

Easter Flyer

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a wonderfully busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter, with so much happening across the school. We were delighted to celebrate **Science Week**, which brought children together in exciting and creative ways. Our buddy groups had great fun testing who could design the best paper plane—and whose would fly the furthest! It was a joy to see pupils of different ages working together, fully engaged and supporting one another.

Across the school, classes explored a range of curious scientific challenges. **Maple Class** created their own gliders, while **Elm Class** investigated a mystery involving their class cat Mog, using ink testing to uncover clues. These activities sparked real enthusiasm and showcased the children's growing investigative skills.

There has also been plenty of sporting action. **Year 3 and 4** enjoyed a Net Games Festival, showing fantastic teamwork and determination. A special mention goes to **Rory** who represented the school brilliantly in the Mid Sussex Cross Country finals.

Last week, ten of our **Year 5 and 6** pupils took part in the *Ready, Set, Dance* day at Ardingly. Throughout the day, they learned one of three dances—each group tackling something challenging and new. Their evening performance for parents and carers was truly incredible; it was hard to believe they had learned the choreography in just one day! The children also had the chance to explore Ardingly and enjoy dinner there, making it a memorable experience for all.

Our **KS1** children have been just as busy. **Year 2** visited St Peter's to meet author Helen Peters, and **Oak and Elm** enjoyed an exciting trip to **Hever Castle** on Tuesday. Alongside these visits, we have celebrated our **Spring Rock Steady Concert** and our very first **Celebration of Music Concert**, both of which highlighted the musical talents growing across our school.

It has been heartening to see the children embracing these enrichment opportunities alongside their classroom learning. We are extremely fortunate to offer such a variety of experiences and to have strong partnerships with local schools and organisations.

Our **Worship Team** has also had an active and inspiring term. They have planned and led two collective worships, supported a Eucharist with Canon David last week, and received wonderful feedback from staff and pupils alike. Their commitment has been truly impressive. They have even started their own Worship Club, running every Wednesday and offering crafts, stories, and songs from the Bible. We were also proud to welcome the Diocese Director and Deputy Director of Education to our Easter collective worship, where once again our Worship Team shone.

As we come to the end of term, we would like to thank you all for your continued support. We wish every one of you a very happy, peaceful, and enjoyable Easter break.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Coulson and Mr Savage

Comic Relief

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to Comic Relief on Friday 20th March. Overall the children raised £150 through wearing something red.
Thank you so much for your support for this worthy cause.

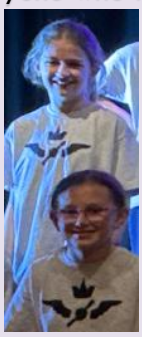
COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY
FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Ready, Set, Dance!

On Monday 16th March, ten children from the school spent the day at Ardingly College as part of the Ready, Set, Dance day. They could choose between three dances that they then spent the day learning the choreography for. On top of this, they got the opportunity to explore Ardingly College and were treated to dinner at the college. The day was rounded off by a performance for all of the parents. It was an amazing day for the children and the final performances were brilliant – you would not have believed that the children had only learnt the dance that day. Each team that choreographed the dances could choose someone who they thought had gone the extra mile and Digby was one of those chosen for his part in his Hercules Dance – well done Digby!

Congratulations to everyone who took part!





Year 3 / 4 Net Games!

On Tuesday 24th March, members of Year 3 and 4 took part in the Mid Sussex Net Games festival. The children were great ambassadors for the school and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Ms Baker for going with them.






Year 2 meet Helen Peters

On Tuesday 17th March, our Year 2 children went over to St Peter's in the afternoon to enjoy hearing all about books written by Helen Peters. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were an absolute credit to the school. They came back buzzing and told us all about the stories afterwards.




Sycamore's toga party!

On Thursday 26th March, Sycamore held a toga party to celebrate their topic this term of the Romans. They all dressed up and tried some Roman - inspired food. As well as this, they learnt some new facts and enjoyed some time in the library. It was a very enjoyable time.



Hever Castle!

On Tuesday 24th March all of Oak and Elm went on a trip to Hever Castle. They had a look round the castle, enjoyed a workshop and also time in one of the play areas. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school. Thank you to all of the staff for organising such a great trip for the end of their castles topic and for those parents who came along to help – we really appreciate it.

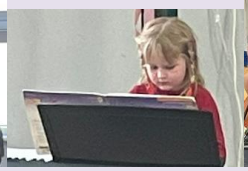




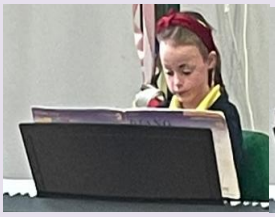
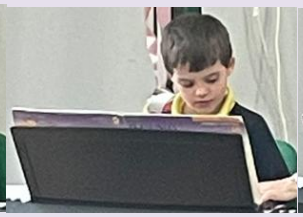

Celebration of Music!

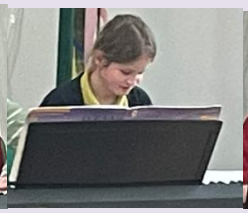
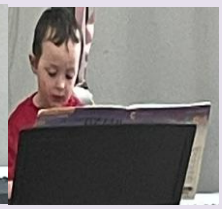
Last Friday, we had a celebration of the musical talent that we have here at St Giles. Children from Reception all the way to Year 6 wowed the audience with their musical skills on the piano, cello, drums, guitar and singing. Their ability ranged from beginners to competent and accomplished musicians and they were all brilliant! At the end of the concert, we collected donations to provide better resources for families in church and raised £112. Thank you to everyone who attended – we are hoping to hold another one in the Summer Term. Thank you too, to our amazing musicians and Mrs Symonds who accompanied some of them.





Learners of the Week – 27th March

Oak	All of Oak for being superstars on the school trip to Hever Castle.
Elm	All of Elm for super behaviour and questions on the Hever Castle trip – you made us proud!
Sycamore	Byron and Hector for good accurate measuring and sawing on our DT Greenhouse Project.
Maple	Sino for working with great precision when making bridges in DT. Lydia and Sofia for investigating their own 'What if' question for arch bridges in DT.
Marvellous Musicians	Myah, Eden and Lara for performing in Annie at the Chequer Mead theatre. For our wonderful musicians who performed so well at the concert.
Sports Stars	Year 3/4 Net Games festival – Maya, Thomas, Zachary, Emma, Bethany, Ivy, Lucas, Oscar, Zack, Byron Lydia for running a 5k park run in 34 minutes. Rory for coming 62nd out of 200 children in the Cross Country finals
Head of School	Inspire for Myah and Lexie for running Worship Club so successfully. Respect and Inspire for Amelia and Seren for showing initiative and completing a task without being asked.

Happy Birthday to.....

Posy E, Sienna, India, Cody, Raffy, Elspeth, Zoe, Ivan, Posy B, Eli, Myah, Dessica, Lucas

Diary Dates
April - July 2026

Date	Event
Easter Holidays 27th March – 13th April	
Monday 13th April	First day of term
Thursday 23rd April	Year 4,5,6 Sussex Cricket (more details to follow)
Friday 1st May	Year 3 Ardingly Athletics (more details to follow)
Monday 4th May	**May Bank Holiday**
Tuesday 5th May	Year 3 and 4 to Ardingly to see dress rehearsal of Shrek
Wednesday 6th May	Year 4 and 5 LTA tennis festival (more details to follow)
Saturday 9th May	**PTA Mayfair**
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	**KS2 SATs**
Friday 15th May	Year 5 girls Ardingly football festival – more details to follow
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
Thursday 21st May	Year 3 and 4 cricket festival at Cumnor
Half Term 25th – 29h May	
Monday 1st June	**INSET Day**
Tuesday 2nd June	First day of term
Tuesday 3rd June	Whole School, Class and Year 6 Photographs
Thursday 11th and Friday 12th June	Year 4 camp out
Thursday 18th June	Year 3 / 4 Cricket (tbc) Year 6 Leavers' Service 1:15 p.m. at Crowborough
Friday 20th June	Year 3 Martletts Cup (tbc)
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June	**Sports Week**
Tuesday 23rd June	Sports Day
Wednesday 24th June	Inspiring Young Minds for Years 4 and 5 at Ardingly
Friday 26th June	Reserve sports day
Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July	**Creative Arts Week**
Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June	Chailey Year 6 Transition Days
Monday 29th June	Years 2-6 Rubbish Ideas Workshop
Wednesday 1st July	Oathall Year 6 Transition Day
Thursday 2nd July	NEARs Swimming Gala
Tuesday 7th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Festival and NEARS sports day
Tuesday 14th July	Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July	KS2 Show (dates tbc)
Wednesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service and Last day of term

Meal Ordering Cut Off Days 2025 – 2026

School Meal Cut Off Dates 2025			
Order cut off	For week commencing	Order cut off	For week commencing
2nd April 2026	13th April 2026	28th May 2026	8th June 2026
9th April 2026	20th April 2026	4th June 2026	15th June 2026
16th April 2026	27th April 2026	11th June 2026	22nd June 2026
23rd April 2026	4th May 2026	18th June 2026	29th June 2026
30th April 2026	11th May 2026	25th June 2026	6th July 2026
7th May 2026	18th May 2026	2nd July 2026	13th July 2026
21st May 2026	1st June 2026	9th July 2026	20th July 2026