



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



Lent Walk

Thank you to everyone who managed to contribute for the Lent walk, both volunteers and sponsors. We raised **£238** for Cafod!



English Martyrs Newsletter

10th April 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

Thomas, who was one of the twelve disciples, was not with the others when the risen Jesus came and stood among them. So when the others told him, "We have seen the Lord," Thomas answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors of the house were closed, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, who had doubted that Jesus had risen, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Happy are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"

Taken from John 20: 19—31

Summer Term Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th Apr	Children return to school after Easter
Wednesday 15th Apr	New photos being taken for school website—all children in smartest uniform please.
Friday 17th April	Y2 Woodland Dress up day
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

SEND Parents – Save the Date

We are pleased to share that we have partnered with Elm Grove and Reaching Families to offer new outreach services. The first meeting will be held at **Elm Grove on Tuesday 5th May**. More details will follow soon.

New Picnic Benches

As we look forward to the summer term, new picnic benches have arrived for the school. Thank you to Mr Winter who helped Mr McGuire build our new benches. These replaced the rotten benches outside Year 4 and Year 5 and provide quiet spaces for the children during playtimes as well as an outdoor learning space during lesson times in the summer.

We are also looking forward to whole school lunchtimes outside whenever possible during the summer months.



Payment for Residential trips

Payment deadlines for summer trips for Years 5 & 6 are as follows:

Y5 Blacklands Farm - needs to be paid in full by the 30th April

Y6 Ferny Croft – needs to be paid in full by the 30th April

Trips that are not paid in full by the deadline may result in places being redacted. If you have any issue with making payment,

Sports update

Gymnastics

What a wonderful time we all had at the Year 3/4 Gymnastics event! We were thrilled to celebrate one *gold ribbon winner*, and every child demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. We're pretty sure we also had the loudest cheer squad—thank you to all the parents for your incredible support!

The children worked so hard on their routines, developed their skills beautifully, and even surprised me with some new moves on the day. Well done, everyone!



Time to Dance

Wow—what can I say? I had the most amazing day and evening with our wonderful dance troupe. Throughout rehearsals, the dancers impressed me with their dedication, teamwork, and talent. On the day of the performance, they were polite to organisers and wonderfully encouraging to other schools. We were incredibly proud of each and every one of them.



NFL Flag Football

Well done to our Year 6 team who represented the school at an NFL Flag Football competition at Windlesham House. We were one of eleven teams competing in the event, many coming from far and wide and several were representing independent schools. We came a very commendable fourth place, and Mrs Whattingham was really impressed with the children's team spirit and the way that they supported one another.



Regional Finals of the EFSA Pokemon Small Schools Football



On Wednesday 23rd March we took a Year 5/6 football team to represent the school—and the whole of Sussex—at the small schools football at the regional final at Thamesmead. The teams who came first and second went through to the National Finals; whilst we just missed out, coming in third place, the team could not have put in more effort or showed greater determination. To get this far in a national tournament is a enormous achievement and the boys should be so proud of themselves as we certainly are!

Year 5 Netball Tournament

I was so impressed with the children who took part in the Year 5 Netball Tournament at Worthing College. For many of them, this was their first time playing in a tournament, and not only did they have to content with full size posts, they also had to rotate positions every game so needed to know all the different roles in the games. They held their own in every game, and there was some fabulous shooting and great defending from our players. A special well done to Chloe and Hope from Year 4 who stepped in to make up the numbers.



Sport surveys

Is your child interested in taking part in summer term sporting events? Please fill out the sport surveys to register their interest:

KS1 sports survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/EYfH1Cyb9r>

Year 3/4 sports survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SF5pqjVVJB>

Year 5/6 sports survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5z2j2VQzwe>

These links have also been sent via the app.

The results of these surveys will be used to create invite lists for each event.



Sewing Club Spring Term

During the Spring Term the members of sewing club have been working hard to complete a mini cross stitch which was then mounted in a coaster. This required the children to be very focused as they need to follow a pattern to create the pictures on the plain piece of aida. Well done to Sewing Club—your coasters look amazing!



Late pickups

If you are running late to collect your child at the end of the day, please let us know by calling the office.

Children that are not collected by 3.25pm will be sent to after school club where an automatic charge will be incurred.

The school office closes at 3.30pm.

Smartest Uniform on Wednesday 15th April!

We are going to be having photos taken of the school in action on the morning of Wednesday 15th April to update our website, so please can you make sure that your child is in their smartest uniform. As a reminder, for PE the children should be wearing red shorts or navy jogging bottoms; black cycle shorts can be worn underneath if wished but not instead of shorts / joggers. Also, the children should wear **black** school shoes and skirts / pinafores should be grey knee length; leggings are not part of school uniform. If you have any queries about uniform expectations, please have a look at our Pupil Dress Code policy on the website or contact the office. Thank you for your support.



The Worthing Society presents 'The Pioneers of Worthing'

Exhibition at Colonnade House Tuesday 7th - Saturday 11th April



Discover the Pioneers who built our Town

WATCH the Transition from Fishing Village to bustling Seaside Resort through our interactive audio and visual display. Guided Walks taking place Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th. Pioneers Talk on Saturday 11th. (All at 2pm) For more information and to book onto an event visit: <https://colonnadehouse.co.uk/whats-on/>

Exhibition open every day 10am-5pm
Self guided Trail and Quiz
Email: contact@worthingsociety.org.uk
for more information



April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm



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Sussex parent

Summer Show Term

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PRESENTS:
**CHICKEN HEARTED
FOX**



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DRAMA KIDS SUSSEX
PRESENTS:
**LEAGUE OF
FREAKY CREATURES**



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PRESENTS:
**HOW THE LION GOT THEIR
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