8TH OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message



Well ... it's been a busy few weeks since the last newsletter!

There has been so much activity outside of school in the last two weeks and the continued sunshine certainly helped our Year 6 children as they tried out new activities at PGL last week. Year 3 started their Forest School sessions this week and are loving the time spent in the nature garden. Our Year 2s thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Arundel last Tuesday, and exploring the castle was the highlight! Whilst not outside, we invited Horsham Museum to school a couple of weeks ago to deliver a Roman workshop, and the Year 3's got much from this learning experience. We celebrated this year's Harvest Festival in school last Friday, and Year 2 performed their interpretation of Clarkson's Farm - well done, Millipede Class!

We always try to keep costs to an absolutely minimum but do appreciate how challenging paying for a trip can be. Please do always speak to us if you are having difficulties. All children are requested to make a voluntary contribution. Apart from year groups where there are residentials, there are usually 2 trips a year with a requested contribution of £20 - £30 and another event costing between £5 - £10. Where it is not possible to cover the cost of trips through contributions by the deadline shared, the trip or event is unlikely to go ahead.



Y3 ROMAN WORKSHOP

Year 3 recently welcomed Horsham Museum into school to learn more about the Romans. We became archaeologists, digging for artefacts and were very excited to actually hold real Roman pots and tiles! " I can't believe that they are that old!" "Wow, I've held something thousands of years old!" We learned more about how the Romans conquered Britain and why they wanted to invade this country. We also had the opportunity to study Roman coins and look at them under magnifying glasses to identify their markings! It was a fabulous morning and Mrs Kill said the children were amazing - they truly reflected Jolesfield's school values and were very curious and motivated learners! Well done Bumblebees!



Y2 TRIP TO ARUNDEL CASTLE

"It was really exciting" - Hayley
"The weapons were amazing!" - Edie
"After climbing the tower, I was very tired" - Chester
"It was fantastic!" - Eliza B

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OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE

The application process for children due to start school in September 2027 opened on 5th October. You should apply for a place online - www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by Friday 15th January 2027.



The first of our open mornings takes place on 20th 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. Our promotional flyer is attached; please display or share as widely as possible. Please email the school office to book a place!

CONFERENCE - AUTISTIC AND WONDERFULLY WIRED!



Tickets £20.00 -
The All England Jumping Course Hickstead, West Sussex
Thursday, October 22 • 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Join us for a powerful and inspiring conference delivered by the West Sussex County Council Autism in Schools Project, co-produced with their Autism Ambassadors. These remarkable young people, aged 8–19, represent AiSP schools from across the county and bring authentic lived experience at the heart of this event.

Open to parent carers, school staff, and all professionals working with autistic children and young people, this event offers a rare opportunity to listen, learn, and be inspired. Attendees will gain invaluable insights into autistic experiences, understand the transformative impact of a strengths-based approach, and discover practical strategies that genuinely support learning, wellbeing, and achievement.
Be part of a conversation that centres autistic voices — and helps shape a more inclusive, understanding future.

Lunch will be provided - please email nicole.williams@westsussex.gov.uk with any specific allergies or dietary requirements.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/autistic-wonderfully-wired-tickets-1988625815346

REQUEST FROM MRS EASTMAN

If you have any of the following items not being used at home, please consider donating these to the school for her class Loose Parts area. Items can be handed into either the office or to Mrs Eastman directly -

Small tins * baskets * old phones * mobile or handheld ones * old wooden toys * toy animals or dinosaurs * photo frames * metal or wooden spoons * pines cones * wooden discs * metal pots and pans

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:

Swimming

25m badge

Fran F-N (Y5)

Footgolf

Ronnie B (Y3)

Oli C (Y3)

Rugby

Tag Rugby Tournament at Chichester

Ollie C (Y3)

Callum M (Y3)

Bradley P (Y3)

Dance

1st Place

Evie May T (Y6)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

13th October - Parents' Consultation Evening (from 3.30pm)
14th October - Parents' Consultation Evening (from 3.30pm)
16th October - JSA **EY/KS1** & **KS2** School Discos
19th October - Great Athletes Sponsored Event **(whole school)**
26th - 30th October - Half-Term
6th November - JSA Firework event
12th November - Non-Uniform Day - Pop-Up Shop donations
4th December - JSA Xmas Fayre
9th December - JSA Pop-Up Shop

JSA NEWS

DISCO - FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

We are pleased to say that the rota has now been filled - a big thank you to those who have volunteered to help - and tickets are now on sale. They can be purchased by cash or card whenever the JSA hut is open or by BACS, please email jolesfieldjsa@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page for details.



A massive thank you to our generous sponsor of the disco - Accountancy & Business Matters. Accountancy & Business Matters helps businesses with simple, easy to understand advice and 'done for you' services from friendly, dedicated specialists. They can give you clarity,save you time and reduce your tax bill! Contact them on 01273 491112 to book a freeconsultation for your accounting needs.

FIREWORKS NIGHT - FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Preparations are underway for the biggest event on the JSA Calendar! We will be sending out an online rota via Facebook and ParentMail, if you are able to spare a little bit of time on the night to help run a stall we would be very grateful! Tickets will be on sale very soon so keep your eyes peeled!

SPONSORSHIP

We are very fortunate to have secured one sponsor towards Fireworks so far, but this is a very costly event to put on so we are still hoping for more! We have packages starting from £150, if you know any businesses that may be willing to help please contact us ASAP and we can send you the full details.

DRESS DOWN DAY - THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

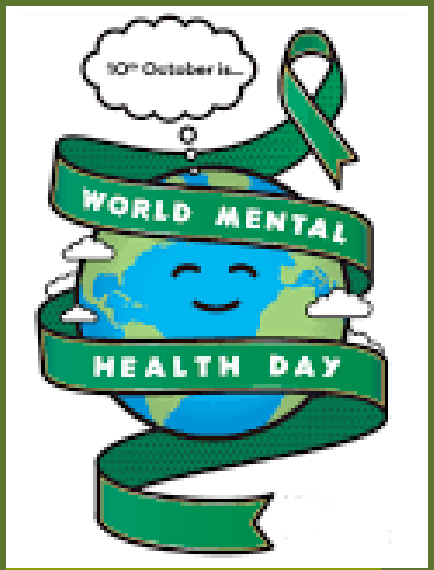
Children will be welcome to come into school dressed in their own clothing in exchange for a gift donation towards Pop-Up Shop, further details will follow closer to the time.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We will be holding our Christmas Fair on 4th December and the Pop Up Shop on 9th December.

The JSA x

Thought for the Week



Saturday 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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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

JOLESFIELD JSA SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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16 OCTOBER
KS1 5:45-6:45
KS2 7.00-8.00

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JOLESFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

'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)

20th October 9:15 - 10:15am

10th November 9:15 - 10:15am







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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!

Littleworth Lane
Partridge Green
RH13 8JJ
www.jolesfield-school.co.uk
01403 710546
office@jolesfieldschool.co.uk

Steyning Rugby Club is actively looking to recruit more players, both boys *and* girls. They are currently offering the first 3 sessions free to children who sign up. They also do lots of tournaments where every child takes parts and gets a medal - it's lots of fun!

** Open to children in Reception through to Year 6 **

Training takes place at the Memorial Playing Fields in Steyning



PENGUINS SWIM SCHOOL

Swimming & Aquatics

Ages 4–16

Windlesham House School, Washington
Beautiful, modern heated indoor pool · RH20 4AY · Ample parking

Stages 1–10 **Limited spaces**

Sunday Lessons

- **Small groups** – maximum 6 swimmers
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Squad Sessions

- For **older swimmers** building fitness and technique
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