13TH NOVEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Our Remembrance events have felt particularly poignant, this year, perhaps because of all the dreadful conflicts that are on-going. We are proud of how we use events such as Remembrance Day to teach children about the sacrifices made in WW1 and WW2 but also to reinforce the importance of kindness, tolerance and Jesus's teachings on, 'Treat others as you would like to be treated'. Year 6 visited St. George's Church and were taught by Alison about the lives of some of the villagers, who left to fight in WW1. The children were particularly struck by the number of perspex outlines reflecting the young men, who didn't return. St. Georges is a fascinating church for its historical importance. We were all amazed to see tombs inside the church dating from the Battle of Agincourt. Do feel free to pop into St. George's and see for yourselves. Reverend Alison is very happy for anyone to visit either St. Michael's or St. George's, which are kept open during the day. Year 6 led a fantastic Remembrance Service for KS2, full of facts, poetry, singing and some excellent guitar playing from Mr Taylor. KS1 marked Remembrance in school. In addition, we have been exploring the incredible contributions made by people of colour from the United Kingdom and across the commonwealth. Thank you for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. All donations received help those in need within the Armed Forces community. We'll let you know how much we raise as a school as soon as this figure is shared with us.











Kindness - Teamwork - Positivity - Thankfulness - Respect

Curriculum Spotlight



Year 2 had a very special visit this week from Mrs Eastman's dad, who helped bring Remembrance Day to life in a truly memorable way. He shared a wonderful collection of artifacts, including flags, medals, uniforms, and other pieces of war memorabilia. The children were fascinated to see real items from the past and to hear the stories behind them. It was a meaningful and hands-on way for the class to learn about the importance of remembering those who served and sacrificed for our country.



The children then went on to write beautiful letters of thanks to soldiers showing empathy and understanding of what it would have felt like to have lived during this time.



Dear Soldier,

Thank you for being brave and fighting in the Great War, it must have been terrifying at times. You must have been heartbroken whilst away from your family but you are truly a hero! We hope that you are happy and healthy now and feel proud of all you did. We will always remember you for defending our country.

Thank you again,

The Millipedes



OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - 10TH - 14TH NOVEMBER

This week is National Anti-Bullying week. However, as we are putting a heavier focus on October's Black History Month and Remembrance, we have decided to mark Anti-Bullying week in the new year, and will share more information around this when we return to school after the Christmas break.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October was Black History Month which, this year, had the theme "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," recognising the strength and resilience of Black communities worldwide. We have been spending time in Worship and within classes researching events, in the UK specifically, where people from African and Caribbean backgrounds have their contributions overlooked and ignored. Their significance in British history has, at times, been distorted or misrepresented over the years, so this is the perfect time to shine a light on this aspect of British history.

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

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

Metal Badges
If anyone has Librarian, Ambassador, Eco or Sports Leader bagdes at home that are no longer worn, can they please return them to the school office so they can be reused - thank you



CURRENT WEATHER

With more unfavourable weather upon us, a reminder to please ensure your child/ren comes to school wearing a coat. Named hats and gloves are also advisable when the temperature drops, as we like children to go outside at break/lunchtimes to get fresh air even if it's cold and drizzly. Should bad weather mean we have to close the school, we will notify parents via ParentMail, the school website and BBC Sussex Radio.

With the clocks going back, and the evenings becoming darker earlier, please remind children about the importance of being seen. This is especially important for our Year 5 and 6 children who are walking home unaccompanied.



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:



Rugby
Festival participation medal
Bradley P (Y2)
Ollie C (Y2)

Swimming
Level 4
Layla C (Y3)



3 Peaks Challenge
Snowdon Summit Medal
Alesha K (Y1), Isaaq K (Y6)



Brownies / Cubs
Invested Badges
Perrie B (Y5)
Florence P (Y4)

Football
'Player of the week'
Hailey S (Y2)



Reading Challenge
'Wild World Heroes'
Ellie D (Y2)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

17th November - Y5/6 Boys' Locality Football Tournament at Steyning Town FC (invite only)
18th November - Y5/6 Girls' Football at Steyning Primary School (invite only)
19th November - Y5/6 Small Schools' Football Final at Angmering School (invite only)
27th November – 'Merry & Bright' Dress Down Day in return for Pop Up Shop donations
27th November - Y3 Djembe Concert (Y3 parents invited)
27th November - Whole School Christmas Fun Run in aid of school charities - more details to follow
28th November - INSET Day
5th December – Christmas Fair & Grotto
9th December - EY/KS1 Nativity *Rehearsal* (1.30pm)
10th December - EY/KS1 Nativity (9.30am)
10th December - JSA Pop-Up Shop
11th December - EY/KS1 Nativity (1.30pm)
16th December - Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
16th December - KS2 Carol Service at St Michael's Church (1.30pm)
17th December - Easy Lunch Xmas Meal (Chn can wear a Christmas jumper, if they choose!)



JSA NEWS

With everyone's support we made a fantastic £2693.02 profit!!

Last Friday's Firework Event - Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!
To our fantastic helpers - for letter dropping, prep work, set up, manning stalls & put away - not forgetting our fabulous clean up team Saturday morning.
To our generous sponsors:

- **Accountancy & Business Matters**
- **Bank House Electric Gate**
- **Partridge Green Sports and Social Club**
- **Plysolene Ltd**
- **Vintage & Home**



To our fab DJ Daniel Chandler
To Partridge Green Fire Station
To the wonderful school staff for manning stalls
And to you, our wonderful community, for showing up and supporting us at what we hope you will agree, was a fantastic evening.
A lot of blood, sweat (& the occasional tear!) goes into the organisation of our events & receiving the support in raising funds for the children, makes it all worthwhile.

No sooner as we finish one event, than we move toward the next…
Firstly, a reminder that the **deadline for ordering items of your children's Christmas artwork is tomorrow, 14th November.**
Thursday 27th November - Merry & Bright Dress Down Day in return for donations for the Pop Up Shop.
Unwanted gifts, treats etc… New/unused items only please.
Friday 5th December - Christmas Fair
We look forward to welcoming you to our very popular fair, complete with Santa's Grotto. Booking slots to see the man in red will be made available in the next couple of weeks, so keep an eye out for that!
Now a plea - we need your help! To make the event a success, we need volunteers. If you are able to give some time to help with any of the following, please get in touch: set up, run a stall (split into shifts), clear away.
Wednesday 10th December - Pop Up Shop
For our new families: this is held during the school day, where the children can purchase gifts (max 2 purchases per child) for their special people, which we wrap for them, to keep it a surprise.
More details to follow.
Weekly Cake Raffle
Tickets are still on sale for this half term.
£5 will get you 2 tickets into the draw, each week until the Christmas holidays. £10, 4 tickets per week etc… Winner drawn each Friday in the Celebration assembly.
To purchase tickets, you can visit the hut on Friday mornings or email Jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com
We have spaces on our baking rota from January, which we need to fill. If you like to bake and can help us out, please let us know!



Thought for the Week

The Poppy Appeal was first launched in 1921 to help remember those who faught in the war ... The Royal British Legion, which started the Poppy Appeal, gives the money raised to the service men and women who are still alive and whose lives have been changed by war. In the week following Armistice Day, let's spend a moment being grateful for what we have, and remembering those who sacrificed so much.

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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JOLESFIELD

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It's A WIN-WIN Situation!

BOOST School Funds
WIN up to £25,000

TICKETS £1 EACH

To start supporting, visit:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: Jolesfield

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

High Street, Partridge Green

Christmas Shopping and Coffee Morning

Saturday, 22 November 2025
10am - 12 noon

Join us for Refreshments whilst browsing our Stalls including Cakes, Crafts and Toiletries

Enter our Christmas Raffle to win fabulous prizes on the day!

Kickstart your Christmas Shopping here!

Supporting small local businesses:

Enchanted Bookcase

Patchwork & Quilting

Home-made Brownies



Walnut Tree - Cottage Crafters

Personal Gifts

Decoupage

sustainable, natural skincare

Umbrellas

Parent Support Group

Autumn Term 2025

Would you liketo connectwith other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 3rd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

16th Sep / 14th Oct / 11th Nov / 9th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

17th Sep / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 17th Dec

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

25th Sep / 23rd Oct / 20th Nov / 11th Dec

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

23rd Sep / 21st Oct / 25th Nov / 16th Dec

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

Email:

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Reaching Families

www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

11th Sep	**7.30 pm - 9 pm**
9th Oct	**7.30 pm - 9 pm**
6th Nov	**7.30 pm - 9 pm**
4th	

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

west sussex county council

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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AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE
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You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

What parents say:
'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. ***My hope is back***'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social .w orker trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

Wednesday Evenings
6.30pm - 8pm
£2.50 per young person
parent/carer included

CHILL

@henfieldyouthclub #chillout

Supported by
Fiona & Rob of Stokes Henfield

A quieter evening limited to 10 young people that want to enjoy youth club without the normal hustle and bustle

Wednesday 17th September - FRUIT KEBABS & DIPS

WEDNESDAY 24th September - Slim making & Pebble Painting

WEDNESDAY 1st October - Stress Balls & Baking

WEDNESDAY 8th October- Mindfulnes, Yoga & Canvas Art

WEDNESDAY 15th October- Food night

Wednesday 22nd October- Halloween fun , games & craft

~ Half Term~

Weds 5th November- Sparkler, Bonfire chalk art & biscuits

WEDNESDAY 12th November Nature & Well-being session

WEDNESDAY 19th November Penalty Shoot out & games with Ed

WEDNESDAY 26th November- Music Session

WEDNESDAY 3rd December Chrisgmax Craft & plant pots

WEDNESDAY 10th December Christmas Tree trip & hot chocolate @ Spithandle Nursery

Wednesday 17th Dec Christmas party