

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.



### Curriculum

Reception children enjoyed searching for minibeasts in the conservation area this week. They found slugs, caterpillars, butterflies and many more.



Year 2 developed their sculpture making skills in with these clay lovely sunflowers. They will be painting them later today.



Eco club members litter picking, watering and weeding in the Thinking Garden.



### Sports

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, half of year 2 visited The Bridge to try out a range of target sports. Lots of fun was had trying to hit a range of targets with a variety of different sized balls, arrows and even frisbees, and children also had chance to try out archery and some adapted games such as shuffleboard and 'wrecking ball'! A great morning was had, and the children were very supportive and encouraging of their friends and the children from other schools that they were working with.

Mrs Reeves



## Visitors

This week we welcomed Carrie Cort from Sussex Green Living, who delivered an assembly about Hedgehogs to celebrate National Hedgehog Week. The children learnt more about these shy and endangered species and what we can do to protect them.

If you know someone or a charity/company who could enhance the children's learning and our curriculum, then please contact the school office. Thank you.

## Safeguarding – drop-off and pick-up

Due to their age, the vast majority of our pupils are dropped off and collected by parents, family members or childminders. A reminder that if you would like your child to be collected by a different person, then please inform your child's class teacher or the school office. Please also contact the school office if you are likely to be late, so we can make arrangements to keep your child safe.

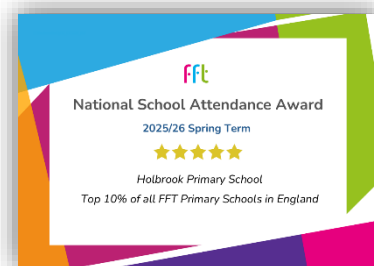
For older pupils (Year 6 and 5), should you wish your child to walk to/from school independently, then please confirm this via an email/letter to your child's class teacher or the school office.

## Attendance

Research shows that regular school attendance is crucial because it directly links to academic attainment, social development, and long-term life chances, with pupils missing just 10 extra days a year seeing significantly reduced odds of reaching expected standards.

Consequently, we are very pleased that our attendance figures are in the top 10% of FFT Primary Schools in England.

Our current attendance figure is 96.4%, which is an improvement on the 95.8% achieved in the same period last year. We still have some way to go to meet the DfE's ambitious target of 97.2%, so please let us know if we can support you or your child in improving their attendance. Thank you for continuing to ensure that your child's attendance at school is a priority.



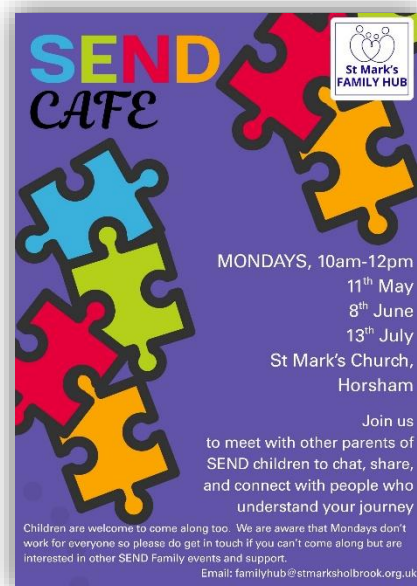
## Share A Story Month

As part of 'Share A Story Month' in West Sussex Libraries during the month of May, we will be sharing some of our favourite stories at our regular weekly [Saturday Storytime 2pm – 2.30pm in Horsham Library](#).

Many thanks,  
Natalie  
Librarian – Families & Wellbeing  
Library Service

## St. Mark's SEND Café

A reminder that St. Mark's Church hold a SEND café every month.



### Chartwells Hot Meal Ordering

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
21 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June
28 <sup>th</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> June
4 <sup>th</sup> June	15 <sup>th</sup> June
11 <sup>th</sup> June	22 <sup>nd</sup> June
18 <sup>th</sup> June	29 <sup>th</sup> June
25 <sup>th</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> July
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> July
9 <sup>th</sup> July	20 <sup>th</sup> July

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
W/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term- school closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Happy Holbrook session
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	YR trip to Washbrooks Farm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 trip to Drusillas
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Ian Holmes  
Headteacher