

This week we have celebrating the joy that comes from giving and receiving a random act of kindness - and what better way to hold this, than on the week of Valentines Day.

On behalf of everyone at the school- A huge well done to our children for this half term and we wish everyone of our families an enjoyable week.

See you all back on Monday 24th February.

Mr Lincoln and the Senior Leadership Team

1. COMMUNICATION

- **Website:** please check the website for answers to queries before contacting the office. General information can be found under the Parents & Carers tab. Bulletins/letters are under Parents & Carers > News & Events.
- Email: office@stnm.org.uk please do not email staff directly (unless agreed previously).
- <u>Calendar</u>: Follow the link for instructions on how to <u>use</u> or <u>subscribe</u> to the calendar.
- INSET DAYS- Remaining INSET dates:
 - Friday 23 May 2025
 - Friday 27 June 2025
- Language of the Month: Ahmaric
- Sign of the Week: Kind. This sign has formed part of our 'Kindness Week' at school
- Facebook page: facebook.com/stnmschool

2. DATES AND EVENTS: click here for the dates list.

- Y5 Applesham Farm Turtles Wednesday 2 April / Terrapins Thursday 3rd April PLEASE NOTE: Children will need to be dropped off at the farm at 9.15am, collected and brought back to school at 12pm.
- New Vicar for St Mary's (New Shoreham): We are pleased to share that on the 13th March, the Revd Dominic Fenton will be officially take up his role in the Parish. We look forward to inviting him into our school family and I know that he is very keen to, as soon as possible, meet the staff and children.
- **STEM Club:** Following a very successful introductory session earlier this week, we are very pleased that the school will be extending its enrichment opportunities through a STEM club run by STEM Innovations. There will be an assembly for the whole school after half term (Monday 25th February) and following this, information on how to book a place in the club will be released.
- **Book Week:** 3rd 7th March Please see the following attachment for more information BOOK WEEK NEWS for parents 2025 pdf.pdf

3. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- a. Parent Payments: we received notification last week that sQuid will be ceasing its payment processing services on 14 March. You should receive notification from sQuid that your account will no longer be active after 14 March. sQuid is responsible for returning any unused money in a parent's account to the parent.
 - We as a school were planning to move our parent payments system from sQuid to Arbor in September but this news means we will be doing this in the next few weeks! We are working on this transition at the moment and will let you know as and when you need to do anything.

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b. Free School Meals (FSM) – Means-tested FSMs are provided to children whose families meet specific incomerelated criteria. If you think your child may be eligible for FSMs and you are not already in receipt of them, please apply before the end of March 2025 to ensure your claim and future funding are protected. Only applications processed before 1st April 2025 will maintain transitional protection (see below).

Transitional Protection Arrangements – From 1st April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end. Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected. This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1st April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible. Those already confirmed as eligible will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education. At that point, they will be re-assessed for their eligibility status. This will apply to all year 6 moving into year 7 in September 2025. These children will then be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility.

For further information and to check your eligibility please click on the following link - https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/
Please send any queries to the Free School Meals Eligibility Team at fsm@westsussex.gov.uk

Donation of filling for Bean Bags – Our school is in need of bean bag filling to replenish our current bean bags. If you have any extra bean bag filling at home or are willing to donate some, we would greatly appreciate it! Please drop any donations off to the school office. Thank you!

4. SPORTS NEWS - A message from Miss Gullick and Miss Baggs: Wow, what a fantastic sporting start to 2025! This term Miss Baggs and I have taken over 50 children to represent the school in various sports.

We kicked off the year with a fantastic football tournament with our Year 3 and 4's. The boys really stepped up and worked brilliantly as a team and finished a fantastic third overall. Well done to all that took part.

Following on from the football we had two of our biggest events of the year, Indoor Athletics. The Year 5 and 6 event was first. The event consists of running, various jumping events and team relays. All the children performed incredibly, and St Nics won many individual events but just missed out on the gold. Congratulations to all. Next it was the Year 3 and 4 event (the first ever year 3 and 4 athletic event). Again, the atmosphere was fantastic, the children all gave it their best and we saw some incredible performances. Overall, we once again just missed out on gold but finished a fantastic second and we are so proud of you all.

The final event of the term was a sensational swimming gala. For this event only 8 children could go from Year 5 and 6, as we have so many fantastic swimmers this was a hard decision. This event was held at Lancing College and was a fantastic event. The children gave 100 percent to every race and their hard work paid off as they were crowned champions.

A big thanks to all the children for their fabulous attitudes and efforts at all our events. Miss Baggs and myself are extremely proud.

5. PTA Golden Ticket Chocolate Bars: Our Golden Ticket Chocolate Bars are back!! Mr Lincoln has chosen a name for our chocolate bar after lots of amazing entries and we can reveal this year's chocolate bar is called....DELICIOUS DAYDREAM!! But the fun doesn't end there! We need YOU to design the wrapper for our chocolate bar. Over half term we would like you to come up with a design incorporating the name Delicious Daydream. There is a form attached to the bulletin to print out at home. Please make sure you write your name and class and return it to the class teacher on Monday 24th February. We will pick our favourite design and this design will be used on all our wrappers. There will be prizes for runners up too. Good Luck!

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DESIGN THE WRAPPER FOR OUR CHOCOLATE BAR USING THE TEMPLATE BELOW. DONT FORGET TO INCLUDE THE NAME...

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If you need urgent dental help and cannot find a dentist, the Dental Helpline can book you an urgent appointment with an NHS dentist.

For up to-date-information and support on getting urgent dental care, contact:



Alternatively, email: <u>kcht.dentalhelpdesk@nhs.net</u> for more information.



Training

Spring 2025

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



Training Workshops

February

Understanding ADHD	Friday 28th	10.30am
March		
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding & building resilience	Tuesday 4th	7.30pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Thursday 6th	10.00am
Making Sense of Anxiety in Children (Primary age)	Tuesday 11th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Key skills to improving communication	Tuesday 18th	10.30am
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 20th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Wednesday 26th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Transition to Secondary School	Thursday 27th	7.30pm
April		
Understanding Autism	Thursday 3rd	10.30am

The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 5th March / 12th March / 19th March (3-part course) Wednesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm

All training above will be delivered via Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

All our workshops are free of charge, for more

https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com



www.reaching families.org.uk

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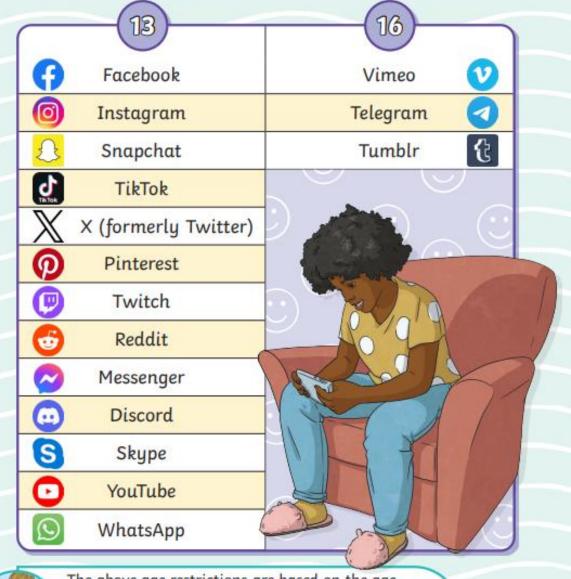


Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

Why are there age restrictions on social media platforms?

Many social media platforms have an age restriction of 13 years or over. This is because you have to be at least 13 years old to give consent for your personal data to be collected and processed.

What is the minimum age for UK account holders on these social media platforms?



The above age restrictions are based on the age required by the individual platform. This may differ from the age ratings suggested on any stores such as

sign up to social media situs after using this resource/information. This resource refers to UK age ratings and other countries may differ





Our Lady of Sion School Senior School Open Day

Tuesday 11th March Tuesday 18th March

> 11:00am-12:30pm Or 2:00pm-3:30pm

The journey to unlocking your child's excellence begins at Sion To sign up, scan the QR code









ASPIRE

SCHOOL

Saturday 8 March 2025 9am-12pm Lancing Prep Worthing Free to attend

Unlock your child's potential with a fun-filled day of learning! Our Aspire Saturday School offers engaging English activities, exciting music-making sessions, and interactive Maths games. Aimed at children in Year 5, this is a wonderful opportunity to boost skills while having fun!



Broadwater Road, Worthing,
West Sussex BN14 8HU
T 01903 201 123 E worthing@lancing.org.uk

To book a place, please complete the form by 24 February.

Visit https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/prep-worthing/news-events

or BOOK HERE

Em: office@stnm.org.uk





FULL EVENT CALENDAR | March to June 2025

Girls Into Polo	Saturday 8th March	Windlesham House	Open to All Girls
FREE EVENT	5.30pm - 7pm	School	Aged 5 to 14
u19 Girls Polo Match	Saturday 8th March	Splashpoint,	All Welcome to
Worthing Vs Watford	8pm - 9pm	Worthing	Watch and Support
Swim for Swimming Sponsored Swim Raising Funds For Our Access Aquatics Programme	Sunday 16th March Windlesham House All Welcome (must be 12pm - 4.30pm School able to swim 200m) Access Aquatics supports local children failing to meet national swimming safety standards, with top up swimming and water safety sessions.		
HaBaWaBa Spain	Friday 11th April to	Tarragona,	Competition
Water Polo Festival	Tuesday 16th April	Spain	Squad
Top Up Swimming	Sunday 25th May to Monday 1st June	Windlesham House School	For Local Schools
DrenchedFEST 2025 Water Polo Festival	Saturday 7th June to Sunday 8th June	Splashpoint, Worthing	All Drenched Members and Guest Teams
Drowning Prevention	Saturday 14th June to	Windlesham House	Various Activities for
Week	Saturday 21st June	School	Local Schools
Worthing Festival of Swimming	Sunday 22nd June	Windlesham House	Various Activities for
	12pm - 4.30pm	School	Local Children

For more information about what Aquatic 2012 has to offer email Hello@Aquatic2012.org or visit www.aquatic2012.org

Do you run a local business?

We need Access Aquatics Partners to deliver free or subsidised lessons to children failing to meet National Curriculum safety standards. Please email Hello@Acquatic2012.org for more details.



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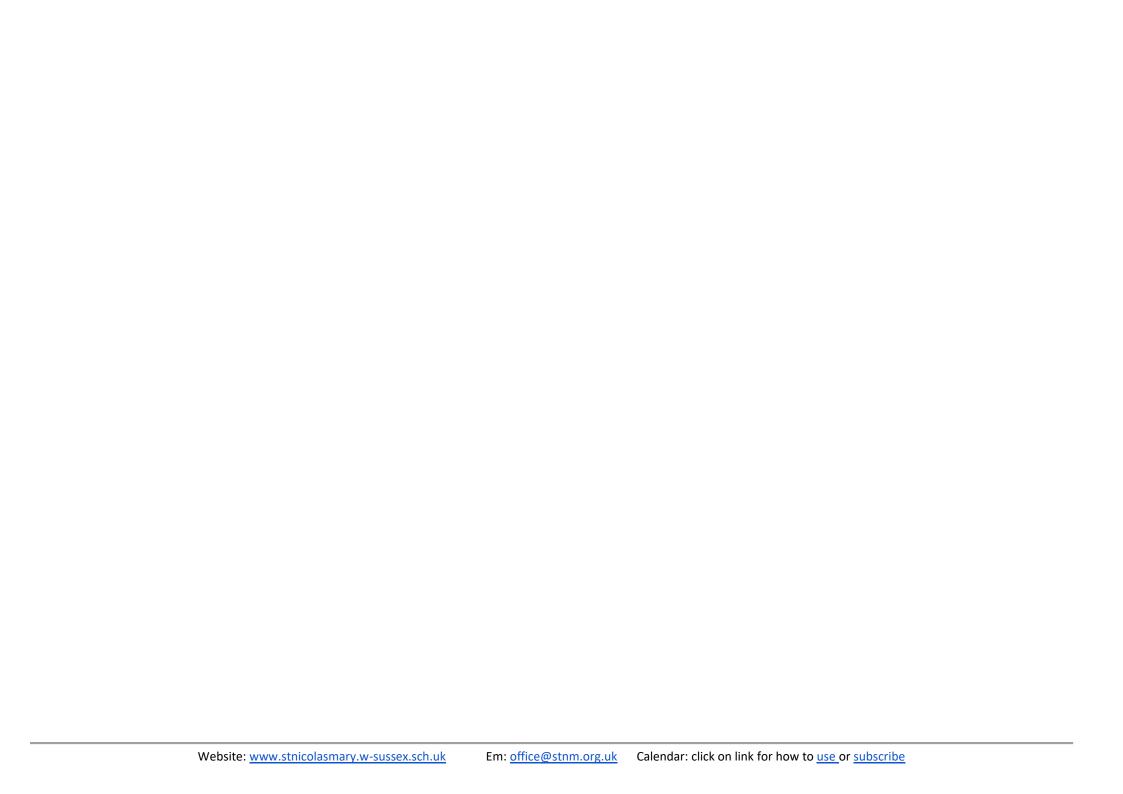
We warmly invite the families of your current Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2026 to our Open Morning on Saturday 8 March 2025.

Christ's Hospital was established over 470 years ago as a charitable school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos.

It offers an independent boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from all backgrounds in a caring and supportive environment.

To book now sign up here > <u>Book an open morning - Christ's Hospital</u>

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WHO ARE WE?



KS1, KS2

- . Key skills passing catching ball control shooting rules
- Physical skills marking, running/stopping, jumping, footwork
 Social Skills communication, confidence, teamwork
- Tactical Skills decision making anticipation
- · Match Play!



All Our Coaches:

OUR COACHES

VOUR CONTACT

Rob Fulker Head of Play Nethall Juniors

info@playnetballjuniors.co.uk 01256 644049



Finding a way that works for your school

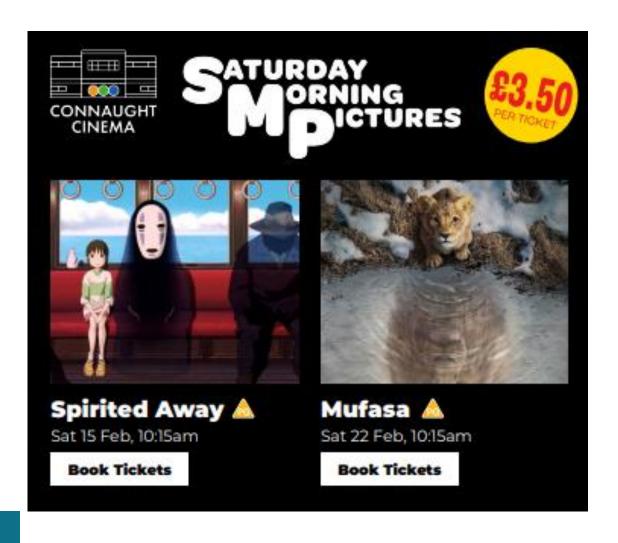


£50 per session, paid by school to Play Netball Juniors in advance of term.



£6 per child per session, paid to Play Netball Juniors by parents/carers in advance of term. This option does not require any payment from schools.

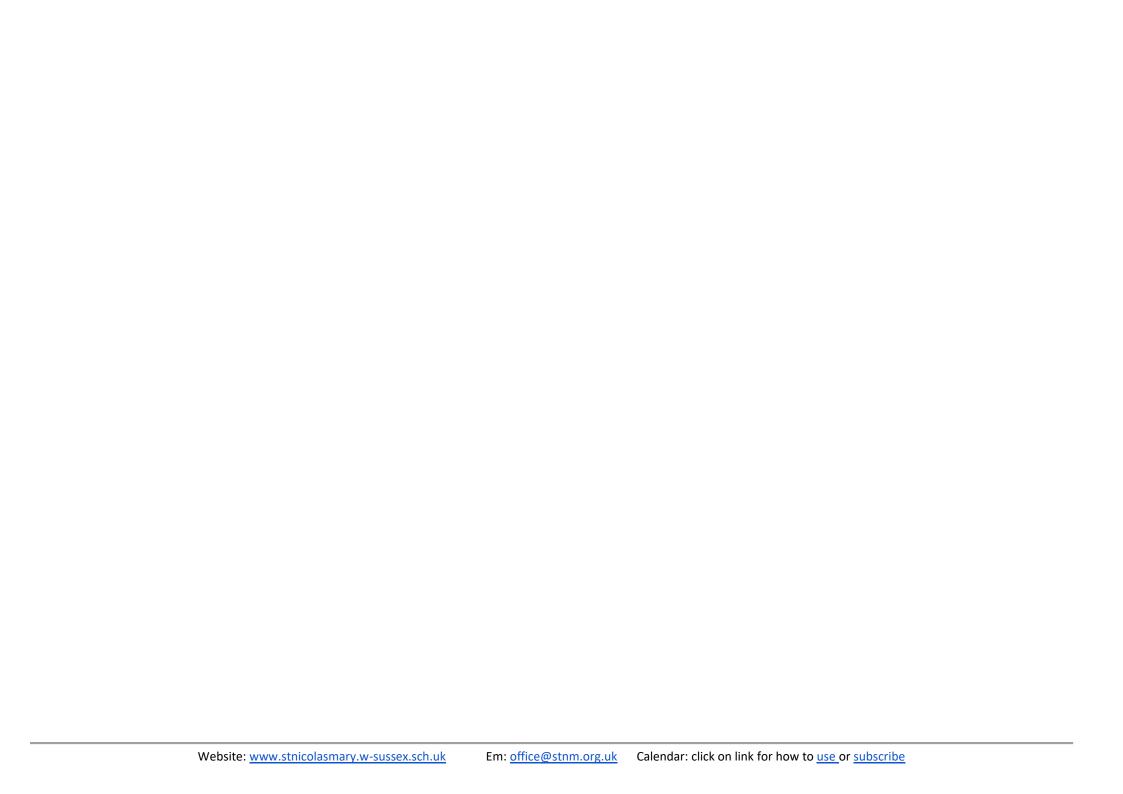
WWW.PLAY-NETBALL.CO.UK NETBALL-AFTER-SCHOOL-OLUBS







WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM



Win tickets to see the **Tom Gates EPIC Stage Show**



We're giving you the chance to win 4 tickets to see Tom Gates EPIC Stage Show at the Pavilion Theatre on Sat 28 Jun, 3:30pm, a signed Tom Gates book AND a £50 Waterstones gift voucher for your child's school

To enter, just tell us the answer to the below question:

Who wrote the Tom Gates book series?

Enter now

Competition closes Friday 28 February at midnight. The winner will be notified by email.

Coming Soon





Book Tickets

Sat 19 Apr

Tickets £14.50

Book Tickets



Princess Smartypants

Sun 25 May Tickets £18

Live!

Book Tickets

Rude Science



WARM SPACES @ WTM

We are offering free warm spaces, hot drinks and activities this March at Worthing Museum (Saturdays 2-5pm) and Fraser's Bar in the Connaught (Mondays 4-7pm).



Worthing Museum and Art Gallery

Open Wednesday to Sunday

FREE ENTRY

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LET'S FIGHT HEAD LICE TOGETHER

St Nicolas & St Mary's is promoting the Once a Week Take a Peek campaign, which offers parents and carers guidance on how to check and treat their child's hair for head lice.

We encourage parents and carers to read the easy-to-use guide and to incorporate regular checks for head lice into their routine.

The Once a Week Take a Peek campaign has been produced by Hedrin in association with the Medical Entomology Centre, a world-leading authority on head lice.

Visit (http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/) to access the online guidance.

#Onceaweektakeapeek #Headlice #Backtoschool #Hedrin

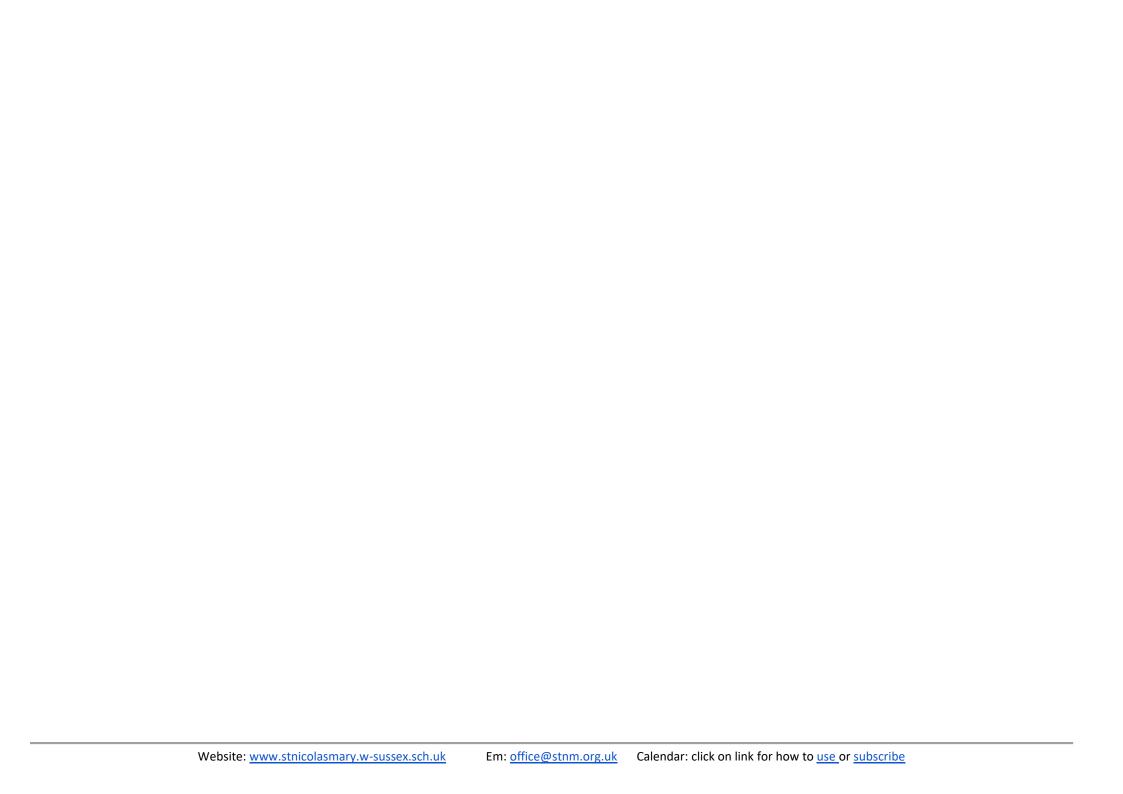


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THE HOLIDAY **SKATE CLUB**

CHILDREN AGED 6-12 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME GAMES AND ACTIVITIES EQUIPMENT PROVIDED MOBILE SKATEPARK ARTS AND CRAFTS

EASTBROOK PRIMARY ACADEMY SOUTHWICK

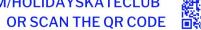
> **PATCHAM HIGH SCHOOL BRIGHTON**

£45 PER DAY | FULL-WEEK DISCOUNT **LATE PICK AVAILABLE**

MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEB | 9AM - 3PM



THESKATECLUB.COM/HOLIDAYSKATECLUB







Help us to clean Shoreham's War Memorial



Our war memorial is badly in need of a clean. In March 2025, cadets from the Shoreham Air Cadets and Army Cadets will undertake the work with the help of an expert.

We need to raise £1,300 to purchase specialist tools and materials.

If you would like to donate, please use the QR code below.













FEBRUARY 1/2 TERM DANCE DAY

WORTHING



- LEARN STREET DANCE FOUNDATIONS
- HAVE FUN AND PLAY GAMES
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- COMPLETE FUN CHALLENGES
- RECEIVE A BALLOON AND CERTIFICATE!



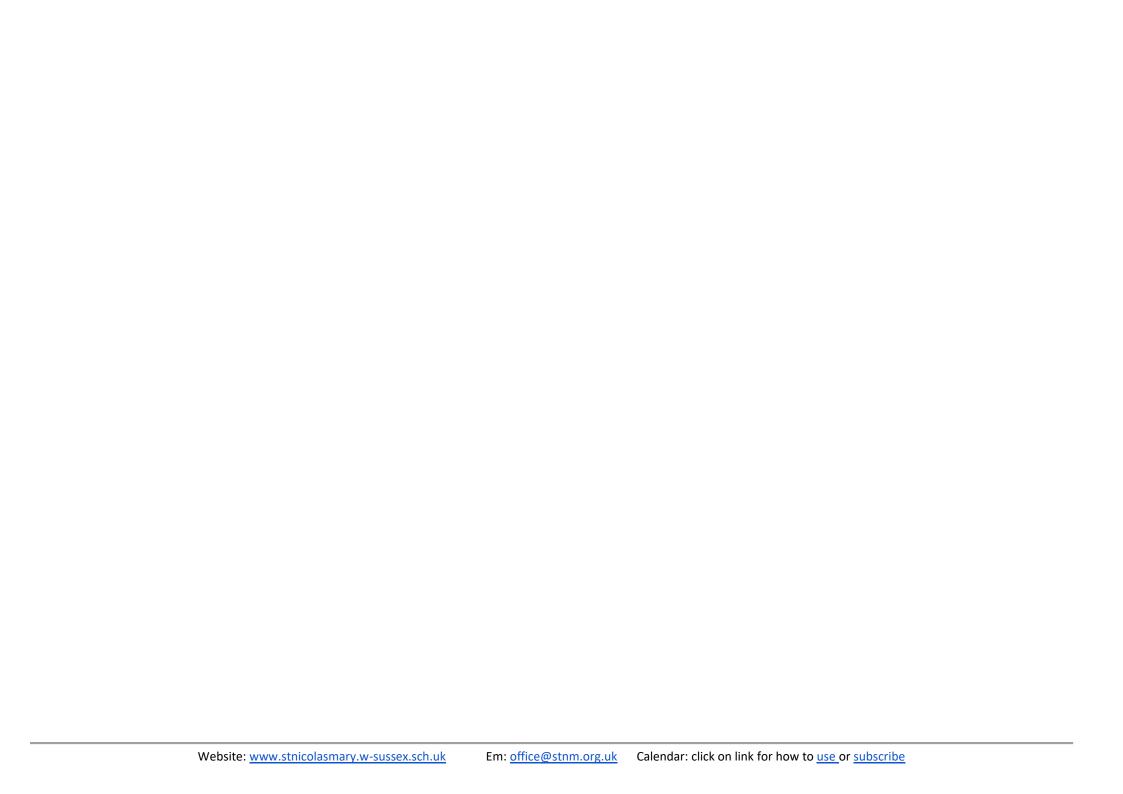
COME AND DANCE WITH US THIS 1/2 TERM!



Email to book: LIMITED SPACES! kerry@wannadostreetdance.com

9AM-4PM £30 PER

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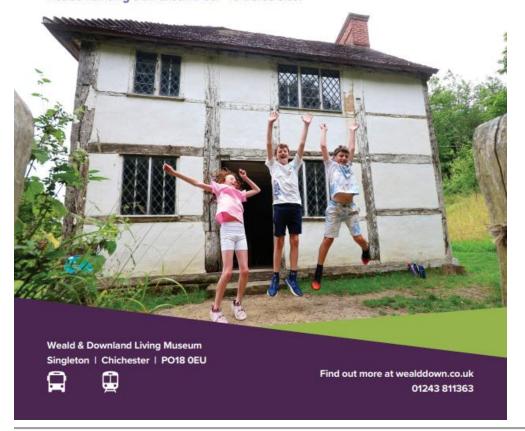
THERE'S **NO PLACE**



LIKE home! 15-23 FEBRUARY

Join us this February half term to celebrate houses and homes

Have a go at hands on activities and follow the house hunting trail around our 40 acres site.





SewCrafty

February Half Term Holiday Club 2025 For children in Y3-Y8



When: Monday 17, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 February (classes will run providing minimum 4 children book on each date)

9am - 4pm (whole day: £60, or half day AM or PM sessions may be available: £35)

Complete this Google form to request to book: https://forms.gle/FwmpiuZL2cszvD4q9

Contact: Yo at yosewcrafty@gmail.com m. 07825 381160











Small friendly classes in Shoreham-By-Sea (places limited to max 6 children)

Learn how to use a sewing machine, create unique projects & have lots of fun! No prior experience required.

Run by Yo Clay (Mum of 3, experienced qualified teacher, fully insured & DBS clearance)













After school club, holiday workshops, parties, 1:1 lessons Check out @yosewcrafty

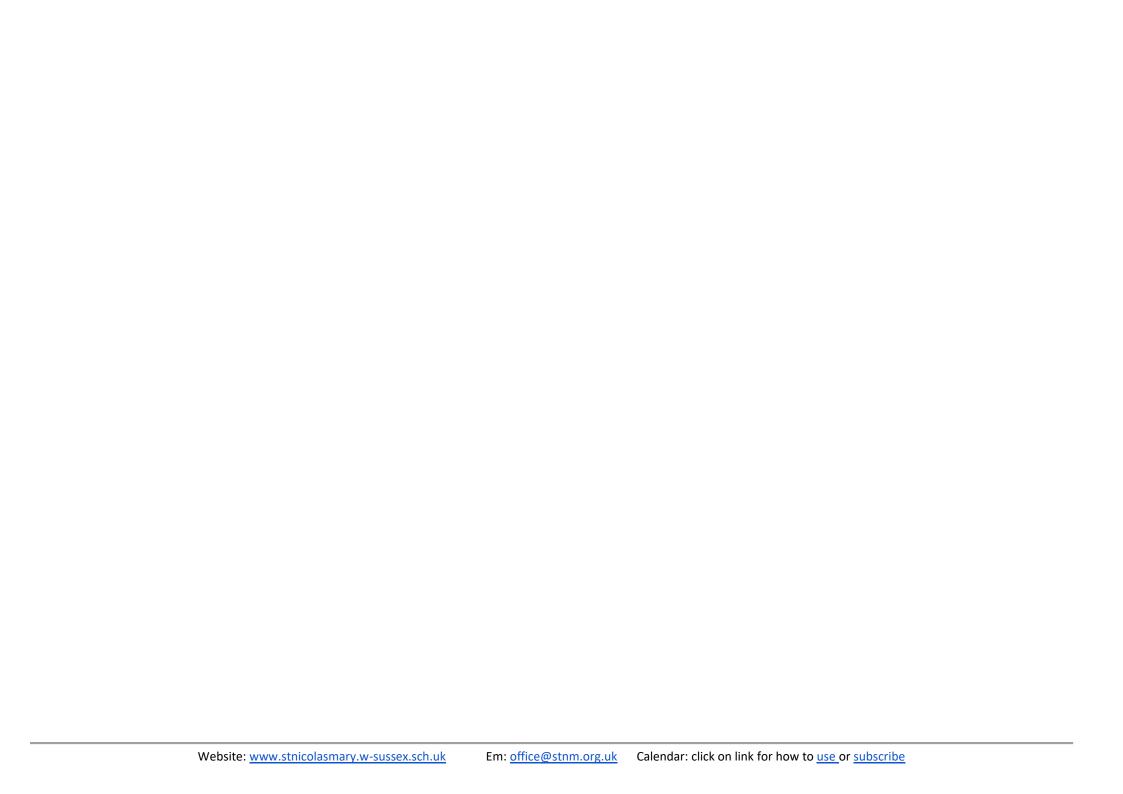




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West Sussex Young People's Service



February Half Term Activities 2025: Families and Young People

Monday 17th February	Worthing Holiday Camp For Young People Age 8+ 10:00-15:00	Worthing, West Sussex	Friday	Woodland Activity Day For Young People Age 8+ Session 1 is 10:00-12:30 Session 2 is 13:00-15:30	Arun,
Tuesday 18th February	Worthing Holiday Camp For Young People Age 8+ 10:00-15:00	Worthing, West Sussex	21st February	In Collaboration with Sussex Forest Activities. Both sessions can be booked.	West Sussex
Wednesday 19th February	Aspens Fun Day For Families of All Ages 10:00-14:00 In Collaboration with Sussex Cricket. More information to be released, keep an eye out!	Arun, West Sussex	Friday 21st February	Girls Group Social Evening For Girls Age 12-18 17:00-20:00 Girls Group is a safe place find friendships, have fun and enjoy activities with the	Worthing, West Sussex
Thursday	Sword Master Workshop For Families of All Ages 10:00-12:00			opportunity to ask questions that others may not understand	
20th February In Collaboration Gilbert, Learn b and exciting tec using realistic to	In Collaboration with Mark Gilbert. Learn basic training and exciting team games using realistic looking high density foam weapons.	on with Mark basic training eam games looking high	Saturday 22nd February	Youth Club Worthing For Young People Age 14-18 10:00-12:00 With a range of fun activities	Worthing, West Sussex

To find out more or book a place please go to http://wsxshortbreaks.aspens.org.uk/bookings

These sessions have been designed specifically for families and young people on the neurodevelopmental pathway (including but not exclusive to SEMH, ASC, ADHD).

Website: aspens.org.uk Charity no: 1171446



February 2025

Newsletter

Thursday 20th Feb 19:00 - 20:00

FREE



FRFF SFSSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday 3rd Feb

10:00 - 11:30 £24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 11th Feb

19:00 - 20:30 £24



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday 18th Feb 19:00 - 20:30

£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed converstaion with your teens.

Tuesday 25th Feb 19:00 - 20:30



Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

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EDUCATE-MOTIVATE-PARTICIPATE

Services we provide

Extra-curricular clubs: -

Before school, Lunch + After school

Holiday Camps

Curriculum P.E. teaching

INSET Days

Sports Days/House competitions

Themed/Event days

P.E. Interventions

Sensory Circuits

Play Leaders program

Sports we offer

Alternative =

Archery / Fencing / Tri Golf / Kurling / Handball / Lacrosse / Dodgeball / Ultimate Frisbee / Volleyball /

Yoga and Mindfulness / Badminton /

Kinball / Tchoukball

Mainstream =

Gymnastics / Dance / Rounders /
Football / Netball / Basketball /
Tag rugby / Athletics / Hockey / Cricket /
Orienteering / Multi skills / Tennis

07845673895 / dan.m@sportscool.org



Dates: 7-11 April 2025

This Easter, give your child the opportunity to immerse themselves in swimming with our intensive 5-day course. Whether they are just starting out or looking to improve their skills, our small, friendly classes cater to all abilities.

Morning Classes

(Timings vary depending on ability)

Our dedicated, passionate team is here to nurture swimmers of all ages. Each day, your child will benefit from personalised attention in a supportive environment.

Term Time Classes

We also operate a weekly programme for children and adults.

For more information or to book, please email us at: E info@penguinswimlessons.co.uk

W https://www.penguinswimlessons.co.uk/







FIND US ON

Sunday Mornings

@ Buckingham Park

10am-11am

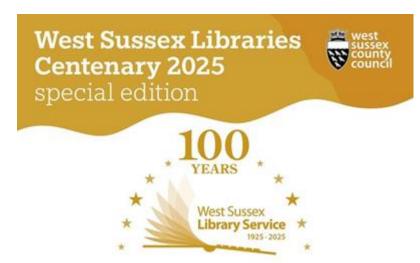




Player Development

- · Build strength, speed and fitness through our comprehensive training
- Master fundamental rugby skills including passing, tackling, kicking, and game strategy through expert coaching and progressive skill development tailored to each player's experience level.
- Make lasting friendships while being part of an inclusive team culture that values respect, sportsmanship, and camaraderie both on and off the field.

TRY IT, PLAY IT, LOVE IT...



Our library service is celebrating its centenary! This special edition Residents' eNewsletter showcases all the exciting things happening during 2025 that you can get involved in.



Check out what's happening in your local library here.