9TH OCTOBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

There has been so much activity outside of school in the last two weeks and the nice weather has certainly helped support children as they have tried many new activities from Year 6 scaling heights at PGL to Reception developing skills on balance bikes and many children representing the school values brilliantly at cross-country and stall ball events. The sun even shone as we walked to church yesterday to see Year 2 lead an excellent production of The Giant Turnip for our school harvest festival event. Apart from how happy this is making all of us, our guinea pigs, Midnight and Pickle, have also been so happy to spend lots of time outside. The trampoline continues to be an important addition to our playground. If your child is in Ladybirds or a new joiner to the school, please could you reinforce our school safety rules for the trampoline. Children must remove their shoes and socks and only one person can use the trampoline at at ime. Children are only permitted to bounce on feet, bottoms or knees, regardless of how able they are on a trampoline. If you would like to see our risk assessment for the trampoline, please email the office.













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REMINDERS

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

The application process for children due to start school in September 2025 opens on 6th October. You should apply for a place online - www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by 15th January 2026.



The first of our open mornings takes place on 17th October at 9.30am. If you know any families looking for primary school places for their children for next September, please encourage them to come along next Friday. Our promotional flyer is attached; please display or share as widely as possible. Please email the school office to book a place!

OTHER NEWS

REAL LIFE SUPER HEROS



Ladybird Class will be focusing on real life 'superheroes' after half-term. With this in mind, the class would love to welcome visits from parents who are doctors, nurses or the police - we will be receiving a visit from the local fire station next half-term, too. If you're a frontline superhero who would be willing to be grilled by 4 and 5 year olds this term, please let the school office know - thank you!

REQUEST

If you have any unwanted Duplo, dinosaurs or small toy animals (not soft), we would gratefully receive these for our KS1 outside play box. Thank you

DIGITAL NEWS UPDATE

It has been brought to out attention that through the games platform Roblox some children are playing a game that involves creeping up behind someone and then stabbing them. Children have then recreated a version of this into a 'game' on the playground. It is tragic to think of young children being desensitised in this way to something as barbaric as stabbing someone. Please be aware of what your child is accessing if you are allowing them to play games on-line, unsupervised.

CUBS

Henfield Adur Cub Pack run at Jolesfield school every Thursday between 6.30 and 8pm during term time. Cubs are for boys and girls between the ages of 8 yrs and 10 ½ years. We currently have 7 girls. We do lots of outdoor activities as well as indoor activities that are fun and help the children develop skills that go towards achieving badges that gives the young people greater confidence. See photos below for some of the activities we have done in the past year. You may spot some of the cub birdhouses around the school. We are planning our winter camp in January 2026 (in a bunkhouse!) and a district summer camp in June 2026. We like to keep it interesting and fun but safe.

If your child is interested in trying cubs, please go through the link below. If they are unsure, you can come along for the evening also. Children come for a few weeks before they decide to join and they then get invested into the pack and wear their uniforms. We are all volunteers. We have cub places available currently for Thursday nights.

https://henfieldscouts.co.uk/register-your-interest/



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:

Gymnastics Award
Brianna R (Y4)

Aquathon (Woking) - 1st Place
Pippa L (Y3)



Level Up - Dance Competition
Evie May T (Y5)



Cricket Award - 'Teammate of the Year'
Teddy W (Y4)

Stage Coach - Dance Award
Issie P (Y3)

Worthing Mini Rugby Festival
Bradley P (Y2)



Chichester Rugby Festival
Ollie C (Y2)

Summer Reading Challenge
Toby H (Y1) & Autumn B Y4)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

13th October - Y6 Bikeability (throughout the week)
14th & 15th October - Parents' Consultations
16th October - Y3/4 Cross Country event **POSTPONED TO 22ND OCTOBER**
17th October - Open Morning for prospective new parents (9.30 - 10.30am)
17th October - Dress down day for bottle donation
17th October - JSA Movie Night **POSTPONED**
20th October - Y5/6 Boys' Football Tournament
22nd October - Y3/4 Cross Country event (Steyning Primary)
23rd October - Bumblebee & Grasshopper Class - Open Door (3.10 - 3.30pm)
24th October - Open afternoon for prospective new parents (1.30 - 2.30pm)
3rd November - Inset Day
4th November - Y5/6 Glyndebourne (The Railway Children)
10th December - EY/KS1 Nativity (9.30am)
11th December - EY/KS1 Nativity (1.30pm)



JSA NEWS

Dress Down Day – Friday 17th October

Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for bringing a bottle donation for our tombola (alcoholic bottles very much appreciated, if you're able!). All donations will be used for our popular Bottle Tombola at Fireworks Night – thank you in advance!

Fireworks Night – Friday 7th November

Our much-loved Fireworks Night is just around the corner, and we're grateful to our local generous sponsors who are helping make the event possible – Bankhouse Electric Gates, Plysolene & Accountancy & Business Matters.

There are still sponsorship packages available – a great opportunity for local businesses to get involved and gain visibility within Partridge Green and surrounding villages, while supporting the school. Please get in touch with us at jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com if you would like to discuss further. Fireworks Night costs a significant amount to put on so your support really does make a difference!

We Need You!

Fireworks Night is a big event and takes a lot of organising and many hours to set up! To be able to run all the stalls that make the evening so much fun we do need many volunteers on the night – we can't do it without your help. If you're able to lend a hand, even for a short time, please let us know. Many hands make light work!

Dates for the Diary (more information on these events will follow soon)

17th October - Dress Down Day for Bottle Donation
7th November – Fireworks Night
28th November – Merry & Bright Day for Pop Up Shop donation
5th December – Christmas Fair & Grotto
10th December – Pop Up Shop

Thought for the Week



Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day. All schools have a statutory duty of care to their pupils, and at Jolesfield we provide a safe place for children to grow and thrive, whilst recognising that some children may be struggling. Staff understand how to provide support, and ensure that such children have healthy coping strategies to rely on and know where they can go if they need help.

Whilst what is happening in the world around us may make us feel powerless, we can remind ourselves where we do have power. All of us can be kind, and small acts of kindness can have big effects, and not only benefit others but also ourselves.

Let us take a moment to pray for those who might be facing challenges; may they draw strength from God and each other.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."

Psalm 46:1

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Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

If sotheyare eligibletostartschool in September 2026

Apply online!

It'ssimple,convenientand time-saving. Ifyourapplication isreceived after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 6 October 2025**. If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: **Thursday 15 January 2026**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Messy Church

CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH
PARTRIDGE GREEN

Together with St Michael's CoE

THURSDAY 30th Octobee 2025

10.30am—1pm

The Miraculous Catch!

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!!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY & WRAPAROUND CLUBS

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'Learning to live life to the full'

Ofsted (2023) says:

"Pupils exemplify the school's values of 'Thankfulness, Respect, Resilience, Teamwork & Kindness"

"Staff set high expectations for pupils' learning ... they achieve well"



"Pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are supported effectively to follow the samecurriculum as their classmates through adaptations"

OPEN SESSIONS

(For New Entrants or Children Looking to Transfer Schools)

17th October 9:30 - 10:30am

24th October 1:30 - 2:30pm







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Be a part of our aspirational and happy school community. At Jolesfield, we are committed to ensuring a caring, inclusive and welcoming school where every person is valued. We work hard to create an ethos where children are happy, safe and secure so that they thrive in everything they do.

We invite all prospective parents, carers and interested friends to come and visit Jolesfield School - everyone is welcome.

If you would like to attend one of the open sessions in order to see children at work and meet the staff, please RSVP to office@jolesfieldschool.co.uk. Children are welcome too!

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