



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 12th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." Then Jesus told them this story: "There was a king with many servants. One of them owed the king an enormous amount of money. The servant could not pay so he begged for more time to pay his debt. The king felt so sorry for him that he let him go and even cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him a very small amount of money; but he would not give him time to pay and instead had him thrown into prison. When the news reached the king, he sent for the unforgiving servant. 'You wicked servant,' the king said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' Then the king sent the unforgiving servant to prison to be punished."

Adapted from Matt. 18:21-35

Wellie and Splash suits reminders

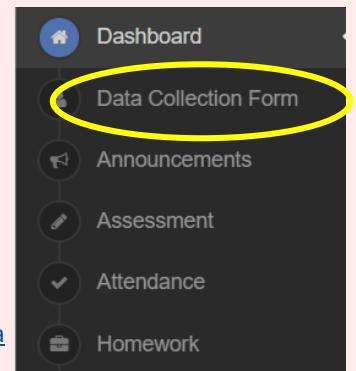
As the weather starts to turn wetter, please can we remind **everyone** to bring in wellies and splash suits / waterproof coats and trousers for playtimes. We have some new equipment for playtimes and want the children out enjoying it as much as possible. A couple of pairs of spare socks or tights in your child's school bag (with a small bag for wet ones to go into) would also be really helpful— Tuesday's downpours proved that our children are very enthusiastic puddle jumpers and spare dry socks were in short supply that day!



Update of Student Details.

We would be grateful if everyone could check their children's details on the MCAS App. If the data is incorrect please use the amend facility to send a request to change the details. Once completed, please fill the following survey to list the contact you want associated with your children and who may collect them from school..

[2026 - 2027 Data Collection Form](#)
[- Fill out form](#)



School Meals

Firstly, thank you for your patience as the school meals booking system as been introduced. It has not been an easy time and the teething troubles with getting the new system rolled out have not been unique to our school but have been experienced elsewhere. Although booking has been problematic, the school meals do look and taste very impressive so we would urge you to encourage your child to try them out. There is a lot of variety on the menu so hopefully you will find some meals they will like.

Looking ahead to 1st October, it will be Census Day. For this day we ask that all Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children plus anyone on Free School Meals to order a meal for your child. This will help increase the funding for the school. Your help is very much appreciated.





Jeans for Genes Day—Friday 18th September

Children are invited to wear denim clothing (jeans, skirts, dresses or jackets) on Friday in place of their usual school uniform. We will be collecting donations at the school gates, and any amount you are able to give will be gratefully received.

We have chosen to support Jeans for Genes Day because it reflects the values that underpin our school community. Through our values of Respect, Inspire, Belief and Community, we aim to help children understand and value the experiences of others, while recognising that everyone is unique. The day also links closely to our mission of *accepting each individual as they are*, helping to promote a culture of belonging, understanding and inclusion for all.

Thank you for helping us support this worthwhile cause.

Dates for 2026—2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2026

September

Monday 14th	Year 2 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
Tuesday 15th	Year 2 Goodwood Farm trip Year 4 Lodge Hill trip Year 1 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
Wednesday 16th	Year 6 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
Thursday 17th	Year 3 Welcome Meeting 2.45pm
Friday 18th	'Jeans for Genes' day
Wednesday 23rd	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and Grandparents Day from 2.30pm
Thursday 24th	Year 3 Chichester Harbour trip
Friday 25th	Year 5 trip to Science Observatory at Herstmonceux Castle
Monday 28th	Whole school Kapla workshop

October

Friday 2nd	Inset Day—school closed for children
Wednesday 14th	Parents Evening
Friday 16th	Early Years Six Week in Meeting for parents.
Saturday 17th	Cross Country at The Gallops. Times to be confirmed.
Monday 19th	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st	Year 6 trip to Bluebell Railway
Monday 26th	Half Term begins
Friday 30th	End of Half Term

Reminder to all —please check MCAS to give permission for trips and pay any outstanding contributions. Thank you.

PE Days

Monday

Year 2, Year 3, Year 4,
Year 5, Year 6

Tuesday

Year 1

Wednesday

Year 2, Year 4, Year 5

Thursday

Year 1

Friday

Year 3, Year 6

Early Years to be confirmed

Statutory Proposal launch for Palatine Primary School satellite site

The statutory consultation for the creation of a satellite site for Palatine Primary School is now underway. The consultation will run for 4 weeks from Thursday 10 September until Thursday 8 October 2026 at 11.55pm.

The consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on the proposed creation of a satellite site for Palatine Primary School at the former Lyndhurst school site. Responding to this consultation will help us to understand the potential impact, both positive and negative, that this proposal may have to the local community and across West Sussex.

The consultation document can be viewed following this link: <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/expansion-of-palantine-school>

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact schoolconsultations@westsussex.gov.uk

1. Email to Parents

Dear Parent,

Find out how to keep your child safe online.

Don't forget that the Online Safety Hub is now live! You can access it for free here:

<https://virtualit.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent.

It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

We're also offering you as a parent, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any individual device and free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world. Block dangerous content, introduce screen-free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more. Follow the link to create your free account

https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=OSHub&utm_campaign=virtualit

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If you have any questions on any of the above, please get in touch.