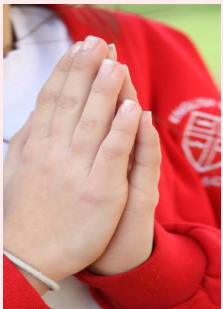




Our Mission Statement

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



English Martyrs Newsletter

24th April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock. When the shepherd has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger, but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers." The disciples failed to understand what Jesus meant. So Jesus spoke to them again: "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. But I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

John 10:1-10

Year 3 Butser Farm Trip

Year 3's visit to Butser Ancient Farm was a brilliant opportunity for the children to step back in time and deepen their understanding of our topic, The Stone Age to Iron Age. They explored reconstructed Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age buildings, and gained a vivid sense of how people lived thousands of years ago. The day was packed with hands on activities, including digging for artefacts, chalk carving, and other practical tasks that brought history to life. It was a wonderful experience filled with curiosity, learning and lots of fun.



KS1 Football.

Last week the KS1 football team attended their first tournament. We were impressed by their enthusiasm and teamwork. Well done to Giuseppe and Seb who made some great saves. Thank you to Mrs W who supported the team for the tournament. We are looking forward to seeing how these young stars develop their football skills in the future.



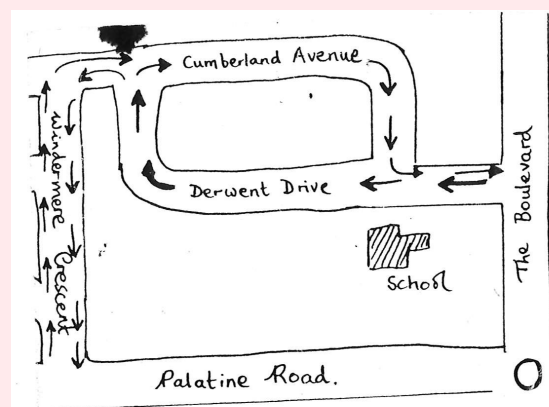
Year 4 Meet Some Fury Friends

We were thrilled to welcome some very special visitors into Year 4 this week – adorable guinea pigs! The children were so excited to see them up close, learning about how they are cared for, what they like to eat, and how to handle them gently and kindly. There were lots of smiles, curious questions, and quiet giggles as the guinea pigs explored and snuggled. It was a wonderful, hands-on experience that everyone will remember!



Parking

We are receiving an increased number of complaints about inconsiderate or illegal parking. This poses a safety risk to your children and the local community. Please could we ask you to avoid blocking driveways, not park on curb or close to the corners of roads. According to Rule 243 of the Highway Code, you should not park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction or on a bend, except in an authorised parking space. Parking on corners creates dangerous blind spots, restricts visibility for turning vehicles, and can cause unnecessary obstruction, which may result in a fine. Please ensure you always park safely and legally.



We do have a voluntary one way system around Derwent Drive and Cumberland Avenue. This reduces traffic congestion and avoids the risk of accidents. Please see the map for the recommended route.

New Parking Bollards for School

We would like to thank the Friends who have secured a 50% grant towards road safety bollards to stop cars stopping in dangerous places outside our school. The Ellie Thornton Foundation was established in 2017 by Ben and Vicky Thornton in memory of Ellie Georgia Thornton, aged 11, who tragically died after she was involved in a road traffic accident in West Sussex, as she walked to school in March 2017. They kindly gave money towards our cause and you'll soon see the stand-out road bollards in place every day on Derwent Drive.

Summer Term Dates for your Diary

May

Monday 4th	Bank Holiday—School closed
Tuesday 5th	Mass for English Martyrs Day—parents welcome. Time TBC.
Monday 11th	Year 6 SATs week starts.
Tuesday 12th	Year 1 Arundel Wetlands visit
Thursday 14th	Year 4 Lodge Hill day visit
Friday 22nd	May Procession—Details TBC
Friday 22nd	Last day of half term
Monday 25th to Friday 29th	May Half Term

June

Monday 1st	Inset Day
Tuesday 2nd	Children return to school
Tuesday 2nd—5th	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 11th	Year 4 Fishbourne Roma Villa trip
Tuesday 16th	Year 5 Life of Christ play trip
Tuesday 23rd	Sports Day KS2 in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon
Tuesday 30th	Year 5 Deanery Conference and Sports Day at St Oscar Romero's

July

Thursday 2nd—3rd	Year 5 Blacklands Farm Trip
Tuesday 14th	Year 5 Samba Workshop
Thursday 16th	Year 5 Zoolab experience

JOIN TODAY!



Are you looking for a fun way for girls 5-11 to get involved with football? Then look no further!

We are recommending our **WILDCATS** sessions for the spring period Wednesday 17:30 - 18:30

New players should email for more information or to confirm attendance: enquiries@worthingtownfc.com



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- Riding and Mounted games
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- Make new friends

Dates:
28th and 29th of May 2026
Time: 9:30 am - 2:00pm
Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day
By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £40 deposit. You will then be invoiced for the outstanding amount on the 15th of May

Links for Booking

[mindfulness pony day 28th of May](#) [mindfulness pony day 29th of May](#)

May half term fun

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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- U9's girls to join an existing team
- Manager for new U8's girls team

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Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person in West Sussex who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, advice, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

TRAINING

SUMMER TERM 2026



WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge in Adolescence	Tuesday 21st April	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Masling	Thursday 23rd April	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Monday 27th April	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Communication skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 28th April	7.30 - 9 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Wednesday 6th May	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessment and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 7th May	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Autism in Girls	Thursday 14th May	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Tuesday 19th May	10.30am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of SEN Support at School	Wednesday 20th May	7.30 - 9.30 pm

THE SEND FOUNDATION COURSE

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parent-carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.	Wednesday, 22nd & 29th April	10.00 am - 1.15 pm
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All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

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Parent Support Groups

Summer Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

14th Apr / 5th May / 2nd Jun / 30th Jun

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

22nd Apr / 13th May / 3rd Jun / 1st Jul

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

21st Apr / 12th May / 16th Jun / 7th Jul

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

7.30 - 9pm

23rd Apr / 14th May / 11th Jun / 9th Jul

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

15th Apr / 20th May / 17th Jun / 15th Jul

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub

28th Apr / 19th May / 23rd Jun / 14th Jul

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Arun West Family Hub

30th Apr / 21st May / 25th Jun / 16th Jul

If you would like more information about Umbrellas or the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact our outreach team.

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