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Enabling every child to thrive and succeed

Friday Flyer – 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of Spring Term – how quickly did it fly by?! Our Ofsted inspection at the start of January feels like it was a lifetime ago and it has been truly lovely to live life at school without waiting for the phone call!



As ever, we have been incredibly grateful for all your support and commitment to the school this term; we are truly blessed to have such enthusiastic and supportive parents/carers and please do know that this is never taken for granted. Thank you!

Easter Celebrations

This week has been full of happy events celebrating Easter (although this has been quite odd knowing it won't take place until the end of the holidays!)

On Wednesday, we had our traditional Easter Egg Roll; thank you again to FOSJ for supplying eggs and to those of you who cooked the eggs for us. It was lovely to be able to welcome so many parents/carers for the assembly where judging of the decorated eggs took place, followed by the annual Egg Roll.



The prizes for best decorated egg were won by Millie, Thomas, Luna-Belle, Elena, Toby, Alfie L and Sonny. The eggs that rolled the furthest also won a prize; congratulations to Elsie, Kayden, Sara, Reggie, Iris, Alfie L and Theo. All the children worked incredibly hard decorating their eggs and were wonderful sports as the eggs were rolled. Well done to all of them!



Easter Bonnet Making

Hobbycraft kindly donated three Easter Bonnet kits to our school and three lucky Rhinos won the chance to make Easter Bonnets at school this week. Mrs Douse has delivered the bonnets to Hobbycraft to be judged and we will await to see if we anything. Thank you to Miss Brady who supported the children decorating the bonnets! Hobbycraft have a 15% off promotion at the moment; further details and a discount code can be found at the end of this flyer if anybody fancies a little bit of crafting over the holidays!



Jaguars' Textile Project

Jaguars have been inspired by the work of textile artists Hannah Rae and Alice Kettle. They have captured their favourite landscapes on cloth with acrylics and embroidered the details with thread.



Dance Club Performance at the Rother Valley Arts Festival

The St James' Dance Club performed at the Rother Valley Arts Festival last Friday, alongside dancers and choirs from Midhurst Rother College and other local primary schools. Their lively number, "Can't Stop The Beat" was full of energy and got everyone's toes tapping. All the dancers performed wonderfully and made Mrs Douse very proud.

Wintershall Assembly – A Visit From “A Rich Man”

We were pleased to welcome an actor from Wintershall Education last week. He played the role of “A Rich Man”. He encouraged the children to think about generosity, charity and sharing. [Wintershall - Experience award-winning and epic productions](#)



Music - Ukulele Concert



The children loved showing their parents what they have learned during ukulele lessons this term; thank you to everyone who came to watch. Next term the Year 1 and 2 will be learning the recorder and Years 3 to 6 will be learning the cornet.

Miss Harvey, our visiting music teacher offers brass lessons to children in Year 3 and upwards. Lessons take place on Monday mornings. If your child is interested in learning a brass instrument, please ask for further details. Subsidised lessons may be available to children who qualify for Free School Meals.

Thank you to the Friends

Thank you to everyone who came into school on 8th March for “Ground Force Day”, when they tidied, weeded, cleared, swept and strimmed. We are sure you will agree that the school looks much better as a result of their hard work.



New Chartwells Menu and Jacket Potatoes on 22nd April

Chartwells have a new menu that will be served after Easter. Please place orders on Parentpay as usual; the deadline to order for lunches in the first week back is Thursday 10th April. The new menu can be viewed [here](#).

On 22nd April, the Return to School menu of jacket potatoes will be served.

5* Food Hygiene Rating for our Chartwells Kitchen

Philly, our Chartwells’ cook, is an important part of the St James’ team. We are very pleased to advise that, thanks to Philly’s hard work, our Chartwells kitchen has been given a 5* Hygiene rating.



West Sussex Road Safety – Facebook Page



Please like and share the West Sussex Road Safety facebook page. West Sussex are using this page to spread messages about road safety topics to help keep everyone safe on the road. They say that all ages can benefit from the topics that are posted and they hope to make children’s journeys to and from school safer, healthier and easier for everyone.

https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC/?locale=en_GB

We sincerely do wish you all a very happy and joyful Easter; hopefully, the sun will continue to shine throughout the holidays and we will all be able to enjoy soe rest, relaxation and, of course, plenty of chocolate eggs that the Easter Bunny leaves. Take care and we look forward to seeing you all again in the Summer Term.

Kindest regards,

L. Martin

Mrs Lizzie Martin
Executive Headteacher
Arun Villages Federation
Amberley CE Primary School and St James' CE Primary School, Coldwaltham

Friends of St James' News

Tesco Tokens

Please keep putting the blue token into our section at Pulborough, Storrington and Billingshurst stores and tell all your friends to do the same!

Recycling Ink Cartridges

Our school earns approximately £10 each time we fill the recycling box in reception. Please continue to bring your use ink cartridges to school. Thank you.

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges Here

and help us raise money!



Recycle 4 Charity

Dates for the Diary

22 nd April 2025	First day of the Summer term
28 th April 2025	SATs Meeting 2.45pm – Year 6 parents
8 th May 2025	VE Day Celebrations – Red, White and Blue clothing to be worn
Week beginning 12 th May 2025	KS2 SATs Week
26 th May to 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Inset Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Children return to school
Monday 30 th June 2025	Dress Rehearsal – End-of-Year KS2 Production
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	End-of-Year KS2 Production – 6pm
Wednesday 2 nd to Friday 4 th July	Year 5 and 6 School Sleepover – more details to follow.
Monday 7 th July 2025	Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.15pm

Monday 14 th July 2025	Reserve Date for Sports Day 1.00pm to 3.15pm
Week of 14 th July 2025	Bikeability for Year 5 and 6.
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last Day of term for children
Monday 21 st July and Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Inset Days – School closed to children

Training

Summer 2025

(1st half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



Training Workshops

April

Understanding Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)	Thursday 24th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: How to improve your mood	Tuesday 29th	10.30am

May

Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 1st	10.30am
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Thursday 8th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: How to manage your anxiety	Tuesday 13th	7.30pm
Understanding Autism	Thursday 15th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence	Tuesday 20th	7.30pm
An Introduction to Makaton	Wednesday 21st	7.30pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Thursday 22nd	10.30am

The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 7th May / 14th May (2-part course) **Wednesdays 10.00am-1.15pm**

All training above will be delivered via Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



SCAN ME

All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

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Umbrellas

Parent Support Group Summer Term 2025

Would you like to connect with 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)

6th May / 3rd Jun / 1st Jul

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

7th May / 4th Jun / 2nd Jul

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

22nd Apr / 13th May / 17th Jun / 15th Jul

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

23rd Apr / 21st May / 18th Jun / 16th Jul

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

24th Apr / 15th May / 26th Jun / 17th Jul

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

29th Apr / 20th May / 10th Jun / 8th Jul

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

1st May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
12th Jun	7.30 pm - 9 pm
10th Jul	7.30 pm - 9 pm

OPEN DAY

Storrington
Tennis Club

**EVERYONE WELCOME
ALL AGES & ABILITIES**

**15% OFF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF
YOU SIGN-UP ON THE DAY - DON'T MISS OUT**

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

10.00AM - 4.00PM

- GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT
- TRY OUT THE COURTS
- FREE COACHING FOR ALL AGES
- MEET THE TEAM TO DISCUSS OPTIONS
- SPEED GUN - BALL MACHINE - BEAT THE COACH
- EXHIBITION MATCH
- BBQ AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
- GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS OR CLICK THE QR CODE
WWW.STORRINGTONTENNISCLUB.CO.UK



TRY A CLASS
FOR FREE



Now showing, **CONFIDENCE!**

Drama, dance & singing classes
designed to help 4-12 year olds shine

**“ My son has adored his first term at Perform.
He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week.”**

Pippa Wotton



Play is a **POWERFUL THING**

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence, concentration, coordination** and **communication** skills, as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for 4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

“ Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun, supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride in her achievements.”

Begum Bari



Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:



perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120

[Drama Classes Near Me - Perform Acting School Classes for Kids'](#)

Perform run classes in FFittleworth and Storrington.



Join us for an unforgettable Easter Holidays for pre-schoolers and primary school age children. Every penny you spend goes directly towards helping the work of Aldingbourne Trust, supporting adults with learning disabilities and autism to live independent lives.



The Lovely
Bubby Show



Knucker Dragon
Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt



First Class Falconry



Farm
Experiences

Easter Eggstravaganza!



5th - 21st April, 10am - 4pm (Closed Sunday 20th)

Aldingbourne Country Centre, PO18 0JP

PLAY ALL DAY | FREE PARKING | EVENTS ALL FREE*



Your day pass includes entrance to our Easter Eggstravaganza events.
Visit our website for entry prices and full details of events -
aldingbourncountrycentre.org

*Animal Experiences and Educational Workshop will incur a small charge

Check our social media pages daily for new activities or last minute changes due to weather or animal welfare.

  @AldingbourneCountryCentre

What's on in Week One?

Saturday 5th April

Lawn Games | 10am-3pm

Sunday 6th April

Knucker Dragon Egg Hunt | 10am-3pm

Monday 7th April

Knucker Dragon Egg Hunt | 10am-3pm
Christine Chambers Book Reading | 11am-3pm

Tuesday 8th April

Easter Baskets Craft Activity | 11am-2pm
Christine Chambers Book Reading | 11am-3pm
Alpaca Stroll | 12.15pm, 12.30pm & 12.45pm

Wednesday 9th April

First Class Falconry | 10am-3pm
Rabbit Craft Activity w/ Brent Lodge | 11am-2pm

Thursday 10th April

Lawn Games | 10am-3pm
Pony Pamper | 12.15pm, 12.30pm & 12.45pm

Friday 11th April

NEW FOR 2025!

The Lovely Bubbly Show
See website for show times

Saturday 12th April

Lawn Games | 10am-3pm

Sunday 13th April

Lawn Games | 10am-3pm

EXTRA ACTIVITIES:



Brand new
Wildlife Hospital
role play open



Cherry Tree
Village, rural
role play open



Quarry Café
serving hot food
until 2.30pm

What's on in Week Two?

Monday 14th April

Lawn Games | 10am-3pm
Goat Grooming | 2pm-2.45pm

Tuesday 15th April

The Lovely Bubbly Show
See website for show times

NEW FOR 2025!

Wednesday 16th April

All About Birds Educational Workshop
10am & 1pm
This is a paid activity, booking essential



Rabbit Craft Activity with Brent Lodge | 11am-2pm
Christine Skippins Book Reading | 11am-2.30pm
Pony Pamper | 12.15pm, 12.30pm & 12.45pm

Thursday 17th April

Lawn Games | 10am-3pm
Easter Baskets Craft Activity | 11am-2pm
Alpaca Stroll | 12.15pm, 12.30pm & 12.45pm

Friday 18th April

Easter Egg Hunt | 10am-3pm
Easter Baskets Craft Activity | 11am-2pm
Face Painting | 11am-3pm

Saturday 19th April

Easter Egg Hunt | 10am-3pm
Easter Baskets Craft Activity | 11am-2pm

Sunday 20th April

CLOSED - Happy Easter!

Monday 21st April

Lawn Games | 10am-3pm
Goat Grooming | 2pm-2.45pm

KNUCKER DRAGON EGG HUNT

Join Knights in the Woodland Walk and find hidden dragon eggs to win treats & prizes!

THE LOVELY BUBBLY SHOW

A fantastic show with plenty of bubbles, tricks, music and comedy!

Easter Egg Hunt

Discover the enchanting Woodlands with the Easter Bunny, searching high and low for hidden surprises and delicious chocolate treats!

All information is correct at time of print. It is advised you wear suitable outdoor footwear. These events are subject to weather conditions & animal welfare. Aldingbourne Trust cannot be held responsible for any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Aldingbourne Country Centre, Blackmill Lane, Norton, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0JP
www.aldingbournecountrycentre.org | Charity No. 276484

See event details on our website



WHAT'S ON THIS EASTER

At Worthing Theatres and Museum



Farm Boy

Michael Morpurgo's compelling story takes to the stage in this delightful, family-friendly show combining storytelling and original music.

Fri 18 Apr, 2:30pm & 7pm

[Book Tickets](#)



Princess Smarty pants

A wonderful adaptation of **Babette Cole's** hilarious fairy-tale-with-a-difference featuring adventure, songs and madcap comedy.

Sat 19 Apr, 11am & 2pm

[Book Tickets](#)



SATURDAY MORNING PICTURES

£3.50
PER TICKET



Mufasa

Sat 5 Apr, 10:15am

[Book Tickets](#)



Dogman

Sat 12 Apr, 10:15am

[Book Tickets](#)



Wicked

Sat 26 Apr, 10:15am

[Book Tickets](#)

ALSO SHOWING DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS



Snow White

(plus [garden friends](#) screening Sun 6 Apr, 10:30am)



Sylvanian Families



A Minecraft Movie

(plus [garden friends](#) screening Sun 13 Apr, 10:30am)

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Recycle  Charity

approximately £10 each time we will the recycling box in

hobbycraft

Easter Bonnet Making Competition with your Primary School



**Help your Primary School win up to £50
worth of Hobbycraft products**

Primary Schools in your area are competing in Hobbycraft's Easter Bonnet Making Competition, and we invite you to come and show your support.

Your Primary School is making and creating Easter Bonnets, with the top three being submitted for the competition at your participating Hobbycraft store!

Between Saturday 5th April and Sunday 20th April, visit your local Hobbycraft store and vote for your favourite Easter Bonnet creation!

The winning bonnets are announced on Tuesday 22nd April, so keep an eye out to see if your school has a winning entry

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Exclusions apply. Please read full terms and conditions on our website. In store only.
Code valid between Saturday 1st March to Friday 6th April 2025.
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