



Hasn't the sunshine been wonderful this week?
Have a wonderful three-day weekend and see you all back here on Tuesday!

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:** Dutch
- **Sign of the Week:** Sun
- **Facebook page:** facebook.com/stnmschool

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

- Wednesday 14 May St Nic's Singers, St Nicolas Church,
- Wednesday 7 May AM Year 1 Dusky Dolphin – Library Trip
- Wednesday 7 May PM Year 1 Spinner Dolphin – Library Trip
- Thursday 5 June Year 4 Seahorse – Anne of Cleves visit
- Friday 6 June Year 4 Sea Otter – Anne of Cleves visit
- Wednesday 11 June St Nic's Singers, Years 4-6, Heronsdale
- Wednesday 9 July Year 2 – Beach Trip

3. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- Girls' pants donation:** We are in need of girls' pants aged 8 and above. If you have any unwanted pairs you would like to donate, please hand them to the office. Many thanks.
- A BIG THANKS!** Many thanks to Mr Smedley (George's dad, in year 3) for giving us some lovely, brand-new books! We know the children will enjoy them! The English Team
- Y5 Bikeability:** West Sussex County Council is now offering a free optional Level 1 Bikeability Course for Year 5 pupils. This will take place on the school grounds on Wednesday 18 June. Each child will receive a 1.5hr session. To ensure your child has a place on the course please complete the form sent via email.

4. TEACHER VACANCY: we are currently recruiting for a 0.8FTE teacher from September - please see the advert at the end of the bulletin or click on the link to WSCC: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/job-search/>

5. PARENT SURVEY: As part of the Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust, we have been given the opportunity for our parents to complete a stakeholder survey. We were incredibly grateful and humbled by the responses to the OFSTED parent survey in December. We hope that once again our families can take the opportunity to share their views on what is going well in the school and what we can strive to develop further. The link for the survey can be found below [this will also be sent out in a separate email] and the **deadline for completion is the end of this month - May 30 2025.** Many thanks, Mr Lincoln <https://forms.office.com/e/S9iAlct0Qd>

6. SMARTPHONES: There is still time to complete the questionnaire regarding smartphones in school which was included in last week's bulletin. You can complete this by clicking the link: [Smartphone Questionnaire](#)
Further information about the Smartphone Free childhood movement: www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk
You may also wish to consider joining the St Nic's and St Mary's Smartphone Free Childhood what's app group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Cp4fXfEBnijGUjuv9PIFx3>

7. Celebration: We are incredibly thankful to work in a school that is filled with so many wonderful children. We have continued our monthly celebration assembly where teachers from each class choose two children who have shown a consistently amazing attitude to their work, friendships and all of school life. We will 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 third time of celebrating in this way and our theme for the occasion was 'Celebrating effort in learning and friendships'** (names below). We look forward to our next celebration assembly in June.



Class	Child	Child
Blue Whale	Thea	Wolfie
Gray Whale	Freddie	Jacob
Dusky Dolphin	Molly	Elias
Spinner Dolphin	Olive	Clara
Penguin	Harriet	Lottie
Puffin	Charlie	Gwen
Seal	Jovin	Holly
Sea Lion	Elsie A	Rory
Seahorse	Matilda	Isla
Sea Otter	Libby	Mieka
Terrapin	Jonny	Evie
Turtle	Darcey	Robin
Coral	Lucia	Charlie T
Oyster	Lucy	Leo

8. 'Design your own wellies' Competition: Chailey Heritage Foundation are running their own 'Design your own wellies' competition to help raise funds to build The Den on Patchwork Farm. St Nicolas and St Mary's has formed a link with Chailey in the past and the schools Dream Team did some fundraising for them last term. More information on The Den can be found here – www.chf.org.uk/Community_Den. If your child would like to enter the competition, all they have to do is design their own pair of wellies on the activity sheet provided [here](#) – make them as bright and colourful as you'd like and don't be afraid to add glitter/feathers/etc. and bring it back to school with £1. The winner will receive a visit to Patchwork Farm at Chailey Heritage Foundation over the summer that they can enjoy with their family.

Teacher Vacancy – 0.8FTE

We have an exciting opportunity for a class teacher to join our wonderful St Nicolas and St Mary C.E. Primary School team from September 2025. The role will probably be based in Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4).

We welcome applications from Early Career Teachers who are both outstanding and ambitious.

Location:	St Nicolas and St Mary C.E. Primary School, Shoreham	Age Range: 3 – 11 years
Position:	Teacher – 0.8 FTE (four days per week)	
Required from:	1 st September 2025 – we would welcome the successful candidate coming in for some transition days before the summer break	
Contract:	Temporary (potential to become a permanent contract)	
Salary:	Teacher's Main Scale	

St Nic's is a **'FABULOUS'** place to work:

Fantastic facilities – Large staff room, well-equipped PPA room, two halls, large classrooms and spacious grounds.

Accessible – Only a 7-mile drive (15+ minutes) from Brighton or 10-15 minutes by train plus a 10-minute walk.

Brilliant buddies – We are a friendly, sociable, caring team.

Utterly amazing pupils – Our pupils are delightful, creative and high achieving.

Lovely environment – A 'family feel' and strong Christian ethos.

Outstanding behaviour – As judged by inspectors.

Understanding and supportive – We have successfully inducted 15+ ECTs (NQTs) over the last 10 years.

Successful school – We are officially a good/excellent school with a very strong reputation.

The successful applicant will be expected to attend staff meetings, attend parent meetings and undertake other duties within "directed time". In addition, teachers are expected to work reasonable additional hours to enable them to discharge their professional duties effectively.

- Are you an enthusiastic and excellent teacher?
- Do you have high expectations and want children to do their very best?
- Do you have lower KS2 experience?
- Can you work effectively as a team and support our Christian ethos?

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted to confirm interview day arrangements. The school will take up references of all shortlisted candidates prior to interview.

Optional Tour / Visit: Please email office@stnm.org.uk or call 01273 454470 to arrange a tour of the school (these will be at set times.)

Deadline for applications: 12 noon Monday 12th May 2025

Interview day: Tuesday 13th May 2025

Further information

If you have any [questions](#) please email Andy Lincoln: head@stnm.org.uk

An application form and other information is available from the school office office@stnm.org.uk or visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/living/jobs/working_for_us/teacher_recruitment/school_job_search.aspx



WORKSHOPS & TRAINING



What can be done to support our children aged 4-11 in school?

Join us to explore what opportunities, guidance, and support are available for children who need additional support in school

Hear from expert speakers including:

Kit Messenger – Insights on executive functioning & school anxiety

Gemma Humphrey – What support schools should provide for SEND children

Plus visit our marketplace to get vital information and resources – see below for the full list of stalls!



Tuesday 20th May
Doors open 9:15am
10am - 1:00pm
WORTHING

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www.wspcf.org.uk/events
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ST NICS SINGERS IN CONCERT

AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH

Wednesday | 14th May

2.30p.m.

St Nicolas Church

St Nicolas Lane, BN43 5NH



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Ed Boxall at Shoreham Art Gallery

Artist, illustrator and Author Ed Boxall is guest artist at Shoreham Art Gallery throughout May.

Shoreham Art Gallery
27 Brunswick Rd
Shoreham-by-Sea
BN43 5WA



Meet the Artist
and Storytelling
for all ages
with Ed



11 AM
Saturday
May 10th

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

Unless stated otherwise, for more info and booking scan the QR code
or see www.weareoverthemoon.org/upcomingevents.

Any queries email weareoverthemoon@gmail.com.



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Woodingdean Primary School

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- ✓ 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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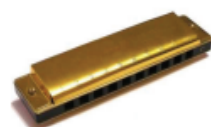
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Teatime Family Worship

St Mary de Haura Church

4pm | Sunday 4th May



Join us for...

fun together with songs,
bible stories and prayer.

For children and their grown up's.
Followed by refreshments.

St Giles Church Fair

Saturday May 3rd 2-5 pm

- Stalls ● Children's Activities
- Gifts
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- Raffle
- Refreshments
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