

NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2026

A WORD FROM THE SAINTS

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous – to give and not to count the cost."
St Ignatius (Prayer for Generosity)



MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL

INFORMATION MEETINGS

Thank you for attending our information meetings this week. If you were unable to attend due to work commitments, please find the slides, and curriculum overviews, on the class pages of our school website or simply click the links below. The link to the revised Special Educational needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information for Parents/Carers is also available to view.

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\)
Information for Parents / Carers](#)

At 9:00am on **Monday 28th September**, parents of children in Year R are invited to attend a meeting with Mrs Harrington that will focus mainly on how the children have settled into school, how well routines are working, general ways to support your child's learning at home, what the children are learning/will be learning in class, methods of assessment and the school's process for early reading.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A photographer will visit school on Thursday 1st October. They will take an individual photograph and one with their school age siblings during the school day.



If you wish for a photograph to be taken including any pre-school age siblings, please arrive at school at 8:30am when these photographs will be taken.

Please wear full school uniform and bring in PE kits in a labelled bag if it is your PE day.

Year 5 will have their individual and family photographs taken before their swimming lesson.

A proof photograph and instructions on how to order will be sent to the school by the photographer and these will be sent home with the children once they arrive.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 6s, who put themselves forward for the position of House Captain this year. All staff were incredibly impressed by the quality of their speeches and how well they spoke to the children in their house. We are pleased to announce the new House Captains for 2026/2027 are:

HARTLEY

ISAAC P & ISABELLA



LA SALETTE

GRACE & OLIVIA F



LOURDES

IZZY & KAIHA



WALSINGHAM

ELLIE & ISAAC M



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL AND WIDER COMMUNITY

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FOODBANK COLLECTION

On Friday 2nd October, we shall be supporting the East Grinstead Foodbank to mark CAFOD's Family Fast Day. The children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for one or more of the items listed below. Mr & Mrs Joy, grandparents of children in the school will be here at drop off to collect the donations and then kindly deliver them to the foodbank.



The items the foodbank are in most need of are:

Long life fruit juice (not chilled) instant mash potato jam	toothpaste deodorant (female) marmalade	cooking oil 1 litre orange squash 1 litre toothbrush single (adult)
---	---	---

MESSAGE FROM MRS JOY

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



From Monday 21 September to Sunday 4th October we will be marking Fairtrade Fortnight. There will be a Fairtrade stall after school on Wednesday 30th September (weather permitting) selling coffee, chocolate, teas, dates and soap etc. and some Transform Trade craft items. There is a Card machine for payments. Come and along and support us as we are a Fairtrade School. If you can, please buy Fairtrade goods in local shops as by doing so you are helping farmers and communities in developing countries receive fair prices for the goods so they can feed their children and send them to school.

LOVE IN A BOX

Each year, we support this charitable cause by filling shoeboxes with items needed for children of all ages to receive something at Christmas. To explain this cause the children will take part in an Assembly on Friday 23rd October and receive a Teams4u leaflet (a new umbrella organisation for Love in a Box this year). In the meantime, please save medium-size shoeboxes and think about the goodies for needy children to go inside. The contribution to the charity to transport costs to locations in Eastern Europe is £3.50. Boxes need to be returned to school after half term by Wednesday 11th November. Thank you.

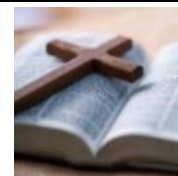


[Teams4u](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is an opportunity for children to hear and understand The Gospel in a way suitable to their age. It is offered at both Our Lady and St Peter's (East Grinstead) and St Bernard's (Lingfield) on the first Sunday of each month during Mass. Come and join us.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Do you have a child in Year 4 or above and interested in receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion? We are happy to announce that our programme will be starting in December 2026.

[Sign up here](#)

(The link to the form is under the section about First Holy Communion.)

WEEKLY AWARDS



Attendance Ted
Best Attendance
Year R



Punctuality Pup
Best Punctuality
Year -



Captain Busta
Best Eco Effort
Year 2

Attendance and punctuality are based upon the previous week's data.

Each week, children are nominated for the headteacher's award for demonstrating a variety of great qualities, including:

- Amazing ideas
- For being a great example to others
- For kindness to others
- For perseverance with learning
- For success in grasping a new concept
- For a wonderful sporting attitude

AT THE END OF EACH HALF TERM, CHILDREN CHOOSE WHO THEY FEEL DESERVES TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

YEAR R

Efram has been chosen for being a great example to others.

YEAR 1

Lorenzo has been chosen for his perseverance with his learning.

YEAR 2

Jayden has been chosen for being a great example to others.

YEAR 3

Lyra Nyx has been chosen for being a great example to others.

YEAR 4

Clara T has been chosen for being a great example to others.

YEAR 5

Indy has been chosen for her perseverance with her learning.

YEAR 6

Oscar has been chosen for being a great example to others.

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM I 2026

(new items appear in **bold**)

[TERM DATES 2026 2027](#)

SEPTEMBER	
Monday 21 st September 2:30pm	Years 5 & 6 Celebrating Grandparents Mass
21st Sept – 4th October	Fairtrade Fortnight
Thursday 14 th September	Year 5 Swimming 3 of 6
Friday 25th September	The PTA Break the Rules Day – details on the poster attached
Friday 25 th September pm	Flu Immunisation Nasal Spray – email sent on 4/9/26
Monday 28 th September 9:00am	Year R Information Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 30th September 3:20pm	Fairtrade Stall (weather permitting)
Wednesday 30th September 7:30pm	PTA (known as The Friends) Meeting – all welcome to attend

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 1 2026 (CONT.)

OCTOBER	
Thursday 1 st October	Individual Photographs taken – new date Year 5 will be the first class after sibling groups, so they are on time for their swimming lesson.
Thursday 1 st October	Year 5 Swimming 4 of 6
Thursday 1 st October 2pm	Meeting for Year 6 and their parents with Mr Clarke, Headteacher of St Wilfrid's School.
Friday 2 nd October	CAFOD Family Fast Day – Foodbank Collection a non-uniform day in exchange for donating - details above
Monday 5 th October 2:45pm	Years 3 & 4 Rosary Liturgy - all welcome to attend
Thursday 8 th October	Year 5 Swimming 5 of 6
Friday 9th October	Inset Day – school closed for children
Tuesday 13 th October 9:30am	Prospective Parents Presentation and Tour Click here to book a place or use the QR Code
Thursday 15 th October	Year 5 Swimming 6 of 6
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 4 Swimming 1 of 6
Friday 23 rd October 2:45pm	Years R, 1 & 2 Harvest Celebration – all welcome to attend
Friday 23rd October 3:20pm	The Friends Cake Sale
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term – school closed



DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2 2026

(new items appear in **bold**)

[TERM DATES 2026 2027](#)

NOVEMBER	
Monday 2 nd November	First day of term
Thursday 5 th November	Year 4 Swimming 2 of 6
Wednesday 4th November	Love in a Box - Shoeboxes for Teams4u collected
Thursday 5 th November	Prospective Parents Presentation and Tour Click here to book a place or use the QR Code
Tuesday 10 th November 3:40pm onwards	Parental Consultations– details to follow
Thursday 12 th November	Year 4 Swimming 3 of 6
Thursday 12 th November 3:40pm onwards	Parental Consultations – details to follow
Thursday 19 th November	Year 4 Swimming 4 of 6
Thursday 26 th November	Year 4 Swimming 5 of 6
Week of 30 th November	Year 6 Bikeability - details to follow
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 4 Swimming 6 of 6

