

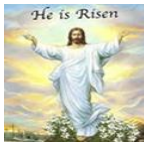


17th April 2026

Dear parents / carers

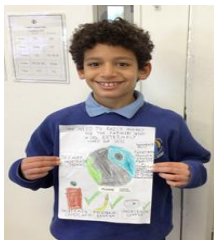
He is Risen!

I hope you all had a restful break and a blessed Easter. We celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, on Easter Sunday, and the fact that Easter celebrates the hope of our eternal life Heaven. Alleluia! We, and the Church, are still celebrating this great event. The focus of this half term will be the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives and how we can reveal Jesus to others through the choices we make. Lujain (Year 5) took up our suggestion of making a prayer space at home - like the spaces we have around school. She even made some Art work to go in it. I look forward to receiving photos of any others that children set up at home.



Fairtrade Chocolate

Before Easter, our Fairtrade Committee encouraged us to choose Fairtrade Easter Eggs. Buying even just one item of Fairtrade chocolate can help support farmers to be paid fairly for their hard work. The Fairtrade committee have posters to display in classrooms. They hope we continue to buy Fairtrade next time we buy another sweet treat.



Musica Choreografia

Before the holidays, KS2 enjoyed a visit from a group of professional musicians who inspired the children with their wonderful performance. Children in choir and orchestra were then invited to take part in a workshop with performers from the group Musica Choreografia who specialise in playing early classical music from the Baroque era and will be staging a concert as part of the Brighton Festival. The group had performers playing recorder, violin and harpsichord. Musicians worked with the children who sang baroque melodies and learnt how to do a baroque dance.



BSL Sign Language Week

BSL Sign Language Week took place in March. Some classes enjoyed BSL simple lessons. All lessons were pre-recorded by Deaf teachers in collaboration with the Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD). Each video included BSL signing with English voice-over and subtitles, making it fully accessible for hearing staff and pupils. What a super way to introduce the children to BSL and raise awareness during BSL Week. Watch this space for more learning.

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Science Week

Year 5 had a super time during Science week when a STEM ambassador came to deliver a workshop. Children learnt from a real life engineer about the different forces that cause a plane to take off and were given the chance to recreate these forces with 5 different activities. What a fun-filled afternoon of interactive learning.



Let's Dance at The Dome, Brighton

Year 4 dancers were fabulous at the recent Dance at the Dome schools celebration. They represented the school with pride and worked tirelessly on their dance routine, truly raising the roof with their performance. Huge thanks to all the parents for their support with costumes, Mr Royle for all his creativity and the children for their incredible hard work and dedication. Keep dancing!



Wishing you continued blessings as we remain in Eastertide until Pentecost. Rachel Breen, Headteacher

Playtime updates

To make playtime even more enjoyable and engaging for the children, we have refreshed each zone. Activities include group / individual skipping, football, playground games, basketball and equipment-based games using hoops, scoops, balls etc. There are also quieter activities available such as giant chess, Connect 4, Jenga and snakes and ladders plus a reading and musical instrument zone. Our outside gym, climbing wall and prayer garden are also always accessible. We have added a construction zone so any donations of construction toys e.g. Lego, Duplo, mobile, K'nex, polydron, building blocks etc. are always gratefully received. We would also relish any musical instruments that could be used in our music zone. As ever, any donations of good-quality unwanted books are also always welcomed for either outside or class book corners. Any of these items are welcome to be left in the KS2 shelter at drop off or with Mr Royle in the Year 3 huts. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.

Computing Club

If your child is interested in Computing club, they are invited to a free taster session. To find out more and to read testimonials from other families, please follow the link.

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Karate at Cottesmore - Grading Success.

We are incredibly proud of our Cottesmore karate students, who have recently achieved fantastic success in their latest grading. After weeks of dedicated training, focus and determination, students demonstrated their skills in front of senior instructors to earn their new belts. Each student showed excellent progress in their technique, discipline and confidence, with many impressing not only through their physical ability but also their attitude, respect and perseverance - key values we promote in every class. Grading is an important milestone in a student's martial arts journey and it was great to see so many students stepping up, pushing themselves and achieving their goals. Their hard work truly paid off and they should all be very proud of their achievements. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow, develop and progress in the coming months. If your child would like to get involved and experience the benefits of karate (improving fitness, confidence, and focus) we warmly welcome new students to join our Cottesmore classes. To book your child's place, please click the link - <https://sama-group.classforkids.io/info/666>



Mary Mass – Friday 24th May

Our annual, whole school, outdoor Mary Mass will be held on Friday 22nd May. May is the month that we celebrate Mary, our school patron. You are invited to join us.

Mass Time: 11.00 am- 11.55am

Picnic Time: 12.10pm - 1.10 pm

- Only Radinden Manor Road gate will open so please don't arrive at any other entrance. This gate will open at 10.45am - 11.05am. This will then be closed. The gate will reopen 11.55am - 12.15pm. It will then be closed during lunch and reopened 1.15pm - 1.30pm.
- We ask that all children bring in some flowers on the day of the Mass. These will be used to decorate the altar and crown Mary.
- Children will need to wear smart school uniform (NO PE KITS ON THIS DAY) but can wear sun hats and have sun cream applied in the morning.
- Please can all children bring in named water bottles. Please can all children bring a packed lunch as the whole school will enjoy a picnic on the field after the Mass. Children in receipt of free school meals who would like school to provide a packed lunch can do so, but we ask that you inform the office by Monday 20th May. There will be no hot school dinners provided on this day.
- There will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

We look forward to celebrating with you.



Phonics parent meeting online

Following our Parent workshop about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, the video version is available on the Year 1 page of our school website. The video explains how the screening check is completed and how you can support your child with phonics at home. The link to access the video is below. We hope that you find it helpful. The phonics screening check week begins on 8th June 2026 and children must be assessed during that week. If they are unwell or absent, they can be assessed in the following week only. Many thanks for all you do to support at home and we do strongly encourage using the phonics videos at home as a way to support.

<https://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/ny1-learning/#phonics>.

Phonics



Switch off, to Switch on This one matters

If you have a child with access to a Smartphone or soon will, this one is for you.

Join us for an open, honest, non judgemental conversation about parenting in the digital age, everyone's welcome.

Hear from parents who will be sharing their real life experiences and practical tips to keep your children safe online.

When

Friday 1st May
2pm-3pm

Where

Cottesmore Primary
School



Feedback from Headteachers

Having attend a smartphone free event, it has not only changed my understanding as a school headteacher but also as a parent.

The emotive stories and most up to date research is so powerful and something which you will only truly believe by attending an event.

**Jack Davies, BACA
Principle**

I cannot recommend this presentation highly enough.

They were excellent communicators and gave powerful examples of how children's easy access to damaging and harmful material on smartphones and tablets, can have such long lasting effects on their developing brains.

What was so encouraging to hear was that this campaign is starting to make a difference to children and young people. If you haven't already attended one of their presentations, I would urge you to do so.

**Sophie Thomas, Headteacher
St Andrews**

Feedback from Parents

A huge thanks to Carla for sharing her story with a group of parents today. It has hit home like no statistic ever could. It should be mandatory listening for all parents, teachers and anyone involved in the care of our children.

I have felt extremely emotional since hearing her story, and I am determined to show a fraction of her bravery in working to delay smartphones for children, giving them the childhood they deserve'.

It was the most valuable hour I have spent and cannot recommend it enough.

We weren't judged, it was valuable information to assist parents in making smarter informed decisions.

I hope more schools give support and assist this topic reaching as many parents as possible.



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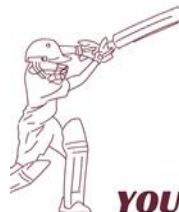
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MONDAY 20th	
TUESDAY 21st	
WEDNESDAY 22nd	- Year 2 St Monica Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 23rd	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Buddy Mass at Cardinal Newman School Chapel – parents welcome – date moved to 25th June or 2nd July to join FHC mass in school hall.
FRIDAY 24th	Year 4 Swimming
APRIL / MAY	
MONDAY 27th	
TUESDAY 28th	
WEDNESDAY 29th	- Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 30th	
FRIDAY 1st	- Year 4 Swimming - Year 1 school trip to Arundel Castle 2pm Smartphone Free parent meeting in hall.
MAY	MAY – MONTH OF MARY
MONDAY 4th	Bank Holiday – school closed
TUESDAY 5th	- Year 3 - Greek Man workshop - Reception Bikeability
WEDNESDAY 6st	- PGL Marchant Hill TEAMS meeting with parents at 3.45 pm - Year 5 St Josephine Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 7th	Reception Bikeability
FRIDAY 8th	- Year 4 Swimming - Year 3 and 4 PTA film show after school - Reception Bikeability
	MAY – MONTH OF MARY
MONDAY 11th	- KS2 SATS Assessments during the week (Monday – Thursday) - Mental Health Awareness Week
TUESDAY 12th	
WEDNESDAY 13th	- Year 5 St Josephine trip to Rampion Wind Farm Visitors Centre - Year 5 St Oscar Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 14th	Year 5 St Oscar trip to Rampion Wind Farm Visitors Centre
FRIDAY 15th	- Year 4 Swimming - Mental Health Awareness Day to mark the end of Mental Health Awareness Week
	MAY – MONTH OF MARY
MONDAY 18th	
TUESDAY 19th	
WEDNESDAY 20th	- Year 4 St Cuthman Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 21st	PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
FRIDAY 22nd	11am Mary Mass for all, followed by 12.15pm family picnic on the field
HALF TERM Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field	

JUNE	
MONDAY 1st	
TUESDAY 2nd	
WEDNESDAY 3rd	- Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School - Years 2 - 6 Workshops ahead of Refugee Week
THURSDAY 4th	Years 2 - 6 Workshops ahead of Refugee Week
FRIDAY 5th	
MONDAY 8th	Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Test week
TUESDAY 9th	
WEDNESDAY 10th	6.20pm welcome meeting for new Reception (Sept 2026) parents - Year 3 St Martin Forest School - Year 1 St George Forest School
THURSDAY 11th	
FRIDAY 12th	
MONDAY 15th	- Refugee Fortnight - Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (15th – 17th)
TUESDAY 16th	Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (15th – 17th)
WEDNESDAY 17th	- Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (15th – 17th) - Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 18th	Good Shepherd celebration for some members of RE Council TBC
FRIDAY 19th	- PTA Summer Fair - New Reception Starters Teddy Bear’s picnic 10.15am – 11.15am
MONDAY 22nd	Year 2 Beach School
TUESDAY 23rd	Class photos with JP Photographic
WEDNESDAY 24th	- Year 1 St George Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm - Year 4 Beach School
THURSDAY 25th	- First Holy Communion Mass and breakfast for children in Year 2, Year 3 and 4 - TBC - Year 5 School Trip to Deers Leap
FRIDAY 26th	
JUNE / JULY	
MONDAY 29th	Year 6 Sussex Police Visit
TUESDAY 30th	New Reception storytime sessions. Group A 10.15am – 11.15am and Group B 1.20pm – 2.20pm
WEDNESDAY 1st	Sports Day sessions for KS1 (parents welcome) 9.15am – 10.15am Reception 10.30am – 11.30am Year 1 1.30pm – 2.30pm Year 2
THURSDAY 2nd	First Holy Communion Mass and breakfast for children in Year 2, Year 3 and 4 - TBC
FRIDAY 3rd	- Reserve date for Summer Fair - Year 6 Transition Day - Newman festival
MONDAY 6th	
TUESDAY 7th	
WEDNESDAY 8th	Sports Day sessions for KS2 (parents welcome) 9.15am – 10.45am Year 3 and 4 1.15pm – 2.45pm Year 5 and 6
THURSDAY 9th	- Year 3 Beach School - PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
FRIDAY 10th	- Year 5 Beach School - Year 6 leaver’s disco 3.15pm – 4.30pm (children only unless parent helpers) – TBC
MONDAY 13th	Year 6 dress rehearsal to school
TUESDAY 14th	Year 6 show to parents. 1.30pm – 3pm and 5pm – 6.30pm. Please sign up via the office.
WEDNESDAY 15th	- Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am - Year 6 St Benedict Forest School pm - Year 6 leaver’s disco 3.15pm – 4.30pm (children only unless parent helpers) – TBC
THURSDAY 16th	
FRIDAY 17th	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Mass and picnic - Last day of term – school closed for summer
MONDAY 20th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
TUESDAY 21st	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
WEDNESDAY 22nd	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils