English Martyrs Newsletter
16th October 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



Twenty- Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Pharisees devised a plan to trap Jesus. They sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Tell us, then, what you think about this question. Is it right to pay tax to the Emperor Caesar or not?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why do you set this trap for me? Show me the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." *from Matthew 22:15-21*



Year 3 and 4 Multi Skill Event

In September, a team of Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in an exciting multi-skills event, where they tested their football, hockey and throwing skills through a range of fun challenges. The children showed great teamwork, determination and enthusiasm throughout the event, earning an impressive 3rd place finish out of 11 schools. We are incredibly proud of how well they represented our school!

Coats and wet weather gear

Please remember to send in waterproof clothing for outdoor play. This should be wellies and a coat & trousers / an all-in-one, kept in school for those unexpected rainy days. On the first day back after half-term each class will have an extra playtime to practice changing quickly before heading out with some mini-water pistols for some wet weather fun! There will also be hot chocolate afterwards. Please make sure your child is fully kitted out by then so they can be part of the fun!

First Holy Communion

If your child is due to make their First Holy Communion in 2027, you can now register with your parish Church.
Forms for English Martyrs Church are available at the Sacristy
Forms for St Michael's Church are available from the school office or the parish office.

Preparation for the sacrament will start in the new year.



Request for Donations

There will be a donation station wheelie bin in the nook near the gates to the playground. Things we are ideally looking for:
-Spare wellies and waterproofs
-Any large cardboard
-Plastic crates for children to stand on
-Large fabric like duvets, sheets. curtains, netting, tarpaulin, ropes
-Dolls/ figures etc
-Sofa cushions, suitcases, foam padding, pool noodles.
-Pots, pans, cutlery and utensils
-Watering cans, pipes, gutters, trays, tyres, planks, gardening equipment
-Bubble machines and wands
-Dressing up costumes and adult clothes (for dressing up)
-Scooters

KS2 Cricket

Recently the KS2 children have enjoyed cricket session at school. If your child would like to continue playing cricket out of school hours, the Sussex Cricket Foundation runs various **FREE STREET CRICKET HUBS** around the county. Free of charge to attend, taking place indoors with no kit or experience needed. For more information go to: https://sussexcricket.co.uk/sussex-cricket-foundation/kids-cricket/chance-shine-street

Dates for 2026—2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2026

October

Monday 19th	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st	Year 6 trip to Bluebell Railway
Monday 26th	Half Term begins
Friday 30th	End of Half Term

November

Monday 2nd	School reopens for Autumn 2
Monday 16th—Thursday 19th	Early Years Balance Bikes
Monday 16th	Year 3 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Tuesday 17th	Year 2 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Wednesday 18th	Early Years Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
	Year 5 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Thursday 19th	Year 1 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
	Year 4 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Friday 20th	Year 6 Open Class. Parents welcome to view their children's work 2.45pm-3pm
Monday 30th	Early Years Trip to St Michael's Church

December

Friday 4th	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal—younger siblings welcome 10.45am
Monday 7th	KS1 Nativity— (no younger siblings please) 9.30am
Tuesday 8th	KS1 Nativity— (no younger siblings please) 2pm
Thursday 10th	KS2 Advent Service Dress Rehearsal—younger siblings welcome 9.30am
Friday 11th	KS2 Advent Service— (no younger siblings please) 2pm
Monday 14th	KS2 Advent Service— (no younger siblings please) 9.30pm
Thursday 17th	Advent Mass 2pm—all welcome
Friday 18th	End of Autumn Term 2

Spring Term 2027

January

Monday 4th	Inset day—School closed for children
Tuesday 5th	School Reopens to children for Spring term

February

Monday 15th	Half Term begins
Friday 19th	End of Half term
Monday 22nd	Children return to school

March

Wednesday 24th	School breaks up for Easter Holiday

TREE FESTIVAL 2026

ATTENTION TREE LOVERS!

Rampion Visitor Centre

This half-term... at the Rampion Visitor Centre

The winning photos from the
2026 Sussex Tree Photography Competition
will be on display.

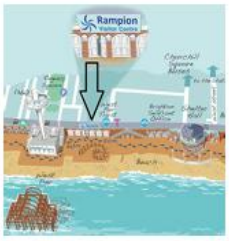
Visitors are encouraged to write about their love for trees on a leaf and add it to our display.

There will also be a treasure hunt and fun quizzes to complete!

So, please visit us this half term, to celebrate your love of trees, and of course, to learn more about the Rampion windfarm!

FREE ENTRY - & FREE VR!!







Open 9.30 am – 5.00 pm
(closed on Mondays)
Tel. 01273 728425

TRAINING
Autumn Term 2026





WORKSHOPS

Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Tuesday 8th September	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Masking	Tuesday 15th September	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessment and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 17th September	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge (age 2-11 years)	Friday 25th September	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Monday 28th September	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Resilience skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 29th September	10.30 am - 12 pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Monday 12th October	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Wednesday 14th October	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Autism in Girls	Monday 19th October	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.	Wednesdays 23rd & 30th September	10 am - 1.15 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

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

SCAN ME

All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com

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www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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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

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

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk
Telephone: 01903 366 360

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UMBRELLAS
Parent Support Groups
Autumn 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
8th Sep / 6th Oct / 3rd Nov / 1st Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas
Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas
Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
22nd Sep / 20th Oct / 17th Nov / 15th Dec

Umbrellas Online
Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 - 9pm
10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 10th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas
Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
16th Sep / 21st Oct / 18th Nov / 16th Dec

Shoreham Umbrellas
Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
15th Sep / 13th Oct / 10th Nov / 8th Dec

Bognor Regis Umbrellas
Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
24th Sep / 22nd Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

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

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Come along to our Christmas Fair

at Goring Methodist Church

Sat 21 November

10.30 - 1.00

Festive Refreshments
Cakes and Bakes
Tombola
Books, Crafts... and...

CAN ONLY TAKE CASH

Father Christmas!

Santa's Grotto £7 ticket to include present, selfie and Christmas crafts.
Tickets can be bought in advance via treasurer@goringmethodistchurch.org.uk

GO ALL IN.

west sussex county council

Books About Books!

Are you overdue some fun? Treat yourshelf to a brilliant book-themed storytime and check out our novel crafts!



Friday 30 October

11.00am - 12.00pm

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

West Sussex Library Service

Goring Library
Mulberry Lane, BN12 4NR
01903 244300
goring.library@westsussex.gov.uk

Children's Halloween Craft Bags

St Symphorian's Church DURRINGTON



10 crafts including materials and glue— just add scissors

Saturday 31st October

Crafts can be completed at home or in the church between 10am - 11:30am

£3.50 per bag

For children up to 12years

St Symphorian's Church

Durrington Hill BN13 2PU

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