



NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM MRS METCALFE AND MR LEHMANN

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of a very short but wonderfully busy half term, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter holiday. Despite the limited number of weeks, the children have enjoyed a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including exciting trips, special visitors, and of course our residential—experiences that truly bring learning to life.

Our early morning clubs have also been incredibly popular, and we are delighted to see so many children starting their day positively. We will continue this next term and look forward to welcoming even more pupils. Improving attendance remains a key priority for us and these sessions play an important role in helping children arrive on time, ready to learn and able to make the most of every school day.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

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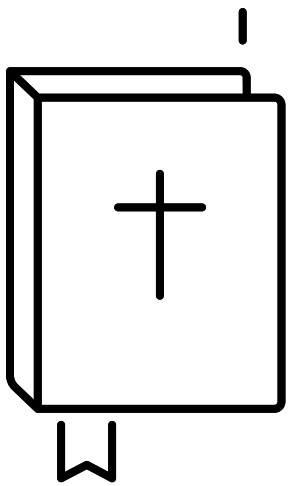


**THANK
YOU!**





We had a lovely Easter service at the church this week after we had learnt about the events leading up to Jesus sacrificing himself on the cross.





Years 1-6 were thrilled to inspire a passion for STEM among all our pupils this term when our pupils had an exciting opportunity to visit Chichester College for STEMFEST—an afternoon packed with hands-on activities and discovery.



Nursery



Nursery have enjoyed a very busy half term, learning about the weather, colour, nature and Easter. The children have used their imaginations brilliantly—making potions, rainbows and rain catchers, along with many other exciting activities.

At Forest School, we cooked marshmallows over the firepit, and we had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day with a visit to Waterstones. We also enjoyed Red Nose Day in our lovely red outfits and of course, our fantastic Mother's Day Tea Party!

On Thursday we rounded off the half term with an Easter egg hunt and an amazing time at our disco!



Robin Class

This term in Robin Class has been full of exciting learning and wonderful adventures. We loved celebrating World Book Day together and exploring stories in imaginative ways, including re-enacting some of our favourites. Our topic on 'Growing' helped us learn how plants and living things change and we also enjoyed discovering the celebrations of Eid and Easter. We have been busy out and about too—visiting the library to choose new books, exploring the local market to buy ingredients for making fruit jelly and admiring the beautiful blooms at the florist for Mother's Day. It has been a fantastic term full of curiosity, creativity and new experiences!



Starling Class



Starling Class have had a wonderfully busy half term! We've enjoyed our visits to the florist and the library and Forest School has been a real highlight—especially watching the beautiful pink blossom appear on the trees. The children have also shown great enthusiasm as budding gardeners, planting seeds and helping to care for our outdoor spaces. To continue our love of being outdoors, we even created our very own mini pond! Next term, we are excited to begin our Marvellous Machines topic, where we'll be designing and building using junk modelling. Over the holidays, please do start collecting any clean recycling or materials you can donate—we would be very grateful for anything you're able to send in.



Goldfinch Class

In Science, the children have been learning all about plants. They have been fascinated watching their seeds change each week! By observing their sunflowers, tomatoes and cress grow, they discovered the basic parts of a plant and learned what plants need to survive and stay healthy. The children also loved getting hands-on with nature this half-term. They examined tulips, daffodils and snowdrops to learn more about different wildflowers, and explored the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. It has been wonderful to see their confidence flourish as young botanists!

In DT, the children created their own fabric puppets. They learned how to join pieces of fabric using simple methods such as pins, staples or glue, and used templates to help them draw and cut shapes accurately. They then designed and decorated their puppet, thinking carefully about the features it needed.

In English, we read *The Odd Egg*. The children absolutely loved presenting and recording the facts they had learned in their groups. They spoke confidently and proudly about their ideas before using them to create their very own egg-spotter's guides.





Wren Class

This term in Wren Class has been wonderfully busy and full of curiosity. In Science, the children explored how plants grow, learned the parts of a plant and enjoyed observing real flowers and seeds as they changed over time. They also tracked the seasons, noticing how the weather and trees change throughout the year.

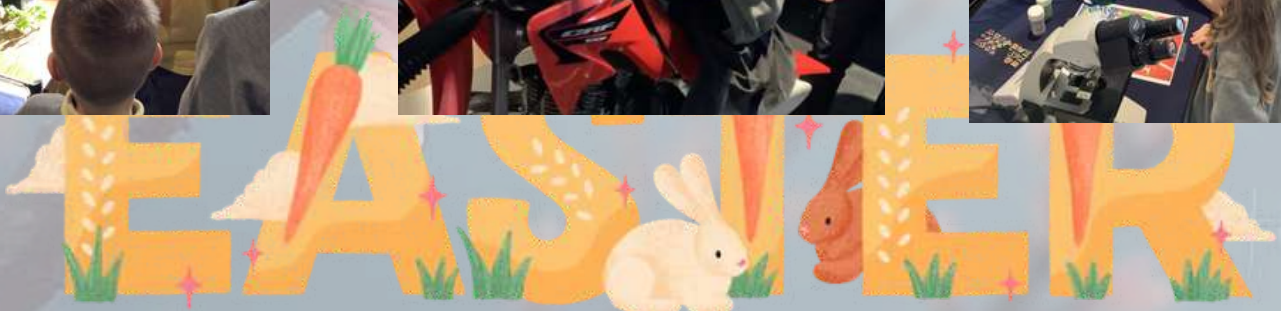
In DT, the children designed and made their own fabric puppets, practising joining materials and adding features to bring their characters to life.

Our class book, The Odd Egg, inspired the children to create their own Egg Spotters' Guides, using descriptive language and imaginative ideas about what might hatch.

In Geography, we learned about the capital cities of the United Kingdom, discovering where they are on the map and what makes each one special.

In Music, the children explored pitch, experimenting with high and low sounds using their voices and instruments.

It has been a fantastic term and the children have approached every topic with enthusiasm and creativity.



Owl Class



This term, our topic Living Things and Coastal Places has taken us on an exciting journey around the United Kingdom. We explored how people use coastal areas in Weymouth and Bognor Regis, using Google Earth to spot human and physical features—and even created tally charts to compare ice-cream shops!

In English, we enjoyed *The Bear Under the Stairs* and *The Bear and the Piano*, developing our use of apostrophes, expanded noun phrases and varied sentence types. The children wrote postcards from the bear's point of view and created fantastic animal fact files. In Maths, we focused on measurement, exploring length, height, temperature, volume and capacity through lots of practical, hands-on activities.

In DT, the children designed and built chairs for a bear, choosing suitable materials and using joining techniques to create strong, thoughtful designs.

Our Science work on life cycles helped us explore how humans and animals grow and change. A highlight was our visit to STEM Fest, where the children's curiosity truly came alive.

We also welcomed several Secret Readers, enjoyed a visit to the library and ended the term with a wonderful Easter Enrichment afternoon, including our joyful Easter Bonnet parade and a visit to the church to celebrate Easter.





St Gabriel Class

This half term may have been short, but we have certainly packed in a huge amount of learning and enrichment. In Science, the children explored how humans impact the environment, including the effects of palm oil production, and were shocked to learn that deforestation happens at the rate of a football pitch every minute. Science Week was another highlight, especially our visit from Atomic Alex and his spectacular demonstrations.

The children also enjoyed a brilliant trip to STEMFEST at Chichester College, where they took part in a range of engaging STEM activities. In Design and Technology, they developed essential food-technology skills, learning to cut and peel vegetables safely and sampling a range of foods—pesto and radishes proved surprisingly popular!

We ended the half term with a wonderful visit to the Weald & Downland Museum. Through hands-on activities and visits to historic houses, the children saw their Anglo-Saxon learning brought vividly to life, helped by glorious weather and lots of walking.



St Paul Class

It has been a wonderfully busy and creative few weeks in St Paul Class! We began by celebrating World Book Day, where the children shared favourite stories, dressed up as beloved characters and enjoyed lots of reading-themed activities.

We also had an exciting trip to the Weald and Downland Museum, exploring traditional homes and learning about life in the past. The children's curiosity and thoughtful questions really impressed everyone.

In DT, the class rolled up their sleeves to learn safe peeling and chopping skills before designing and making their own savoury tarts. Their creativity and careful cooking were fantastic to see.

In English, we read *The Diary of a Killer Cat*, which kept everyone laughing. Inspired by the story, the children went on to write their own fantasy tales, complete with characters they designed themselves.

Mr Hamilton and Miss Warren would like to thank St Paul Class—and our wonderful parent helpers—for an amazing term!





St Bartholomew Class



This term, St Bartholomew's Class have been wonderfully busy with a range of exciting learning experiences. We celebrated World Book Day in style by dressing up as our favourite book characters and visiting Waterstones to spend our £1 book vouchers. As part of Science Week, we enjoyed a morning at Chichester College for STEM Fest, where the children explored a variety of science and technology activities.

Most recently, we spent a fantastic day at the Weald & Downland Museum discovering what life was like for the Anglo-Saxons. The children had a go at splitting wood, played traditional games and even tried their hand at lucetting. It has been a full and enjoyable term and the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm.



St Anne Class



This half term may have been short, but we have certainly filled it with exciting learning! In our topic work, the children explored the fascinating world of the Mayans—discovering their achievements, beliefs and comparing the daily lives of the rich and the poor. As part of this work, we read *The Rain Player* and learned about the ancient Mayan ball game Pok-a-Tok, even creating our own clear and detailed instructions on how to play it.

The class also took part in STEM Fest, enjoying a range of hands-on challenges that encouraged teamwork and problem-solving. In Science, we investigated changes in materials, exploring reversible and irreversible changes and learning how rusting occurs. In DT, the children worked in groups to design and create their own fairground rides, developing teamwork, creativity and practical skills as they brought their ideas to life.

It has been a busy and engaging half term, full of curiosity, creativity and new knowledge to celebrate. We are very excited to finish the term with a fantastic opportunity to see *The BFG* at the Chichester Theatre.





St Catherine Class



Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic five-week term packed with creativity, teamwork and hands-on learning. British Science Week was a real highlight, with plenty of fun experiments and the excitement of some pupils reaching the finals of an inter-school science quiz. The children also had a brilliant time at STEM Fest at the local college, where they explored 3D printing, built cars, raced maggots and of course, loved making slime.

Back in school, our DT project has seen the children designing and constructing their very own fairground rides. Working in teams, they have been busy gluing, sawing and assembling their creations, with some even adding motors to bring their rides to life.

It's been a wonderful half term full of curiosity, collaboration and impressive achievements.





St Richard Class

Last week, our pupils enjoyed a fantastic three-day PGL Residential at Windmill Hill. The children threw themselves into every challenge, with many exceeding their own expectations—especially during the high-rise activities. We were incredibly proud of their resilience, teamwork and determination throughout the trip.

Next term, we will be visiting Chichester Library on Tuesday 14th April. If your child does not already have a library card, please return the application form sent home previously as soon as possible.

A reminder that the children will be sitting their KS2 SATs from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May. Please ensure your child is well-rested and arrives promptly each day during this important week.

