

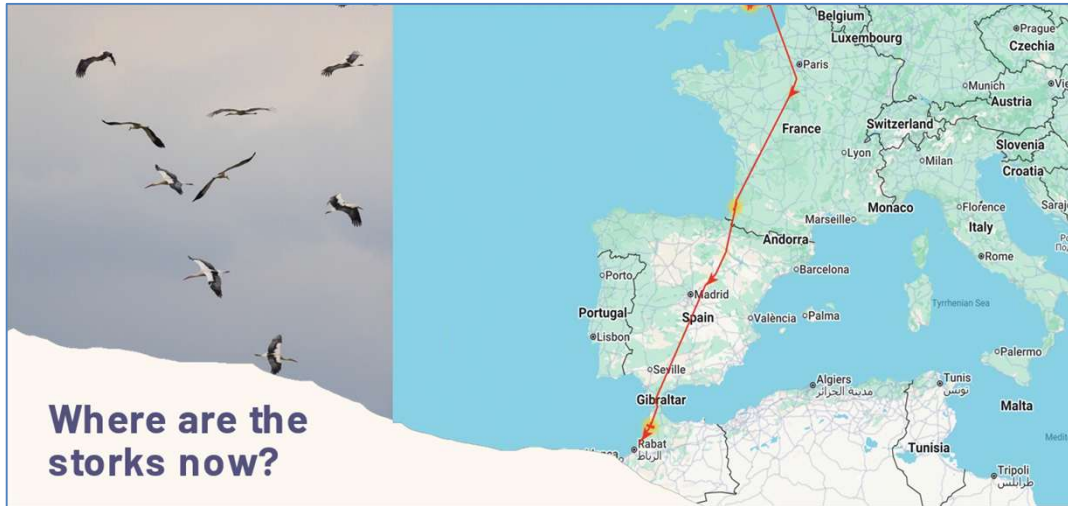
Newsletter

No. 4 – 2nd October 2026



Dear Parent/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome back Becca, from the White Stork project, to our Monday Worship this week. She gave us an update on where the Storks have migrated to and we suggested a name for one of the Storks.



Our Harvest Service will take place at St Mary's Church on Monday 5th October at 9.30am. As always, parents & carers are very welcome to join us for the walk to church as well as the service, we will be leaving school at 9.00am.

As in previous years, we are collecting Harvest gifts for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. Preferred items are: cake mixes or cake decorations for the children's activities; biscuits and squash tea bags, coffee and sugar for the visiting families; Tins – specifically tinned tuna and baked beans. Please note that Chestnut Tree House is a completely NUT FREE zone.



We are looking forward to meeting with you at the Parents Evenings later in the month. They will be on Wednesday 14th October 3:30 - 6:00 pm and Monday 19th October 3:20 - 5:30 pm. The Parents Evening bookings have gone live on MCAS today. If you are unable to book through MCAS, then please do pop into the office and we can do this for you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Catherine Brooks

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We still have some capacity in our after school clubs and new Windmills club, including if needed on an ad-hoc basis.

Please speak to the school office if you would like any further information.

Monday – Stay and play
Tuesday – Board games
Wednesday – Computer club
Thursday – Lego club
Friday – Film and colouring club

All these clubs run from 3.05 – 4 pm, with Windmills club running from 4 – 5 pm



We are really grateful for all the volunteers who support our school, which includes Governors, people coming into hear children read, the FOSS team as well as many others.

If you'd be interesting in volunteering occasionally, or regularly, please do speak to Mrs Brooks or the office team.

Hearing children read

Admin – photocopying, laminating, gluing and sticking!

Supporting FOSS events



Reading rewards

	Ruby 10 reads	Emerald 25 reads	Amethyst 50 reads	Diamond 75 reads	Wormery 100 reads
Willows	Lyra Rex	Albie Sonny	Tulip		
Ash	Rose Isla C Quinn Ted Edie	Rose			
Sycamore	Cleo Oliver M Theo	Connie Lilian Max			



Golden book

When a child demonstrates one of our values,
we like to celebrate it in Friday's assembly!

Respect Compassion Joy
Perseverance Forgiveness Truthfulness

Willows

Margaretkaty, for having a fantastic first week at school.
Rex, for trying really hard with his writing.

Ash

Indy, for a fantastic week and showing respect.
Darcie, for sharing such joy in learning and participating beautifully in everything.

Sycamores

Jacob, for a superb letter based around our work on 'The Explorer'.
Cleo, for a beautifully produced piece of work on day and night. Our topic is 'Space'.

Diary dates for the autumn term 2026

New dates are in **bold**

October

Monday 5 th October	9.30am Harvest Service at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 6 th October	Individual Pupil Photos
Monday 12 th October	2.30 pm Reception parents phonics meeting (hall)
Wednesday 14 th October	Parent's evening
Friday 16 th October	2.30 pm Year 1 parents phonics meeting (hall)
	FOSS Autumn disco 3.05-4.00
Monday 19 th October	Parent's evening
Half-term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October

November

Tuesday 10 th November	8.55 Ash Class Assembly
Thursday 12 th November	8.55 Sycamores Class Assembly
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (Children are welcome to wear PJs or their own clothes for a donation to the charity)
Thursday 19 th November	8.55 Willows Class Assembly

December

Wednesday 9 th December	9.15 Nativity performance
Thursday 10 th December	6pm Nativity performance
Friday 11 th December	2pm Nativity performance
Thursday 17 th December	2 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

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Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?

Come and visit us on one of our open day tours:

- Saturday 19th September at 10:30am
- Tuesday 22nd September at 9:30am
- Friday 25th September at 5pm
- Friday 9th October at 1:30pm
- Friday 16th October at 10:45am

We are nestled in the countryside, just a short drive from Billingshurst and Horsham, with smaller than average class sizes.

Call the office to book a tour, or to arrange an alternative visit:

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Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



**Was your child born
between 1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023?**

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2027

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 5 October 2026.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free Internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Community News



Book Party!

Are you overdue some fun this half term? Join us at Southwater Library for a National Year of Reading book party you'll never forget! Why not come dressed as your favourite book character!



Mini activities include: Storytime, craft, pop-up Construction Club, Virtual Reality headsets, a character hunt, giant games and more!

Wednesday 28 October
10.00am - 12.00pm

This is a free event for ages 4 - 11 years, just drop in.

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



Southwater Library
Beeson House, RH13 9LA
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southwater.library@westsussex.gov.uk



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Thursday 29 October
10.00am - 12.00pm

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Free Sessions
9th, 16th, 23rd
& 30th Sept
7th, 14th, 21st
Oct

STAY AND PLAY FOR SEND CHILDREN

Wednesdays
4pm - 5.30pm
Term time only

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

A fun packed session for young people to enjoy lots of new activities!

We have a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play area, quiet area and other activities. Parents are required to supervise, siblings welcome.

For more information please contact your
Neighbourhood Wardens:
Email: Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk



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FREE

HALF TERM EVENT FOR SEND CHILDREN

Storrington and Sullington Neighbourhood Wardens
in partnership with WSCC Horsham Family Hub

Friday 30 October
10am - 11.30am
or 1pm - 2.30pm

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

A fun packed session for young people to enjoy lots of new activities!

Enjoy the Sensory Dome with sensory toys and games. We also have a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play and quiet area. Parents are required to supervise, siblings welcome.

BOOK TODAY

For bookings and enquiries please call: 01403 213590
For any further information please email:
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