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Can you believe we are almost at the end of the first half term - it really has flown by. We had another busy week last week. Reception held two '6 weeks in' meetings with parents and children. These were really well attended and both parents and children had a really lovely time spending time together in the classrooms.

Two of our Junior Governors went to the Burgess Hill Town Council chambers for a Youth Council meeting. They really enjoyed getting to take part in this and representing our school. Thank you Sophie and Summer from Year 6 for being our school Youth Council Ambassadors.

We had two football tournaments last week for both our girls and boys football teams at St Paul's secondary school. Both teams represented our school brilliantly and enjoyed taking part. Our boys football team came second and are now in the finals. Go Team London Meed!

Thank you to the parents who attended my monthly 'Biscuit and Banter' last week. It is really good to have the chance to meet you and chat about school and community issues. My next 'Biscuit and Banter' is on Wednesday 20th November at 2.30pm in the small hall.

Year 4 had an amazing trip to the Natural History Museum in London on Friday. They went by train and tube, which is exciting in itself! They attended an incredible workshop on how volcanoes work and learnt so many new facts to support their volcano knowledge. Please see below for more information and photos.

I took 14 of our Year 5 pupils to Marten House on Friday afternoon to spend time with the residents there. They got to meet five of the residents and find out about their lives. One had lived her dream life by becoming a show jumper and another had travelled all over the world as a journalist and TV presenter. Our children demonstrated all our school values, especially Respect. Thank you to one of our parents, who was an amazing helper, especially at stopping traffic on the roads.



We finished Friday after school with the LMA organising an absolutely FANTASTIC 'Tiger who came to Tea' tea party for Reception. It was really well attended and the children had a



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gorgeous time making face masks, having a tea party and then playing 'Pass the Parcel'. Thank you to our incredible LMA for organising this - the children loved it.

This week is another busy week and there are only 4 days for the children this week. We have Year 1 and Year 2 going to a multi-skills event today.

The LMA have organised 3 discos for Thursday after school. Please see the LMA section below and make sure you have got your child's ticket ready. Please note that, due to the discos in the large hall, Rhythm Masters after school club will be in the small hall, so please pick up from there. Remember, children break up for half term on Thursday and that school is closed on Friday for staff training.

Reminders:

Amazon Wish Lists - Thank you so much for your overwhelming support with this.

It is important that when you order, you put a message inside with the delivery saying which year group it is for and who it is from so the children can say thank you to that child.

EYFS

<https://amzn.eu/i9G1rlm>

Year 1

<https://amzn.eu/9mK2jpx>

Year 2

<https://amzn.eu/2kD7gYv>

Year 3

<https://amzn.eu/iGSxtVp>

Year 4

<https://amzn.eu/84lbWMy>

Year 5

<https://amzn.eu/dYucRra>

Year 6

<https://amzn.eu/9JiNJVo>

SEN Support

<https://amzn.eu/7Lor7mH>



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<https://amzn.eu/37ZfDXi>

Anti-Bullying Week - we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week this year, from Monday 11th November through to Friday 15th November. On Tuesday 12th November, we will be celebrating Odd Socks day. On this day, your child can come to school in odd socks (and school uniform) - this is to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the week, the children will be looking at definitions of what bullying is, entering a poster competition for how to help children being bullied and many other activities in support of anti-bullying.

School Community News:

Parent Reps - we now have Parent Reps for Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and year 6 but still need a Parent Rep for the rest of the year groups. If you are interested, please do come and speak to either myself or Mr Terrill. There will be perks for undertaking this role, so please do try and volunteer.

Year 4 trip to the Natural History Museum

On Friday, Year 4 went to London to visit the Natural History Museum in London. We caught the train to Victoria, then had great fun riding on the tube. We took part in a brilliant workshop, acting as scientists trying to predict when a volcanic eruption might take place. In the afternoon, we looked around the volcano and earthquake section of the museum, including a turn in the 'Earthquake Room'. The children were very well behaved throughout, embodying our values of Respect, Community and Curiosity. A big well done goes to the staff who organised and led such a successful day, and a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who came with us - we couldn't have done it without you!





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Please see a flyer below for a new club offered by Woodlands Meed.

SEND Family JOLF Sessions
(Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)
Fun for ALL the family
These quiet and calm sessions will include and involve ALL family members in enjoyable and meaningful golf tasks and challenges.

WHEN Wednesdays 5pm – 6pm
6th November 2024 – 2nd April 2025
(Not during school holidays)

WHERE Woodlands Meed College
Birchwood Grove Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 0TP

COST £3.00 per family per session
Subsidised with funding from Active Sussex
No experience required & all equipment provided

FREE Taster Session

TO BOOK contact Neil Plimmer
email neil@JOLF.golf
call 07713646988

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Please see the poster below for a Christmas Concert that some of our children will be performing in.

BURGESS HILL
MARCHING YOUTH
www.bhmy.org

Christmas Concert

Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm

St John's Church, Lower Church Road
Burgess Hill, RH15 9AA

Join us for an evening of Christmas festivities and music performed by the Burgess Hill Marching Youth.

Refreshments will be available.

Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnschurch or in person at The Town Help Point.



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Sporting events:

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 & 6 boys and girls attended a Mid Sussex football tournament at St Paul's. The boys were first in the morning. They showed some great football with passing and communication as a team. After only losing one of their 5 games, they came 2nd and are now through to the final in November. The girls then played in the afternoon. It is the first time these girls had played together, and for some, the first time they have ever played in a match. They showed so much resilience throughout their games and their football and movement improved throughout the afternoon. Elisabeth made some fantastic saves and the girls managed to hold one team to a 0-0 draw. Both teams were fantastic representatives of London Meed.



Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award.

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
James W.	6B	For showing resilience when using the formal written method of short division and for always being a helpful, polite and hard-working member of our class. Well done, James!
Layton-John	6H	For demonstrating our school values of bravery and community when reading aloud his narrative writing to inspire the children in 1M. Well done!
Brooke	5D	For showing resilience in all aspects of the curriculum as well as becoming a more independent learner, particularly in maths. Keep up all your hard work, Brooke!



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Coen	5A	For being curious across all subjects and trying his very best. He worked independently to carefully edit his ballad, producing work full of figurative language (similes and metaphors). Well done Coen! We are so pleased with your attitude to learning.
Arthur	4S	For showing resilience to becoming an increasingly independent learner. Keep up the good work!
Jake	4N	Although everyone was brilliant on our school trip, Jake stood out as he demonstrated true community spirit and respect towards others. He did so well because he was curious and eager to learn all he could! Well done, Jake!
Zach	3M	For always trying your best and showing curiosity in every lesson. Your confidence is increasing and your free-verse poem about autumn is fantastic. Well done, Zach!
James T	3T	Contributing some brilliant answers in class discussion, particularly English and Geography. I have been blown away this week by the depth of your subject knowledge. Well done!
Rosie	2O	always challenging herself in all her learning, showing curiosity and upholding all the school values as well as super writing of a dragon poem!
Oliver	2S	For showing the school value of resilience when writing in class. Oliver has tried hard to get started during English lessons and to record his ideas carefully. Well done Oliver!
Annabelle	1C	For showing independence and resilience to read and write Year 1 tricky words. I am looking forward to you using them in your sentences.
Liam	1M	for his amazing home learning. Liam has remembered the story we have been learning in school and written his own book at home. I am so proud of you Liam



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Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the [Study Bugs App](#)

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.

Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
21st Oct	Some of Year 1 and Year 2 at Multi skills event
24th Oct	Disco 3.15 - 4.00 - Year 1 and Year 2 4.15 - 5.00 - Year 3 and Year 4 5.15 - 6.00 - Year 5 and Year 6
25th Oct	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half term - school closed to pupils
8th Nov	Non Uniform day - Chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
11th Nov	Mastering Numbers session for parents of children in The Orchard with Mrs Denham and Mrs Balan. 9-10am. A sign-up sheet will be sent out after half-term.
11th Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
12th Nov	Odd Socks Day
12th Nov and 14th Nov	Parents evenings- details to follow
15th Nov	Children In Need - non uniform day
20th Nov	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm



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22nd Nov	Non uniform day - donations for Rainbow tombola at Christmas fair
29th Nov	EYFS to Toy Museum
29th Nov	Non Uniform day - Bottle donations for Christmas Fair
30th Nov	Christmas Fair at school from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
11th Dec	Reception Nativity
12th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2)
13th Dec	Infants Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2)
13th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
18th Dec	Christmas Party Day & Christmas lunch
18th Dec - Cancelled	Biscuit and Banter with Miss Dowley at 2.30pm
19th Dec	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert
20th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm

Term Dates 2024-2025

For WSCC term dates please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

London Meed Academic Year 2024-2025 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2024

INSET DAY - Monday 2nd September

Starts Tuesday 3rd September

INSET DAY - Friday 25th October

Half term 28th October - 1st November

Children return Monday 4th November

Last day of term Friday 20th December

Spring term 2025

Starts Monday 6th January

INSET DAY - Friday 14th February

Half term 17th February to 21st February

Children return Monday 24th February

Last day of term Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays 7th to 21st April



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Summer term 2025

Starts Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday - 5th May

INSET DAY - Friday 23rd May Half term 26th May to 30th May

INSET DAY Monday 2nd June

Last day of term Tuesday 22nd July

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below:

PE days

Apples - Monday and Thursday

Cherries - Tuesday and Friday

Yr1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Yr2 - Tuesday and Friday

Yr3 - Wednesday and Friday

Yr4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Yr6 - Monday and Thursday



London Meed Association

Our LMA has got some great events coming. Please save the following dates:

Disco:

Thursday 24th October 2025

3.15 - 4.00 - Year 1 and Year 2

4.15 - 5.00 - Year 3 and Year 4

5.15 - 6.00 Year 5 and Year 6

Bookings via PTA Events will be available soon

Christmas Fair:

Saturday 30th November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

In preparation for the Christmas Fair we will have the following donation days all of which are non-uniform:

Friday 8th November - chocolate donations

Friday 22nd November - Rainbow tombola donations

Friday 29th November - bottles donations

