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Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Last week, The Orchard started the week with a visit from two PCSOs, who told them all about their role in the community. We also learnt about their uniform and 'stranger danger.' All the children were then lucky enough to have a chance to sit in the police car.



We had Junior governors on Tuesday. Our Year 6 Junior Governors fed back on their visits to the Youth Council. We also discussed resources the children would like for OPAL and the possibility of a school pet. We have decided on our top three possible pets - guinea pigs, bearded dragon or a tortoise. The children are now discussing this with their classes.

The author, David Fuller, came in to visit the children in Key Stage 2. The children loved meeting him and hearing all about his latest stories.



On Thursday, 9 Year 5 children went to Haywards Heath College to take part in a basketball festival. They practised their dribbling, passing and shooting skills and demonstrated wonderful team work. Miss. McConnell and Mrs. Terry were both extremely impressed with their behaviour and they represented London Meed well. Fantastic job, Year 5.





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EYFS also had the Fire Service come and visit them after having to postpone this visit the week before. The children absolutely loved exploring the fire engine and finding out all about being a firefighter.



Y6 Netball Festival

Mrs Cooper & Ms Leaney had the pleasure of accompanying the Y6 members of our netball club to Burgess Hill School for Girls for a netball festival on Friday and WOW! They scored 25 goals throughout the matches and excelled on the court against other local teams. Fantastic shots from Clara, Freya intercepting across the court, Xaviera's confidence soared, Cadi's spatial awareness on court flourished, Gaia's movement onto the ball improved throughout, Paige supported the ball as it came down court and our very own Evie secured Player of the Tournament - demonstrating sportsmanship and huge improvements throughout the matches. We can not wait for training to commence and develop as a team even further ready for the summer!





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I also had hot chocolate Friday and was joined by some more children who keep our rules all the time. It really is the loveliest way to end the week and we have decided the vegan hot chocolate is the best!



This week, we start with a Handball Festival with some of our Year 4 children at Warden Park. On Tuesday, Year 6 are off to Newhaven Fort for a day of learning about World War 2. On Wednesday, Year 1 are off to Amberley Museum. Our Year 6 Junior Governors are off to the Burgess Hill Youth Council on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday the LMA are holding their Friendship Discos; please make sure you have bought your tickets. On Friday, we have our reading raffle and extra break for our housepoint winners. I also have Hot Chocolate Friday. We then break up for half term at 3.15pm and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 24th February.

Community Champion Award:

This morning Mr Terrill introduced the children to our new Community Champion Award. If your child would like to help a neighbour, volunteer for a charity, or do some litter picking in your street, please take a photo of them doing it and ask them to do a short piece of writing about what they have done and give it to Mrs Denham. At the end of each half-term we will have an opportunity in assembly to celebrate the children's community spirit and they will receive a certificate.



Nurture Room after Half Term:

As you are aware, Mr Connor is leaving us on Friday 13th February. For the moment, we will be unable to run the extra breakfast club that Mr Connor has been running. If children need to use the Nurture Room during the morning, they will come down with a member of staff from their classroom. The Nurture Room will be available for children at breaktimes and lunchtimes. We will then continue to run the nurture groups in the afternoon.



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Key Stage 1 playground:

You are probably aware that the Key stage 1 playground has been really affected by all the rain this year. Unfortunately, this has created a huge amount of mud coming down the slopes and onto the playground. We have had West Sussex out to look at this, as there is nowhere for the water to go and we are constantly battling against overflowing drains and mud. We ask that your child bring in wellies and a coat to play out on the playground in order to protect their shoes and clothes. There is no short term fix for the playground and we would hate to have to close it.

OPAL and collections:

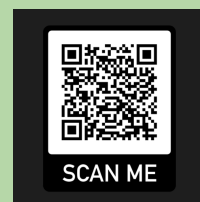
One of the first things we want to get going with is building a messy/mud kitchen. We could really do with some support with this, so if you know someone that would be able to help us build this, please let us know. There will be various projects that will require help, so if you are interested in offering some support, again please let the office know.

We are still looking for as many loose parts items as possible. We need pots, pans, utensils, sieves, colanders and metal and plastic containers for our messy/mud kitchen. We need tarpaulin, pegs, wind breaks, bungees and old sheets for den building. We need buggies, crutches, wheelchairs, wheeled items for our role play alongside hats and bags and old coats (adult size). And then any small world items you may have such as dolls houses, train sets, garages, cars, play mobil, dolls, lego, mobilo etc. If you are thinking of revamping your garden furniture, we would be happy to take any benches, picnic benches, chairs and tables. Before throwing out, check with us as to whether we could use it or not.

Facebook:

Please remember to check out our Facebook page for what is going on in school.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580110393113>



Miss Dowley

KS1 Maths Parent Workshop

It is our Mastering Maths workshop this Thursday for KS parents (Y1 & Y2). if you haven't already, and would like to join, please complete the form below:

<https://forms.gle/43KoapVN8HMuRJu9A>

LMA Disco

We are pleased to confirm tickets are now available for the LMA disco this Thursday, please find details in the latest LMA Corner newsletter or visit the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/londonmeed/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111601>



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Parking

We have received several complaints this week from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking by London Meed parents. Repeated parking across grass verges has caused considerable damage, killing the grass areas. Photos have been sent to the office several times this week of different cars parking in such a manner. In order to help support the office, please can we ask all parents driving to school to show respect to local residents and their homes. As always, the permit for the Queens Crescent Car park (4 min walk) is available on our website and from the school office.

Teddy Project

We have a fantastic new project lined up that we are asking for our school communities help with. Do you know someone that is a talented sewer? If so, please share the details with friends and family to help make our London Meed teddy project come to life



Parents Evening

Bookings will be open via the eSchools app at 8am on this Wednesday for Parents Evening appointments which will be held on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March after school. Please can we ask that you book an appointment for your child with their class teacher. If you experience any issues, please do contact the school office.

For parents and carers of children in 4A, Mr Winchester will be holding Parents Afternoons on the 4th, 11th and 18th of March. Further details regarding this, and how to book will be sent out shortly.

Spare Clothes

Our class supplies of spare clothes are fast dwindling, please can these be returned if you have any at home. Please could we also take this opportunity to ask for uniform donations including joggers and pe tops to be dropped off at our office. Thank you for your continued support.



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London Meed Hero Awards

Class	Name	Award
Apples	Raife	For being a motivated, resilient and hardworking independent learner.
Cherries	McKenzie	Working hard in maths to make a number line to 10, for using incredible story telling language for her Supertato story map and fabulous phonics!
1M	Astrid	For always being ready, respectful and safe. Astrid is also often a good friend to others, showing her caring side and friendly smile when we need it. Astrid has been aiming REALLY high this week with her writing - and done an AMAZING job at writing a personal narrative using our text Skater Cielo
1C	Evan	For writing a story in first person using capital letters, fingers spaces, full stops and phonics fingers.
2O	Saad	For sensational sitting and for always being ready for learning. You are focused and always respectful and demonstrate all our school values. What a marvellous example you set!
2S	Isla G	For always being ready, respectful and safe. Also she always helps her talk partner
3T	Naya	Being one of the most honest students in the year and reflecting carefully on your own and others' behaviour. I have also been impressed by how dedicatedly you have been working on our Varjak Paw recounts. Well done!
3N	Abdul	Abdul is such a hard worker. He is making steady progress and demonstrates resilience in his learning. In class, he concentrates on all tasks day in, day out. He always tries his best and we are very proud of him! Well done, Abdul!
4SB	Oscar K	For brilliant work in English. Keep it up!
4A	Ethan	For consistently being ready for learning and making a super effort to improve his handwriting and presentational skills. Keep it up, Ethan!
5B	Leon	For his beautifully-constructed and detailed answers in our recent Guided Reading session and for improving his writing stamina. Keep it up, Leon!
5M	Tej	For always being ready to learn. This week you have written a fantastic diary entry using relative clauses, rhetorical questions and subordinating clauses. Well done, Tej!
6H	Lacey	For fantastic writing this week. Lacey has made use of writing toolkits and planning in her own work and has produced some wonderful, descriptive writing. In addition, Lacey has shown herself to be an excellent role model by following our school rules and upholding our school values. Amazing effort Lacey, well done!
6D	Aly	For always having an excellent attitude and renewed focus towards his learning as well as possessing a strong sense of responsibility and community by always offering to help clean up the Year 6 lunch hall. Keep up all your hard work, Aly!



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date (Spring Term 🌻)	Event
10th February	Y6 Newhaven Fort
10th February	Little Big Sing
11th February	Y1 Amberley Museum
12th February	KS1 Mastering Numbers Workshop
12th February	LMA - Friendship Disco EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3.15 to 4.00 Year 3 and Year 4 - 4.15 to 5.00 Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.15 to 6.00
16th - 20th February	Half Term
23rd February	INSET Day - School Closed
2nd - 6th March	Y6 Bikeability
3rd March	Y2 British Wildlife Centre
4th March	Parents evening 3.30 to 6.30
5th March	Parents evening 3.30 to 6.00
6th March	World Book Day
20th March	Comic Relief
17th March	Y4 Animazing visit
26th March	Science Day
26th March	LMA - Easter Disco EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3.15 to 4.00 Year 3 and Year 4 - 4.15 to 5.00 Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.15 to 6.00
27th March	Easter egg raffle
27th March	Easter Holidays - break up at 1.30pm

Date (Summer Term 🌻)	Event
30th April	LMA - Quiz night
3rd July	LMA - Summer Fair
21st July	LMA - Y6 Leavers Disco



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WOW Club

February Holiday Club - bookings open!

[Click here to book or scan below](#)

- Discos
- Sport
- Pottery
- Lego
- Science


Mon 16th-Wed 18th February
@ London Meed Primary School

School Day - £38
08:30 - 15:30 (£32.30 with early bird discount)



Full Day: £43
08:30 - 18:00 (£32.30 with early bird discount)

15% Early Bird Discount
available until 02/02/26!
use code EBDF-15

See you there!



SCAN ME



25/26 | Term Dates

AUTUMN | **Wed 3rd Sept**
- **Fri 19th Dec**
Half Term 27th Oct - 31st Oct
INSET DAYS: 3rd Sept & 3rd Nov

SPRING | **Mon 5th Jan**
- **Fri 27th Mar**
Half Term 16th Feb - 20th Feb
INSET DAYS: 5th Jan & 23rd Feb

SUMMER | **Mon 13th Apr**
- **Wed 22 July**
Half Term 25th May - 29th May
INSET DAYS: 1st June

GYMNASTIC CLASSES AT YOUR SCHOOL!



TUESDAY FROM 3.15-4.15 KS2

LONDON MEED!

OUR AFTER-SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLASS TO BUILD STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, AND CONFIDENCE IN A FUN, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT. WITH EXPERT COACHES GUIDING STUDENTS THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT WHILE FOSTERING DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK, AND A LOVE OF MOVEMENT.

THURSDAY FROM 3.15-4.15 KS1

CONTACT US NOW TO BOOK YOUR TRIAL OR
GDGYMNASTICSANDDANCEACADEMY@GMAIL.COM
07594 305424 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT OUR CLASSES!!





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**HOME
START**

Crawley, Horsham
& Mid-Sussex

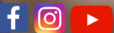
Volunteers needed

Do you have a few extra hours? Volunteers needed for our groups and home visiting. We're looking for people with parenting experience who can offer friendship and support to local families with young children under 5 years.

Get in touch today and find out more: 01293 416327 or visit
www.homestartchams.org.uk



**Be the change
that lasts a lifetime**



Volunteer for Home-Start

RUSSELL MARTIN ACADEMY

FOOTBALL CAMPS



Russell Martin Academy Football Camps offer children aged 5-12 the opportunity to learn and develop key football skills through fun games, exciting challenges, and engaging activities in a positive and friendly environment. Our experienced coaches are dedicated to helping young players, building confidence, and encouraging teamwork, all while having plenty of fun on the pitch!



AGES 5-12 | BOYS & GIRLS | 10AM-3PM
📍 **LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

- 9am Early Drop off - £3
- 10% Sibling Discount
- £15 for RMA Academy Members

£20

📧 info@rmfoundation.co.uk
🌐 russellmartinfoundation.co.uk

📍 **London Meed Primary School - RH15 9YQ**



Cartwheels, Handstands, Walkovers And Flicks Seminar!



20th February

12pm-3pm

London Meed Primary School, Burgess Hill



Join us for a fun, high-energy Handstand, Walkover, Cartwheel & Flick Seminar where athletes will learn cool drills, build strength and flexibility, and boost confidence while perfecting their skills! This session focuses on safe technique, smooth movement, and powerful progressions. Come ready to flip, balance, and have fun!

Want to learn how to do this? 🤔🤔



Only £24!!

Contact

📧 gdygymnasticsanddanceacademy@gmail.com

☎ 07594 305424

or DM us on Facebook and Instagram

online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

3rd February 10-11:30am

3rd March 7-8:30pm



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
£24 or Free with a school membership code





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LITTLE STARTERS GROUP BURGESS HILL

PARENT CARERS AND CHILDREN 0 – 3 YEARS



Do you have a child or children under 3 years? Would you like to meet other parents in a small, friendly and nurturing environment? Then bring your baby and/or toddler(s) along to our Little Starters group where you can play together, make friends and find parenting advice and support.

When: Tuesday 10:00 – 11:30 – term time only

Where: Kings Church, 33-35 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill RH15 9LR.

Free entry – but £1 donation welcome. Light snack and drink provided for the children.

If you're thinking of coming along, or want to find out more, please call/message Emma on 07851 107005 or email EmmaS@homestartchams.org.uk

** We aim to respond within 3 working days during term time **

WWW.HOMESTARTCHAMS.ORG.UK



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HOMESTART
Crawley, Horsham
& Mid-Sussex



£10 discounted lessons available when booked by 31st January 2026.

To book or find out more:
■ hello@crestswimschool.co.uk



FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm

BURGESS HILL



CHAT & CHILL

Do you have a child with SEND? Come along to chat with other SEND parents. Take a break and enjoy a delicious hot drink.

JOIN US:
Friday 23rd January
10:00 – 12:00



NO NEED TO BOOK! Just come along:
Home Coffee House, The King's Church
33-35 Victoria Road
Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR





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The newly formed Sussex Parent Carer Forum Collaborative (SPCFC) met last week (pictured here at the Brighton office) and have been busy working together to create some events where you can find out about what's changing for SEND families locally and nationally and share your thoughts with us

We know that Local government and the NHS are going through some big changes, and we want to help you understand what this could mean for you and your family. A new SEND White Paper is expected soon, and we hope to share what we know about it.

Come along to one of the following events:

Brighton

Monday 23rd February - PaCC - Brighton

East Sussex

Monday 2nd March - ESPCF - Eastbourne

Tuesday 3rd March - ESPCF - Online

West Sussex

[Tuesday 27th January - WSPCF - Crawley](#)

[Friday 6th February - WSPCF - Online](#)

[Monday 2nd March - WSPCF - Worthing](#)

[Tuesday 24th March - WSPCF - Online](#)



Stronger together across Sussex

Share your views, questions, and concerns with us. We will take these and share them directly with the local authority and NHS Sussex

Head to your local PCF website for the latest news:

Pacc - [Home - PaCC | Brighton and Hove's forum for parent carers](#)

ESPCF - [Home - East Sussex Parents Carers Forum](#) (event details to be published soon)

WSPCF - [Events - West Sussex Parent Carer Forum](#)

Your voice matters! These changes could affect your family, and we want to make sure you're heard.

MAKING SENSE OF CHANGE



SAVE THE DATES

— 27th — JANUARY CRAWLEY	— 6TH — FEBRUARY ONLINE
— 2nd — MARCH WORTHING	— 24th — MARCH ONLINE

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