

This week we have been reflecting on how faith can help us to achieve amazing things even when it seems just too hard. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Lincoln and the Senior Leadership Team.

I. 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: term dates, events. Follow the link for instructions on how to use or subscribe to the calendar.
- Language of the Month: English. During September, we will be celebrating the English language by continuing our focus from last term on our 'marvellous manners' and establishing our new school routines.
- Sign of the Week: Autumn
- Facebook page: We are pleased to announce that, this week, we have launched our new Facebook page! To like or follow our page, you can find us at facebook.com/stnmschool
- 2. **UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:** here are the upcoming events for the next few weeks. Please see the dates list here for events happening later in the term.
 - Monday 30th September: KS1 Harvest Festival, St Giles Church, 1.30pm
 - Tuesday Ist and Thursday 3rd October: Look around the Ark- 3.30 3.45pm (Year I-4 parents)
 - Wednesday 2nd October: KS2 Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church, 8.45am
 - Wednesday 2nd October: New Reception Parents Coffee Morning- 9am
 - Monday 7th October: Winter uniform
 - Friday IIth October: PTA Coffee and Cake
 - Friday 25th October: Break the Rules Day
 - Friday 25th October: Y6 Bluebell Railway
 - Monday 27th January: INSET Day
 - Friday 27th June: INSET Day

(There will be <u>one additional INSET day</u> which will take place in the Summer term. We will inform parents of the date by October half term.)

3. HARVEST FESTIVALS

- **KS1 Harvest Service:** Children in Years 1 and 2 will be attending a special Harvest service at St Giles' Church with Father James on **Monday 30**th **September** in the afternoon. They will return in time for pick up at school at the usual time. Parents are welcome to attend this service. During the service, the children will sing some Harvest songs, share prayers of thanks and bring harvest gifts to the altar.
- **KS2 Harvest Festival:** On Wednesday 2nd October our KS2 children have their Harvest Festival service at St Mary de Haura church, Shoreham. Please drop your child off at the church at 8.45am for a 9am start. They will be walked back to school after the service. Parents are welcome to attend the service. Any children attending Octopus club will be walked from school to the church. Please ensure they are dropped off at 8am as will be leaving at 8.15am to walk to the church.
- **Donations:** This year we are collecting items for the local food banks. If you are able to, it would be fantastic if your child could bring a donation of tinned or dried food. For more information on the types of item required, please visit: https://shoreham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

Many thanks for your support for the community.

KSI: Please bring your donations to the school office on Monday 30th September.

KS2: Please take your donations to the church on Wednesday 2nd October.

4. REQUESTS, REMINDERS AND GENERAL NOTES

- Winter Uniform: From Monday 7th October all children must wear winter uniform. The uniform policy can be found here. Please ensure all items, including coats, are named so we can return items that get mislaid we always have a huge amount of unnamed lost property items which we are unable to return so naming your child's uniform will help both you and us! Please note, girls are not allowed to wear leggings or boots.
- **PE Kit Reminder:** Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with their PE Kit, especially on their timetabled PE days.
- **Secondary School Tours:** If you are taking your child on a school tour please email the school office to let them know of your child's absence. Where possible, please attend evening tours to avoid your child missing time in school.
- only do this if parents/carers pay the cost of these events/trips if they are able. Having had three events so far this term we are already running at a loss of over £400. If you have not already paid for the African Workshop (whole school), Year 5 Rainbow Theatre or Storyteller visit, please do so via sQuid. This shortfall has to be covered by the school which means taking money from elsewhere e.g. resources, equipment there is no 'spare' pot from which to take this money. Unfortunately, if we continue to have a shortfall for trips/events we may have to review future trips and events as we are unable to subsidise them. We appreciate your help with this.

6. PTA

You can keep up to date with PTA news and events by following the PTA Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/618474361622982/?ref=share_group_link

You can also download the Classlist App for news, tickets & event information. Simply follow this link: https://classlist.page.link/xfQ1Cbf9VBDaQcKf8

Sports News

St Nics have taken Gold again at this Years Rugby locality event. The team; Reuben, Elodie, Theo, Charlie T, Luke, Ella, Elijah Amelie and Orson all played amazingly and most importantly had fantastic team spirit. We saw some fantastic touches and awesome tries from the team. Congratulations to all.



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Overcoming Overwhelm – To live, learn and love to our full potential (2hrs)

This course explains what happens to children's brains and bodies when they experience extreme overwhelm and anxiety. We explore ways to support parents manage their own anxieties in order to help their children and creative ways to listen and communicate well with children who are struggling with big feelings. Examples of therapeutic games, activities and strategies that will help calm, soothe and overcome anxiety are provided for children aged 2-11.



For access:

The webinar will be available from 14th - 28th October 2024

Please copy the following web addresses into your browser and enter the password to access the course. You can pause, rewind and watch as many times as you like.

https://vimeo.com/user128032545/overcome-overwhelm

Password: vourspace

Umbrellas

Parent Support Group
Autumn Term 2024

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

Southwick Community Centre

10th Sept / 1st Oct / 5th Nov / 26th Nov

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)

11th Sept / 2nd Oct / 6th Nov / 27th Nov

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Durrington Community Centre

17th Sept / 8th Oct / 12th Nov / 3rd Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Horsham Family Hub

18th Sept /16th Oct / 20th Nov / 18th Dec

Chichester Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am

Donnington Parish Hall

26th Sept / 17th Oct / 21st Nov / 12th Dec

Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
24th Sept / 15th Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

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



www.reachingfamilies.org.uk

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom

19th Sept 7.30 pm - 9 pm
24th Oct 7.30 pm - 9 pm
14th Nov 7.30 pm - 9 pm
12th Dec 7.30 pm - 9 pm

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Dear Mr Lincoln

I hope you will not mind me writing to you this year about our 11+ scholarships at Lancing Prep Worthing. Four pupils joined us on scholarships from local primary schools in September and they are thriving here. We have been lucky enough to welcome pupils from your school into Year 7 in the past who have excelled here, and we would love to do the same again.

The scholarships, which will be means-tested, are for pupils currently in Year 6. We have a variety of scholarships on offer including Academic, Drama, Sport, Music, and All-Rounder (to celebrate 10 years of Lancing Prep Worthing).

We will be holding a taster morning for the scholarship candidates here on Monday 13 January from 8.15am to 12.30pm and academic assessments will take place on Tuesday 14 January between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Prior to the assessments we will require a confidential reference for each child entered.

A registration form may be downloaded from our website https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/prep-worthing/year-7-entry-2025 or obtained from Catherine Fauvel, the Registrar, on https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/prep-worthing/year-7-entry-2025 or obtained from Catherine Fauvel, the Registrar, on https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/prep-worthing/year-7-entry-2025 or obtained from Catherine Fauvel, the Registrar, on https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/prep-worthing/year-7-entry-2025 or obtained from Catherine Fauvel, the Registrar, on https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/prep-worthing/year-7-entry-2025 or obtained from Catherine Fauvel, the Registrar, on https://www.lancingcollege.co.uk/prep-worthing/year-7-entry-2025 or obtained from Catherine Fauvel, the Registrar of the Registr

Registration forms should reach the school by Friday 3 January at the latest.

For any further information about the school please consult the website or contact Catherine Fauvel on 01903 201123. I attach a letter for current Year 6 parents and would be thrilled if you felt happy to share them via your newsletter or we can provide hard copies if preferred.

If you would like to visit the school, it would be a pleasure to show you around. I would also love to come and visit you should you have any time to spare.

I hope that you will be able to recommend us to any families who would consider an independent education.

With best wishes for 2025.

Mrs Francesca Milling Head Mistress

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Dear Parents

If you are thinking about independent education for your child when they leave in Year 6, we hope that you might consider Lancing Prep Worthing. We would be delighted to welcome your child to our school in September 2025. We work with children whose parents might be considering Lancing College, as well as other independent schools in our area, for Year 7 entry.

We are a happy, family school with high educational standards and excellent pastoral care. We have just three school rules: Love Learning, Be Kind and Go Out into the World and Do Good, and these run through everything we do. In June 2022, we were inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (monitored by Ofsted) and received the highest possible grading in all 16 categories.

We have a small class sizes, with two forms in each year group and we never combine year groups into a single class. We offer excellent pastoral care and our staff work hard to ensure that our children progress, both academically and in terms of personal development. Enrolments are already underway for children to join us in September 2025. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to invite you to arrange a personal visit on a working day or attend our <u>Open Morning on 5 October 2024</u>.

If you would like to find out more about our beautiful school, please contact our Registrar, Catherine Fauvel, via email at worthing@lancing.org.uk or by phone at 01903 201123, who will be happy to assist you. For further information on Year 7 entry, visit our website.

Very best wishes

Francesca Milling (BSc Hons, PGCE, MA Education)
Head, Lancing Prep Worthing



