



Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Residential are so important to help children develop confidence and have the courage to try new experiences.; We recognise what a financial burden these can be and really appreciate the contributions that make the experience possible. Lodge Hill is a 2-day experience costing in the region of £150 and PGL is a 5 day experience costing approximately £500. This is a considerable amount of money but the children blossom before our eyes. I was particularly touched by two children, who had been very unsure about attending. They both shared privately how much the experience had helped them to recognise that their fears were sometimes worth challenging as they were surprised by how much they had enjoyed themselves! Please see the photos on the next page.



Curriculum Spotlight

This summer term, Ladybird Class are learning about our wonderful world. We have started by planting lots of plants in our garden inspired by a story called Eddie's Garden. We have been caring for these by watering them in the warm weather. Miss Anderson has also been helping us look after eggs. On day 7 Miss Anderson showed us candeling of the eggs and we were amazed to see veins. We are very excited for the next steps.



Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology are consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families. **The consultation closes at 11:59pm on 26 May 2026.** To complete the survey, please click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

HEADLICE IN SCHOOL

It has been brought to our attention that there is a case of head lice in the school, so we ask all parents to be vigilant and check children's hair. For children with long hair, we recommend this be tied up when in school. The attached information sheet may be helpful.

SWIMMING



I am happy to say that our school swimming pool should be ready to use after the May half-term, weather permitting. Each class will be timetabled to swim weekly. In order for the Early Years (Reception and Key Stage 1) swimming sessions to run smoothly, we would be very grateful for help from parents. Please see your child's class teacher as soon as possible if you can help with their swimming sessions.

I am sure you will agree that we are really fortunate to have our own pool, which means children access swimming far more than is required by the National Curriculum, however this does come at a cost, which can only be funded with your continued support. A letter will be going out in the coming days with more information, so please keep a look out for this.

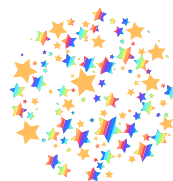
JSA NEWS

Disco tomorrow!

We're very excited for our Summer Term Disco this Friday, 1st May

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to chaperone. This support has enabled both discos to go ahead & is very much appreciated.

Tickets are still on sale at the hut, £5. Or please email The JSA on JolesfieldJSA@gmail.com to request.



We are very grateful to our sponsors for this event, Bank House Electric Gates.



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Music Bingo

Following our fantastically received first Music Bingo event in January, we are bringing it back for a sequel!

Friday 15th May, doors open 7:30 for an 8pm start. (Adults only)

We guarantee an evening of music, singalongs, lots of laughs and a high probability of some *ahem* interesting dancing!

Book your table now to avoid disappointment.

Other dates for your diary

We have pencilled in a few more events for the rest of the year which will be shared with you in due course.

The JSA x



SUITCASE OF SUCCESS



*** ROLL OF HONOUR ***

We are delighted to celebrate our children's successes, both within and outside of school.

In this week's newsletter, we congratulate the following children on their recent achievements:

Football

Player of the Week

Lenny T (Y2)

Rugby

Players' Player

Bradley P (Y2)

Skiing

Alpine Ski Certificate

Teddy U-V (Y2)

Swimming

Level 1

Alesha K (Y1)

Level 4

Lilah E (Y3)

Worthing Aquathlon

1st Place

Layla C (Y3)

Football

Manager's Player

Freddie W (Y2)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

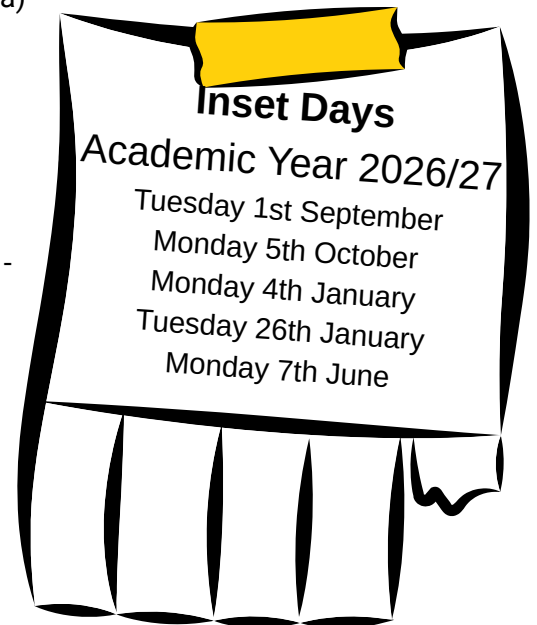
1st May - JSA Disco
4th May - Bank Holiday
7th May - **Y5/6** Tag Rugby Tournament @ Henfield
w/c 11th May - **Y6** SATS Week
12th May - **EY/KS1** trip to Wakehurst Place
19th May - **Y2** New Wharf Farm - drivers needed
15th May - **Y6** End-of-SATS celebration @ KGV Playing Fields
15th May - JSA Music Bingo
20th May - **Y6** Chanctonbury Music Festival SGS - evening (+ afternoon rehearsal - only for chn attending the evening) - drivers needed
21st May - John Milne MP visit
22nd May - Inset Day
w/c 25th May - Half-Term
5th June - JSA Non-Uniform Day (donations for PG Village Fete Tombola)
8th June - Sports Day - KS2 AM, KS1 PM
9th June - **Y3 & Y4** New Wharf Farm - drivers needed, please
17th June - **Y6** Stoolball event @ Henfield
24th June - Astracolour (class photos)
1st July - **Y6** Transition Day
1st July - Whole School 'Moving On Up' Day
6th July - **Y6** Leavers' Service @ Christ's Hospital (PM) - drivers required - parents are welcome to stay for the service
8th July - **Y6** Charity Fundraising Event (PM)
10th July - **Y5/6** Athletics Festival @Steyping
13th July - **Y6** Summer Production (PM)
14th July - **Y6** Summer Production (AM)
14th July - **Y6** Science Workshop (PM)
15th July - **Y6** Summer Production (PM)
22nd July - **Y6** Leavers' Assembly
22nd July - Last Day of Term



HELP NEEDED!

We're looking for one or two parents to help us sand, clean, fill and paint a boat in our Spiritual Garden. If you have any spare hours, either after school or at a weekend (unless you have a DBS check), please contact the office.

THANK YOU!



Thought for the Week



May Day is just around the corner, and many of us are looking forward to a long bank holiday this weekend! May Day is generally celebrated on the first Monday in May and is seen as a celebration of spring and the rebirth taking place in nature. It only became a bank holiday in 1978 but its origins as a day of celebration go back over two thousand years! It falls roughly between the spring equinox and the summer solstice, and celebrations were associated with seeds of the new crops having been planted. Farm labourers were given a day off, hence why it's known as 'labour day' in some countries. However you spend May Day, enjoy yourselves!

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3: 23-24

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Head Lice Procedures

Head lice are not dangerous and do not spread disease, but cause anxiety and distress amongst parents. They can cause discomfort to the child.

The role of families:

What we expect from you:

- Check for head lice, ideally using detection combing on wet hair, once a week
- If live lice are discovered, treat the infestation as soon as possible
- Undertake contact tracing (see details below)



What are head lice?

A head louse is a tiny, wingless insect that can attach itself to a person's hair, where it feeds on extremely small amounts of blood from the scalp.

They can only move to another head by crawling from hair to hair when the heads physically touch.

Head lice lay eggs around the roots and on the hair – it is the eggs that are more commonly seen in children than the lice.



- Some head lice facts.....
- Head lice have nothing to do with cleanliness. Anyone can have lice. Lice love everyone!
- The eggs take 7 to 10 days to hatch.
- "Nits" are the empty egg of a head louse after hatching.
- "Nymphs" are immature head lice, reaching maturity between 7-13 days. Before this they are unable to lay eggs, or move to another head.
- They can live for up to 40 days.
- Lice are programmed to want to move to another head and can move quickly when disturbed – a louse can travel up to 23cm in a minute.
- They cannot jump, swim or fly, only crawl from head to head, so they are not quite the all action heroes we might think.
- After mating, a female louse can store the sperm in a container in her body, so she does not need to mate again to continue producing eggs.
- Head lice only live on human beings, not on other animals.

The role of the school:

What you can expect from us:

- Advise parents on the nature of head lice infestations and the means of controlling them (this leaflet/newsletters). We will no longer send out head lice infestation alerts.
- If staff suspect a child has head lice, we will contact the parent and ask them to assess and/or treat the child ASAP.
- Individual reports will be kept confidential.
- Staff will be vigilant for untreated/persistent cases of head lice infestation and will arrange a meeting with the school nurse for parents of children who persistently have head lice.
- Children will not be excluded because of head lice.

How to treat head lice

We recommend 2 methods of treating head lice:

Head lice treatment lotion:

Use a medicated lotion or spray that kill head lice in all types of hair. You can buy these from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Comb thoroughly after treatment, one section of hair at a time.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to check whether they are suitable for use on your child and how long they should be left in the hair.



Wet combing for treatment. Using a good quality head lice detection comb, such as the Nitty Gritty comb, comb the whole of the head in sections from the roots to the ends.

This method works better on wet hair, as the head lice find it more difficult to stay on the hair. Using conditioner and combing before rinsing it out is also very effective.

Repeat every day or two for two weeks.



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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

May 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

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| School Anxiety | 4 May 10am |
| Understanding Anger | 4 May 7pm |
| Facing Defiance | 5 May 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 5 May 7pm |
| Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness | 11 May 10am |
| Anxiety Explained | 11 May 7pm |
| Introduction to OCD | 12 May 10am |
| What is ACT? | 12 May 7pm |
| Decreasing Depression | 18 May 10am |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 18 May 7pm |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 19 May 10am |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 19 May 7pm |
| Autism: Improving Communication | 25 May 10am |
| Improving Family Communication | 25 May 7pm |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 26 May 10am |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 26 May 7pm |
| FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep | 28 May 7-8pm |

Once Upon a Storytime...



Step back in time this half term for some spellbinding stories and a charming craft activity



Tuesday 26 May 2026

3.00pm - 4.00pm

Suitable for children aged 4+

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



PARTRIDGE GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Together with St Michael's CoE

THURSDAY 28th May

10.30am—1pm

Theme: PENTECOST:

What's that all about?

Intrigued? Join us and find out
We'll have fun as we explore the Bible
through stories, Messy crafts, songs and games,
followed by a lunch together.

**Ages: Primary School mostly, but younger ones are
more than welcome too!**

**Big or small, Messy Church is for all - *It's a 'Family
Thing' :-)* (children must be accompanied)**

**Our sessions are free;
donations on the day are welcome.**

but NOT ESSENTIAL!!

Learn to Swim Programme & Aquatic Teen Development Sessions

For children aged 4-16 years



Location

Windlesham House School, Washington, RH20 4AY
Beautiful 25m indoor swimming pool



Term Time Courses

Learn to Swim Classes run throughout the school term on Sundays

Teen Sessions: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Sundays



Why choose us

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What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:

28 and 29th of May 2026

Time: 9:30 am - 2:00pm

 Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH136NX

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](#)

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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