

Newsletter

No. 14- 12th December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have performed our nativity, The Fleece Force, amazingly this week. They have made us all very proud, their enthusiasm and effort in remembering all the songs and lines resulted in brilliant performances across the three days. Thank you to Mrs Fuller, Miss Clement and all the staff who helped organise this year's performances. Thank you also to parents, Nicki Fernandes and Emelia Moss, for the beautiful backdrop, props and signs.

Next week, is another busy festive week. On Wednesday, we have a Panto, Beauty and the Beast, visiting Shipley, followed on Thursday, by our Christingle Service at 2pm at St Mary's Church. Parents are very welcome to join us for the walk to the church, we will be leaving school at 1.40pm. Depending on the weather on the day, please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothes for the walk.

On Friday, the children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for a donation to Save the Children. The whole school will be enjoying the FOSS festive lunch (no packed lunches will be needed), followed after school on Friday by the FOSS Christmas Cracker from 3.05 – 4.15pm.

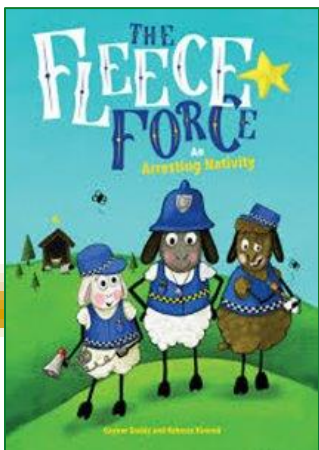


As you are probably aware, Mrs Phillips will be leaving us at the end of term to enjoy a well-earned retirement. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Challinor to the office team in January.

Finally, the Guinea Pigs need a holiday! If you would like to look after the Guinea Pigs during the Christmas holiday then please let either the office or Mrs Dodd (Oaks) know.

Kind regards,

Catherine Brooks





Reading rewards

	Ruby 10 reads	Emerald 25 reads	Amethyst 50 reads	Diamond 75 reads	Wormery 100 reads
Willows					
Oaks			Ruby Rose	Edie	
Ash			Felix	Rhys	
Sycamore		Jesse Charlotte Jacob Shelby-Louise			



Golden book

When a child does something amazing, we like to celebrate it in Friday's assembly!

Willows

Oaks

Ash

Sycamores

Everyone! - for the fantastic performance of 'The Fleece Force'.

Diary dates

New dates are in **bold**

December

Wednesday 17 th December	Visiting Panto – Beauty and the Beast
Thursday 18 th December	Christingle Service 2pm at St Mary's Church
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
	FOSS whole school festive lunch
	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
	FOSS Christmas Cracker 3 – 4.15 pm

Christmas holiday Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

January

Monday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th January	First day of term

February

Friday 13 th February	INSET DAY
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Half-term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Upcoming services at St Mary's Church



Sunday 21 st December	10am Sung Eucharist 6pm Carol Service
Wednesday 24 th December Christmas Eve	5pm Crib Service and Nativity Tableau
Thursday 25 th December Christmas Day	10am Sung Eucharist of Christmas Day
Sunday 28 th December	10am Said Eucharist
Thursday 1 st January 2026 New Year's Day	12 noon The Eucharist of the Feast of the Naming of Jesus

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



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, advice, 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, DIP & 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

Facebook Group

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

Animations

Short animated films on a variety of subjects

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WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Masking	Tuesday 13 th January	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 15 th January	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Self-care skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 20 th January	7.30 - 9.00 pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Wednesday 28 th January	10.30am - 12.30pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence	Tuesday 3 rd February	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Wednesday 4 th February	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 5 th February	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Thursday 12 th February	10.30 am - 12.30 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on 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.

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Parent Support Groups

Spring Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
13th Jan / 3rd Feb / 3rd Mar

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
14th Jan / 11th Feb / 11th Mar

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
20th Jan / 10th Feb / 17th Mar

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 - 9pm
15th Jan / 12th Feb / 5th Mar

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
21st Jan / 25th Feb / 18th Mar

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
27th Jan / 24th Feb / 24th Mar

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
29th Jan / 26th Feb / 26th Mar

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

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