



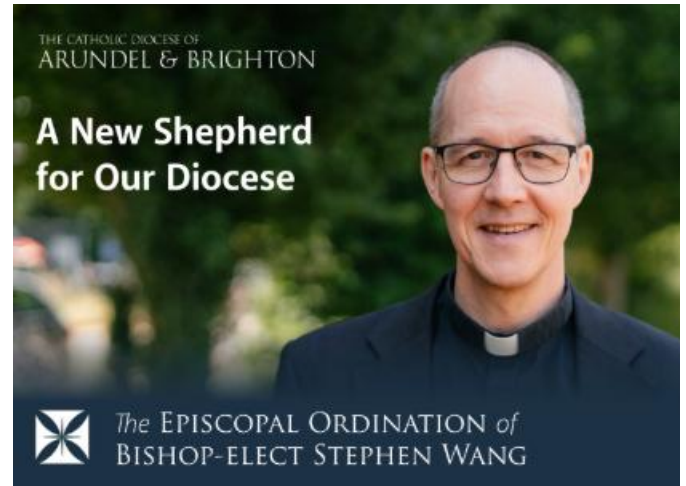
NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE

"Bishops are heralds of the faith, who lead new disciples to Christ, and are authentic teachers, who proclaim to the people entrusted to them the faith that is to be believed."
- Lumen gentium, 24

Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen Wang as the new Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Thursday 2 July 2026. Bishop-elect Stephen will be installed as the sixth Bishop of our Diocese at the Cathedral of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel, on Monday 19 October, the Feast of St Philip Howard. At the heart of a bishop's ministry is service, responsibility and care for God's people. As space in Arundel Cathedral is very limited, attendance at the Mass is by invitation only.



People across our parishes and schools are warmly invited to join the celebration online, by watching the cathedral's livestream. [click here for joining details](#)

A WORD FROM THE SAINTS

"In all created things, recognise the care and wisdom of God,
and give him thanks."

St Teresa of Avila



MESSAGES FROM SCHOOL

CROSS COUNTRY

We had a fantastic time on Sunday afternoon at the East Grinstead Athletics Club Cross Country event. The afternoon started with the Year 4 races with the children demonstrating superb determination and individual strength. Special thank you to our cheer squad, it was lovely to have such great support from friends and family. As the afternoon progressed our Year 5 and 6 boys took to the course and competed extremely well with our highest finishing boys being ranked in 2nd place in the team trophy. An amazing achievement in what is an incredibly challenging course. Well done to all our runners, we are very proud of you all!



COATS AND UNLABELLED UNIFORM

The weather is very changeable at the moment and a large number of children are arriving at school without coats. On rainy days, we try to give children the chance to play outside during break and lunchtimes, or at another time if the rain is too heavy at usual breaktimes. They will go outside, even in light rain so having a coat or waterproof jacket is essential. On warmer days the children often take off their sweatshirts/cardigans/fleece jackets, but when it comes to finding their own things at the end of the break, they struggle if there is no name or the name of a child who is no longer in school. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name, thank you.



MRS PINK'S MATERNITY LEAVE

As you will no doubt have noticed, Mrs Pink is expecting a baby and is due to begin her maternity leave in late November, her last day in school will be Friday 27th November. We have been successful in appointing a teacher to cover this leave. Miss Light will be joining us from Monday 23rd November to spend the week with the children in Year 1 and Mrs Pink to enable a smooth transition. We know you will join us in offering a warm welcome to Miss Light as she joins our school family.

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.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL AND WIDER COMMUNITY

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 should be returned to school after half term by Wednesday 4th November. Thank you. [Teams4u](https://www.teams4u.org.uk/)



WEEKLY AWARDS



Attendance Ted
Best Attendance
Year R



Punctuality Pup
Best Punctuality
Year 4



Captain Busta
Best Eco Effort
Year 1

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

Lola has been chosen for her perseverance with her learning.

YEAR 1

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

YEAR 2

Jason has been chosen for his perseverance with his learning.

YEAR 3

Leo has been chosen for his amazing ideas.

YEAR 4

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

YEAR 5

Megan has been chosen for her perseverance with her learning.

YEAR 6

Isaac P has been chosen for being a great example to others.

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 1 2026

(new items appear in **bold**)

[TERM DATES 2026 2027](#)

OCTOBER

Tuesday 20 th October	Year R – PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) in school
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 23 rd October 3.20pm	The Friends Cake Sale
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term – school closed

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2 2026

NOVEMBER

Monday 2 nd November	First day of term	
Monday 2 nd November	Year 6 Height & Weight checks	
Wednesday 4 th November	Love in a Box - Shoeboxes for Teams4u collected	
Thursday 5 th November	Year 4 Swimming 2 of 6	
Thursday 5 th November	Prospective Parents Presentation and Tour Click here to book a place or use the QR Code	
Monday 9 th November	First Aid training for Years 2, 4 & 6	
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	
Friday 27 th November	Prospective Parents Presentation and Tour Click here to book a place or use the QR Code	
Friday 27 th November 2.45pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	
Sunday 29th November	1st Sunday of Advent	
Sunday 29 th November 2.00pm - 4.15pm	Children's Advent Afternoon at St Bernards's Church	
Week of 30 th November	Year 6 Bikeability - details to follow	

DECEMBER

Thursday 3 rd December	Year 4 Swimming 6 of 6	
Friday 4 th December 2:30pm	Year R Nativity	
Sunday 6th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	
Friday 11 th December 2:30pm	Years 1 & 2 Nativity (3 seats per child have been allocated at this stage)	
Sunday 13th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term	
Sunday 20th December	4th Sunday of Advent	
21 st December – 1 st January	Christmas Holidays – School Closed	

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM I 2027

(new items appear in **bold**)

[TERM DATES 2026 2027](#)

JANUARY	
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day – School Closed for Children
Tuesday 5 th January	1 st Day of Term