5TH NOVEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

We have already had a busy start to this half-term with many exciting activities planned over the coming weeks. It was wonderful to welcome so many new families to our school for our first New Entrants meeting. It was lovely to meet so many parents and children who are considering joining us in Reception next September and to show them around our school. A special thank you to our brilliant Year 6 pupils, who did a fantastic job as tour guides! They were friendly, welcoming and so proud to show off their school. We were incredibly proud of them all! We are looking forward to welcoming more families to our second New Entrants meeting on the 10th November.

We're all really pleased that the work in our staffroom is now nearing completion. As part of the improvements, we've been able to create two new intervention spaces, which will provide valuable areas for working with children individually or in small groups. We're looking forward to making good use of these spaces to provide additional support for our pupils and further enhance the opportunities we can offer.

Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support and kind words. They really do mean a great deal and are always appreciated by all of us. We are incredibly lucky to have such a warm, caring and supportive school community, and I feel very proud to be a part of it. Thank you for everything you do to make our school such a special place.

Mr Blakeman

SPORT FOCUS ...



Yesterday a number of Year 5 and 6 children represented Jolesfield in a Basketball tournament at Steyning Primary school. They all had a fantastic time at the competition, showcasing excellent skills, teamwork and determination. Mr Taylor was incredibly proud that one of our teams secured an amazing 4th place overall! Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school so brilliantly!



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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 second of our open mornings takes place on 10th November at 9.15am. 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!

Rainbows

Girls play, learn and have tons of fun for ages 4 to 7

1st Partridge Green Rainbow Unit
Meet on Monday 4.15 - 5.30pm (term time)
at St Michael's Church Hall

Contact - girlguiding.org.uk to register interest and find out more about Rainbows. Alternatively, Mrs Balicki (Reception Class) would be very happy to provide you with more information.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



This year's Poppy Appeal is well underway, and thanks to those who have already supported this.

All donations received help those in need within the Armed Forces community. If you would like to support this fundraising campaign, please send your child/ren to school with a donation (suggested £2.00 donation, please) over the next few days.

KS2 children will be walking to church next Wednesday morning for a Remembrance Service; this will be led by Dragonfly Class. If any KS2 parent is free and would like to walk with us to church, please let the school office know. 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.



JSA NEWS

FIREWORKS NIGHT

We are looking forward to our fireworks display tomorrow! Tickets will be available on the gate if you haven't already purchased them. **A reminder that this is not a supervised event**. The gates will be open to anyone who has purchased a ticket, not just our school community. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our sponsors of this years event; Commglass Ltd and Accountancy & Business Matters. The generous support of local businesses allows us to raise as much as possible which greatly benefits our children.

XMAS ARTWORK

Your children will shortly be coming home with their Christmas Artwork templates, which contain full details of how to order. These make lovely Christmas card and gift ideas! The order deadline is quite sporting - our online 'shop' closes on the 17th November, to allow enough time for delivery. So make sure you get your orders in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12th November - Dress down day in exchange for pop up shop donations
4th December - Christmas Fair & Grotto
9th December - Pop Up Shop (during the school day)

THANK YOU SPONSOR - COMMGLASS LIMITED https://www.commglass.co.uk

Commglass started with a simple idea: to offer a better, more personal approach to glazing, window and door repairs.
Commglass Started back in 2014 by Nathan after seeing a gap in the industry. Too often, customers were being told that the answer to a faulty window or door was to replace the whole thing, when with the right knowledge, experience and parts, it could often be repaired instead.
What began as a small local business has grown considerably over the years. Today, Commglass works with homeowners, landlords, letting agents, property managers and commercial clients across Sussex, Surrey and beyond, carrying out everything from everyday window and door repairs and locksmith work to glass replacement and larger commercial glazing projects.
But despite that growth, we've worked hard to keep the values of a local, independent business at the heart of what we do.
William joined the business in 2022 and is now Nathan's business partner, bringing his own experience, knowledge and energy to Commglass. Together, Nathan and William are very much hands-on owners. They understand the work, know the customers and are closely involved in the day-to-day running of the company.
For us, that matters.
We never want Commglass to feel like a faceless company. Behind every phone call, quotation and job is a team of real people who genuinely care about doing a good job.

Why We Do What We Do

There's something particularly satisfying about repairing something properly.
A window that hasn't opened for years. A door that catches every single time. A lock that has finally given up. Misted glass spoiling a view. Or an unexpected breakage that needs dealing with quickly.
Sometimes the solution is surprisingly simple; other times it takes a little detective work and years of experience to identify the right part or repair.
Wherever possible, we believe in repairing rather than unnecessarily replacing. It can save our customers money, reduce waste and allow original windows and doors to continue doing their job for many more years.
And when replacement really is the right option, we'll say so.

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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:

'The Week' (Junior) Magazine
(Article included in 24th October edition)
Matilda H (Y5)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th November - JSA Firework event
11th November - **KS2** Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church (10.45am)
12th November - Non-Uniform Day - Pop-Up Shop donations
25th November - **Y6** Heights & Weights
w/c 30th Novmber - **YR** Balance Bikes
3rd December - Whole School Cricket Engagement Day
3rd December - **Y3** Djembe Drumming Concert (Y3 parents invited)
4th December - JSA Xmas Fair
5th/6th December - Xmas Tree Festival - St Michael's Church
8th December - **EYFS/KS1** Nativity Rehearsal (1.30pm)
9th December - 'Merry & Bright' Christmas Jumper Day
9th December - **EYFS/KS1** Nativity (9.30am)
9th December - Easy Lunch Xmas Meal
9th December - JSA Pop-Up Shop (afternoon)
10th December - **EYFS/KS1** Nativity (1.30pm)
15th December - **KS2** Carol Service (1.30pm)

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 before 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

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY



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.

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





CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

High Street, Partridge Green

Christmas Shopping and Coffee Morning

Saturday, 21 November 2026
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!

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