACKETS PROVIDED
- ✓ ALL SESSIONS RUN BY QUALIFIED PADEL COACHES



JUNIOR PADEL OPEN DAY

Our Junior Open Day is the perfect way for children to try padel in a fun, friendly environment.

Across the day, we'll be running free 45-minute taster sessions led by our qualified coaches, alongside free play opportunities. Sessions are suitable for all abilities, whether your child is completely new to padel or already plays.

JUNIOR PADEL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Looking for something active and fun during the school holidays? Our Junior Holiday Camps combine coaching, games and matchplay in a safe, supportive environment.

Easter Holidays • May Half Term • Summer Holidays

GET IN TOUCH WITH RYAN TO FIND OUT MORE:

☎ 07435 058644 ✉ ryan@padelprojectuk.com

Let's talk about our kids and their tech

ONLINE PARENT TALK WITH JENNIFER:

WEST SUSSEX SCHOOLS
THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2026 — 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS:

[BOOKING FORM TO ACCESS ZOOM LINK HERE](#)



Jennifer Powers

Jennifer has been central to the success of the UK's Smartphone Free Childhood movement, serving as a regional leader in London and Surrey. She is co-founder of Smartphone Free Schools Rating and serves as its development director. Jennifer is the founder of the Unplugged Coalition uniting organisations committed to reclaiming childhood from addictive technology.

She is the host of the POWERS UNPLUGGED podcast and a frequent media commentator. A former Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on energy and business, Jennifer has over 25 years of experience in public policy and strategy.

Helping families to thrive in a digital age

Smartphones, social media and screen time are the parenting challenges of our age.

Whether your child already has a smartphone or you are considering delaying until they are older, this talk is for you.

Hard hitting but non-judgemental, Jennifer unpacks the complex issues surrounding addictive technology and helps you find solutions that work for your family.

Topics

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Strategies for delaying the smartphone
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
- Question and discussion time

"The talk is so relevant, full of insight and eye-opening. You will walk away inspired to connect, reflect, and find out more. I highly recommend it."

— Claire Curtis, parent and SFC volunteer.



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page



2nd Durrington Sea Scouts

Spring Fair

Tombola

Hook a duck

games and prizes

Stalls

Free activities

Refreshments

Saturday March 14th

From 11-2

Entry £1



Pond lane, Durrington, BN13 2RH