

Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair.

Nelson Mandela

A huge well done to all our children for their sporting endeavours in the sunshine on Tuesday- Good luck to KS2 for next week

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:** Mandarin
- **Sign of the Week:** China
- **Facebook page:** facebook.com/stnmschool
- Please check your email inbox's for an important letter regarding class and staffing arrangements for 2025-26

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

- **Monday 7 July: WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH** – please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform including their cardigan/jumper!
- **Thursday 10 July:** Year 1 Showcase. More information below
- **Friday 18 July – KS2 Platinum Reward Trip:** Parents will be contacted, and provided with details, by Friday 11 July if your child is eligible to come on the trip (has achieved their Platinum Best Points Award).
- **Transition Dates**

Transition Arrangements	
Event	Dates
ALL- Hand-up teacher meeting (2)	Wed 9 July 3.40 - 5.10pm
New Reception - Parents' Information Meeting	Wed 9 July 5pm - 6pm
Y5 & Y6 MEET THE TEACHER	Mon 14 July 3.40-4.05 & 4.10-4.35pm
Y4 & Y2 MEET THE TEACHER	Tues 15 July 2.50-3.15* & 4.10-4.35pm
New Reception - Picnic	Wed 16 July 1.30pm -2.30pm
Y3 & Y1 MEET THE TEACHER	Thurs 17 July 3.40-4.05 & 4.10-4.35pm
Rec – Y5 – Hand-up Afternoon	Fri 11 July
Rec – Y5 – Hand-up Afternoon	Mon 14 PM

3. **A BIG THANK YOU** to the PTA for funding the event shelters! These have been up all week and provided much needed shade for the children (and staff) every day.



4. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- **Leaving Engines on at pick up time:** we would like to remind all parents and guardians to please refrain from leaving car engines running while waiting to pick up your child from school. We understand it is uncomfortable waiting in the heat, but this contributes significantly to environmental pollution. Please use nearby alternatives such as Buckingham Park. Thank you for understanding.
- **Health & Safety Week:** Next week we are holding our annual 'Health and Safety Week'. In both our daily assemblies and in class discussions we will be focussing on different ways we can look after ourselves and keep

safe. We are also excited to welcome a local PCSO in to school on Wednesday. The officer will join us for an informal lunchtime Q&A with pupils, a workshop with our Year 6 as well as a whole school assembly.

- **English Team – Books from school:** Please could you have a good look at home for any books that need to be brought back to school. These could be Phonics, Library or Book Trolley Books. It is really important that these texts are returned so we can take stock of what resources we have and be ready for September. Many thanks for your support, The English Team.

5. JOB OPPORTUNITIES: we are currently advertising for the following:

- Individual Needs Assistant – closing date Tuesday 15 July (interviews on Wednesday 16 July)
- Administration Assistant – closing date Monday 8th September (interviews on Wednesday 10th September)

Full details are available on our website [Job Opportunities](#), the WSCC website [WSCC job search](#) or please speak to a member of SLT for further information.

6. PREMISES, HEALTH & SAFETY

- For tips and advice to parents/carers on all aspects of children's emotional and physical health, please click on this [link](#).
- **TikTok Safety Guide:** Please find information from WSCC on TikTok safety through this [link](#).

7. 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 sixth time of celebrating in this way and our theme for the occasion was 'Celebrating those who think of others before themselves'** (names below). We look forward to our next celebration assembly in September.

Class	Child	Child
Blue Whale	Aqsa	Emily & Joshy
Gray Whale	Kobe	Jasmine
Dusky Dolphin	Molly	Verena
Spinner Dolphin	Savannah	Clara
Penguin	Edith	Ottilie
Puffin	Fred	Isla
Seal	Ralph	Willow
Sea Lion	Jacob	Nicholas
Seahorse	Community Games	
Sea Otter	Community Games	
Terrapin	Elodie	Will
Turtle	Mary	Isra
Coral	Ata	Rosco
Oyster	Henry A	Tia

8. Little Fishes Nursery - 30 Hour Free Childcare Code Reminder – Just a reminder to apply now to ensure you have renewed your 30 hours free childcare code by **31 August 2025**. Log in to your childcare account to check your details are up to date and reconfirm your eligibility by **the autumn term** to ensure you continue to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare in the Autumn Term - <https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>. Contact the HMRC helpline if you are experiencing issues applying or reconfirming on 0300 1234 097.

9. Year 1 Showcase: We are pleased to welcome parents to our Year 1 Summer term showcase taking place on Thursday 10 July at 2.45pm (doors open). We will share our learning journey around our writing unit of Jack and the Beanstalk linked to many areas of the curriculum including science (plants) and history (Castles). Highlights will include our Fairy tale themed Clay project on display and writing recounts of our trip to Lewes Castle to read. We look forward to welcoming you (please only 2 adults per family max due to space - preschoolers warmly welcomed too.) Thankyou, Mrs Bannier and Mrs Gallagher.

10. Special Discounts for St Nic's School Uniform: Felix School wear has special discounts available on all St Nic's uniform. Complete the online form below (link also available on school website).

- 10% off all school uniform (code: 10SUMMER). Excluding polo shirts – see separate discount below.
- 15% off all orders of school uniform over £80 (code: 15SUMMER). Excluding polo shirts – see separate discount below)
- 20% off all orders of school uniform over £120 (code: 20SUMMER). Excluding polo shirts – see separate discount below)
- 30% off all polo shirts – discount already applied on the order form.

Please use this order form: <https://form.jotform.com/201631732045344>

11. Junior Adventures Group – Please find information on free funded summer holiday clubs for FSM children through this [link](#).





At Mindfulness Club we will:

- Explore our emotions using the arts and play
- Learn new ways to manage and explore feelings
- Have space to de-stress and be creative
- Find calm, peace and support
- Have fun and get to know ourselves and each other!

Mindfulness club will be run by the same child therapist every week.

Day and Time: Thursday's, 3.15-4.15pm

Dates: Autumn term, 12 weeks, from 11th September- 4th December 2025

Cost: £9 per child, per week

Bonus for parents and guardians: If your child attends Creative Emotions club you will be given free access to the Your Space Therapies 'Boost the Bond webinar' so you can learn key strategies to support your child's emotional and mental health.

To book please click this Eventbrite link:

[St. Nicolas and St. Mary's Mindfulness Club- Book Now!](#)



Summer Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day's for Kids!

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

Dates: Friday 8th August, Monday 11th August, Monday 18th August, Monday 1st September.

Time: 9am- 2pm

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.

Your Child's Special Day with the Ponies will include:

♥ Mindfulness Time with Ponies, Pony Care, Riding and Mounted Games and Mindful Nature Art.

Spaces are limited to 15 children per session! Please visit the Eventbrite links below now to ensure your spot. Once your booking is confirmed we will contact you to gather further information.

Friday 8th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Monday 11th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Monday 18th August Mindfulness pony Day. Book now!

Monday 1st September Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Contact: bookings@yourspacetherapies.org

Cost: £140

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



The links to book these events are:

[Friday 8th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!](#)

[Monday 11th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!](#)

[Monday 18th August Mindfulness pony Day. Book now!](#)

[Monday 1st September Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!](#)

N.B We are unable to provide refunds for this club once spaces are booked. After we have received your booking, we will email you from bookings@yourspace therapies.org with an essential registration form to complete. Thank you.



WE'RE SUPERSIZING SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

**Free Funded Spaces
available at
your local venue
through the HAF
scheme!**



**Scan to book your
free funded space.**



Introducing the Holiday HQ!

Holiday HQ is the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break during school closures!

From thrilling outdoor adventures to creative workshops, cooking classes, and interactive learning sessions, our expert team offers a dynamic mix of engaging activities and enriching experiences. We also ensure that every child's holiday is not just entertaining but an opportunity for growth. Helping them to build new friendships, explore their interests, and return to school with unforgettable memories.

Experience Types

At Holiday HQ, every programme is packed with exciting activities to keep children entertained and engaged. From take-home creations to exciting special events, we offer a range of fun experiences tailored to spark imagination and creativity.



Dive into a new adventure every day with our exciting daily-themed activities! Each school holiday features a special overarching theme, introducing something new daily, with a hero activity that children will love.



Skill Zone is a daily session designed to build confidence, curiosity, and teamwork through themed challenges and purposeful play. Aligned with each day's theme, children explore new ways to think, move, and create—developing life skills in a fun, inclusive environment.



Craft your own unique creation and take it home as a Holiday HQ souvenir! Whether it's arts and crafts, DIY science experiments, or even designing your own t-shirt, every creation is a special Holiday HQ keepsake.



Experience exciting performances, games, and activities brought to your club by expert facilitators—from epic animal encounters and Nerf battles to silent discos, every week features a special event extravaganza!



Everyday our on-site teams will also deliver Team Challenges, Super Sports and Arts and Crafts activities, which are all picked by and led by the children.



**Proud to offer HAF spaces
during the Easter, Summer
& Winter holidays!**






Swing into the school holidays.
Scan or click here to book your child's free funded space

Free Funded Spaces available at your local venue through the HAF scheme!

Looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine? Holiday HQ is the place to be!

WEEKLY THEMES | SPORTS | TEAM GAMES | STEM | ARTS & CRAFTS | SPECIAL EVENTS | MAKE AND TAKES | AND MUCH MORE!

SUMMER CAMP

Check out what's on offer:

- Themed Hero Activities:** Embark on a new adventure each day with exciting themed activities—like Outdoor Explorers, Sports Week, Crazy Science & Inventions, Fun of the Fair, and more—for unforgettable holiday fun!
- Make and Take:** Craft your own unique creation and take it home as a Holiday HQ souvenir! Whether it's arts and crafts, DIY science experiments, or even designing your own t-shirt, every creation is a special Holiday HQ keepsake.
- Special Events:** Experience exciting performances, games, and activities brought to your club by expert facilitators—from epic animal encounters and Nerf battles to silent discos, every week features a special event extravaganza!
- Skill Zone (Daily):** Skill Zone is a daily session designed to build confidence, curiosity, and teamwork through themed challenges and purposeful play. Aligned with each day's theme, kids explore new ways to think, move, and create—developing life skills in a fun, inclusive environment.
- Team Challenges (Daily):** Join forces and take on exciting team-based games and challenges that build teamwork, creativity, and confidence. Every day is a new mission to accomplish together!
- Super Sports (Daily):** Get active and unleash your energy with a variety of dynamic sports and physical games. From classic favourites to new twists, it's all about movement, fun, and friendly competition!
- Arts & Crafts (Daily):** Let your imagination shine through daily arts and crafts activities! From painting and sculpting to creating themed masterpieces, every day is a chance to express your inner artist.

Secure your free funded space today!

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*Please note that activities may vary by service. Contact your local service directly for full details.



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C.E. High School for Girls

Come and have a look at our school

OPEN MORNINGS 30th Sept, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Oct 9.00am - 11.00am

OPEN EVENING 7th October 5.00pm - 7.30pm

Presentation and Headteacher talks 5.30pm and 6.30pm

For further details: www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk

**We are delighted to be able to invite you to our forthcoming open events
for admissions in September 2026**

Please come along and have a look at our school, the preferred date for families of your primary school to attend the Open Morning is **Thursday 2nd October** and there is no need to book.

Please see the link below to our e-prospectus for more information:

<https://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/admissions/prospectus/>

We are very much looking forward to meeting you.

Davison CE High School for Girls

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Training

Summer 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

June

Making Sense of Wellbeing: Self-care and managing stress	Tuesday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge (age 2-11 years)	Wednesday 11th	10.30am
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11 years+)	Wednesday 11th	7.30pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Tuesday 17th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessments and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 19th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding and building resilience	Tuesday 24th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Masking	Wednesday 25th	10.30am

July

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment	Thursday 3rd	7.30pm
Understanding Autism	Thursday 10th	10.30am
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Monday 14th	7.30pm

The SEND Foundation Course

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

Dates: 25th June / 2nd July / 9th July (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



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All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



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Reaching Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex?



Reaching Families is a parent-carer led charity which aims to empower parent-carers and families of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex through the delivery of information, training and peer support.

Making Sense of it All

In-depth parent-carer guide covering SEND issues from birth to adulthood

Fact sheets

Covering a range of SEND issues localised to the needs of West Sussex families

Umbrellas

Parent support groups based at locations across West Sussex and online, via Zoom

Benefits Advice Service

1-2-1 advice & claim checking support for families applying for DLA, PIP & Carers Allowance

Training

Workshops and courses on a variety of issues delivered online, via Zoom

NDP Navigation Service

Support service for parent-carers of children undergoing assessment on the West Sussex Neurodevelopmental Pathway (via referral from a professional)

Face-2-Face

Peer based befriending for parents of children undergoing diagnosis

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

Facebook Group

An online parent support group providing news, information and peer support

If you would like more information about how Reaching Families can help, please contact:

Email: admin@reachingfamilies.org.uk

Telephone: 01903 366 360

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Umbrellas

Parent Support Group Summer Term 2025

Would you like to connect with other local parent carers?

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex, please join us at one of our local support groups or from the comfort of your own home.



Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Adur East Family Hub (Shoreham)

3rd Jun / 1st Jul

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

7th May / 4th Jun / 2nd Jul

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

22nd Apr / 13th May / 17th Jun / 15th Jul

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

23rd Apr / 21st May / 18th Jun / 16th Jul

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

24th Apr / 15th May / 26th Jun / 17th Jul

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

The Cherry Tree Centre

29th Apr / 20th May / 10th Jun / 8th Jul

If you would like more information about our Umbrellas Support Group or would like the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact the outreach team.

Email:

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

1st May	7.30 pm - 9 pm
12th Jun	7.30 pm - 9 pm
10th Jul	7.30 pm - 9 pm



Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

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