



This week has been Christian Aid Week, and we have been reflecting on the theme of helping those in poverty both locally and internationally.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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).
- **Calendar:** Follow the link for instructions on how to [use](#) or [subscribe](#) to the calendar.
- **Language of the Month:** Turkish
- **Sign of the Week:** Turkey (the country)
- **Facebook page:** facebook.com/stnmschool

2. DATES AND EVENTS: click [here](#) for the dates list.

- St Nicolas & St Marys Science Week - 19 – 22 May
- Break the Rules Day – 22 May (See poster below for details)

3. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- Parent Survey:** please do take five minutes to complete the stakeholder survey. The link for the survey can be found below and the **deadline for completion is the end of this month – 30 May**. Many thanks, Mr Lincoln <https://forms.office.com/e/S9iA1ct0Qd>
- Smartphone Questionnaire:** Thank you to all those families who responded to our recent survey regarding whether we should become a smartphone free environment for our pupils. The results are currently being reviewed, and we will notify parents of any decisions in due course.
- Lost Property:** We will be putting the lost property out next week. It will then be bagged up and kept for the first week back from half term - after that it will be cleared.

4. NURSERY, BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CHARGES: following a review of charges we are pleased to inform you that the charges for Little Fishes Nursery, Octopus and Starfish clubs will remain as they are for the next academic year. Governors felt strongly that, despite rising costs in all areas, it was essential to support our families in light of the cost-of-living pressures that everyone is facing.

Club	Sept 2025
Starfish After School Club – 3.25-5.30pm (Mon-Thu)	£9.00
Starfish After School Club – 3.25-5pm (Fri)	£8.00
Octopus Breakfast Club – 8-8.45am (Mon-Fri)	£5
Little Fishes Nursery	£18
Little Starfish Club (for Nursery children)	£14
Little Octopus Club (for Nursery children)	£6.50

- 5. School Poster Competition:** The theme for 2025 is '**Change and adapt**' – there are loads of STEM topics to be explored. Pupils could create a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings, or how humans have adapted to changing technology. The closing date is the **3 June**.
- 6. Celebration:** We are incredibly thankful to work in a school that is filled with so many wonderful children. We are therefore continuing with our monthly celebration assembly where teachers from each class choose two children who have shown consistently an amazing attitude to their work, friendships and all of school life. We then invite them to come up to the front of our assembly, to hear why the teacher has chosen them and receive a sticker and a round of applause from the rest of the school. **This is our fourth time of celebrating in this way and our theme for the occasion was 'Celebrating Effort'** (names below). We look forward to our next celebration assembly in June.

Class	Child	Child
Blue Whale	Olive	Vega
Gray Whale	Rosalie	Arabella
Dusky Dolphin	Harry Thorpe	Ralph
Spinner Dolphin	Savannah	Louis
Penguin	Nico	Harriet
Puffin	Penelope	Eva
Seal	Willow	Elias
Sea Lion	Freya	Sophie
Seahorse	Arabella	Lewis
Sea Otter	Otto	Caleb
Terrapin	Darcey	Amelie
Turtle	Violet W	Mylo
Coral	Charlie P	Connie
Oyster	Ayla G	David
Year 6	'To every child in Year 6 for their efforts with the End of Key Stage 2 Assessments'	

BREAK THE RULES



THURSDAY
22 MAY

1. Wear odd socks
2. Have Crazy hair/wear a funny hat
3. Wear non uniform on your top half
4. Wear non uniform on your bottom half
5. Wear your own Shoes
6. Have squash in your water bottle
7. Bring a small bar of chocolate or crisps for a snack
8. Wear nail varnish
9. Wear a hat or wig
10. Have a temporary tattoo

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BREAK UP TO
6 RULES



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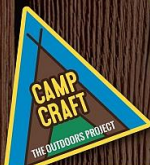
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MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS



ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 23RD MAY (INSET DAY)

MARSHMALLOWS, FIRE LIGHTING, SHELTERS AND WOODLAND GAMES

Solve any inset day stress by sending the kids to us for a day of Outdoors Project classics! We'll get really stuck into fire lighting with strikers, friction sets and flaming fire pits. Marshmallow toasting never gets old AND water pistols may be coming out weather-dependant!

TUESDAY 27 MAY

BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Bushcraft meets Minecraft! The kids work together to build a den/village using bushcraft techniques, earn tokens for completing various challenges, play games featuring Steve & the Creeper, & find hidden resources to make tools! [knowledge of Minecraft is not required!]

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

CIRCUS SKILLS & WATER PISTOL PAINTING

Step right up for an action-packed circus day! Create giant bubble wands, master circus skills like diabolo & poi, then team up for a massive water pistol art mural! Unleash your creativity & skills - it's a day full of fun, bubbles, & colourful masterpieces!

THURSDAY 29 MAY

NATURE NINJAS: CAMPING HACKS

Gear up for the best camping trip ever! Learn to set up a tent, start a fire, whittle sticks, cook over a campfire, & play popular camping games from around the world. Master these top camping hacks & become a pro camper ready for the ultimate summer adventure!

FRIDAY 30 MAY

NERF: ULTIMATE NERF GAMES

Lock & load! A high-energy day with team Nerf games, building forts, tactics & challenges. Four of the best Nerf games out there: Hunger Games, Tower Defence, VIP Rescue & Man Down, plus an ultimate frisbee-style game with a rocket ball! (Age 6+ recommended)



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Thank you so much for introducing my daughter to this wonderful art form. She absolutely loves harmonica and will keep playing forever!

Woodingdean Primary School

Why learn harmonica?

- ✓ It sounds great
- ✓ It's affordable
- ✓ It's portable
- ✓ It's cool for boys & girls
- ✓ Free taster session
- ✓ Performance opportunities
- ✓ Music aids wider learning

Musical Enrichment with Harp Academy

We provide daytime harmonica classes at your school for groups of up to 8 children. Each session is half an hour and we provide ten sessions per term. We also offer individual tuition on request. Lesson content includes fun warm-up activities, instrument skills, exploring musical elements from the national curriculum and learning songs for enjoyment and performance. Our teachers are professional musicians, with DBS certification, safeguarding and first aid training.



Free Taster Session

Why not take advantage of a **FREE TASTER SESSION**? We'll provide a harmonica and music sheet to get you started. Dates and times for our termly 10 week schedule are advertised on the Harp Academy website. To register, simply click the **Gold Harmonica** on our homepage and we will email you further details. Subscription for further sessions is just **£40.00 per half term**. That's a third of the price for private music tuition. Further information is on our website.



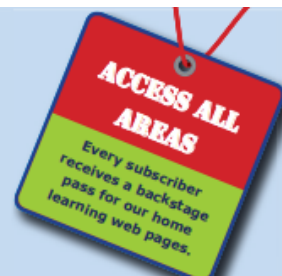
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Children and parents who subscribe to Harp Academy also enjoy a complimentary backstage pass for the protected content on our website. There are carefully prepared support pages for the music we are learning, some helpful key skill advice and exercises to help build musical technique. For weekends and holidays, there is also an exciting Harp QI section to explore, with fun videos, music activity ideas and wider learning topics.



The home of champions

At Harp Academy having fun is top of our wish list, and playing to audiences is a vital part of our curriculum. We understand how performance builds self confidence and creates happy memories for everyone. When children are ready, their journey starts with playbacks in school assembly. From there we attend local festivals such as Paddle Round The Pier, Harpin' By The Sea and entertain in children's hospitals. There is also an opportunity to compete at the national harmonica festival, where we have been producing junior champions since 2011!



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Understanding the Teenage Brain
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Improving Family Communication

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Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
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Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 10am
Decreasing Depression	16 June 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	17 June 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 June 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	24 June 10am
Autism Improving Communication	24 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	30 June 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	30 June 7pm
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am

BEACH DREAMS

Community Festival Workshops by  Over the Moon

@The Circular Space:

Messy Makers for Beach Dreams: Mondays, 3.45 - 5.15pm

Make textile festival decor: Sun 4th & 25th May, 10am - 3pm, free

Make cardboard trees: Mon 5th May, 2 - 4pm, free

Screenprinting on fabric: Sun 11th May, 10am - 1pm, pay what you can

Sew festival banners: Sat 17th May, 10am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm, free

Sew a festival outfit: Sun 18th May, 10am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm, pay what you can

Linoprinting on fabric: Sat 24th May, 10am - 1pm, pay what you can

Holiday Art Club festival headgear: Tues 27th May, 9.30 - 12.30pm, pay what you can

Holiday Art Club screenprinting on fabric: Tues 27th May, pay what you can

Hands on Holiday workshop, Beach Dreams theme: Thurs 29th May, 9am - 3pm,
book at hanskibol88@gmail.com

Messy Makers Beach Dreams special: Fri 30th May, 3 - 5pm

Musical instrument making: Sat 31st May, 10am - 12pm, pay what you can

Lantern making: Sat 31st May, 2 - 5pm, pay what you can

Make festival signage: Sun 1st June, 10am - 1pm, free

Make festival sculptures: Sun 1st June, 2 - 5pm, free

@Lancing Green Dreams on Lancing Beach Green:

Make what you want from the blue/green scrap stash: Sun 8th June, 10.30am - 3.30pm, drop in, donation

@ Beach Dreams festival on Shoreham Beach Green:

Make something for the parade: Fri 13th June, 6 - 8pm & Sat 14th June, 12 - 2pm, drop in, donation

Parade: theme of **The Blue and The Green**, Sat 14th June, 2 - 2.30pm

Pom pom making: Sat 14th June, 3 - 5pm, pay what you can

Jewellery making: Sat 14th June, 5 - 7pm, pay what you can

Craft party: Sat 14th June, 7 - 9pm & Sun 15th June, 6 - 8pm, drop in, donation

Nature collage: Sun 15th June, 12 - 2pm, pay what you can

Nature drawing: Sun 15th June, 2 - 4pm, pay what you can

Sticker making: Sun 15th June, 4 - 6pm, drop in, donation

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2025 SUMMER TERM



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BACA

Thursday 29 May

9:00am - 2:00pm

Cost: FREE



**Brighton Alridge
Community Academy**
Lewes Rd, Brighton, BN1 9PW

Contact

Ayscha Woods
ayscha.woods@sussexcricket.co.uk

What to Expect?

- ✓ Have fun & make new friends whilst improving your skills!
- ✓ Wear what you want (comfortable sports shoes recommended)
- ✓ Teas & coffees available for parents, access to look around the Alridge Cricket Centre

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Portslade Cricket Club
Old Shoreham Rd, next to
Sainsburys, BN3 7GD

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🌿 May Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids! 🌿

Explore Calm, Connection, and Confidence with Our Gentle Ponies!

Date: Friday 30th May 2025

Time: 9.30am- 2.30pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9BH

Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.

🌿 What to Expect:

💖 **Mindfulness Time with Ponies:** Learn calming techniques and emotional regulation skills while spending quality time with our gentle ponies.

🐾 **Pony Care:** Discover the joys of caring for ponies through grooming, feeding, and building a bond.

🐎 **Riding and Mounted Games:** Experience the joy of pony rides and engage in fun, team-based games that promote confidence and cooperation.

🎨 **Mindful Nature Art:** Unleash your creativity with activities that inspire observation and connection with the natural world.

🌿 **Connect with Nature:** Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of our beautiful, quiet stables and serene surroundings.

👫 **Make New Friends:** Build connections and friendships with other children in a supportive, nurturing environment.

Spaces are limited to 12 children! Email now to ensure your spot.

Contact: bookings@yourspacetherapies.org

Cost: £110 plus VAT

Join us for an unforgettable experience that combines mindfulness and pony magic!

