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Term 4 2026- Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see all those that came along to our reading breakfast yesterday. Many thanks for coming, the community spirit was running high! A huge thank you to everyone who made it happen and to Mrs Geer for liaising with Tesco and collecting their donation towards the food and drinks. Thank you Tesco's too!

This is a very short term and we are packing lots in. The infants have their trip to Drusilla's coming up and Yr 3 and 4 are off to Fishbourne Palace. Please make sure that all slips and monies are in for these, thank you.

We hosted an anxiety and avoidance workshop on Wednesday for parent and carer support and we have another one at Firle on **'Triggers, Tantrums and Teaching Moments' on Tuesday 21st April at Firle** so please pop it in your diary if you think this would be helpful for your family or someone you know. It will be from 8:45-10:20 a.m.

We are currently liaising with the Smartphone Free Childhood, an organisation to collectively respond to the age that children use smartphones from. More information can be found in this newsletter and at

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater** class who achieved the highest attendance of **98.5%** last week and again to **Underwater** for the highest attendance of **98.5%** this week. Well done!

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **95.5%**

31 children achieved 100% attendance in term 3. Well done to you all. The winner of our attendance draw is Abbie.

REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

200 Points	Underwater: Alfred, Eron, Jesse, Lila, Theo
800 Points	Jungle: Jemima
900 Points	Bugs: Alba
1200 Points	Jungle: Ivy
1400 Points	Jungle: Dolly
1800 Points	Jungle: Rafe
2000 Points	Jungle: Mason



Diary

March 2026

Thurs 5 th	Forest School
Fri 6 th	World Book Day
Fri 6 th	Yr 4 swimming lesson
Fri 6 th	Movie Night
Thurs 12 th	Forest School
Thurs 12 th	Mothers Day Shop
Fri 13 th	Yr 4 swimming lesson
Fri 13 th	Mothers Day Shop
Tues 17 th	Drusillas Trip – Underwater and Bugs
Thurs 19 th	Forest School
Fri 20 th	Yr 4 swimming lesson
	Red Nose Day
	Bake Sale
Mon 23 rd	Fishbourne Trip – High Peaks
Thurs 26 th	Forest School
Fri 27 th	End of term

INSET days 2025/26
Mon 22nd June / Weds 22nd July

WORLD BOOK DAY

Today we celebrated World Book Day 2026 across the Oak Tree Federation. This year's theme is "Reading for pleasure" and focuses on encouraging everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, empowering children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. We marked this special day with fun activities and the opportunity to dress up as a favourite character or in comfy pj's. All children have received a book token which can be swapped at bookshops or used to get one of the

pecially selected £1 books for free! You can preview the line-up of this year's chosen texts using the link below.
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST

It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday morning for our Books for Breakfast event before school where we shared breakfast and read some of our favourite books together.



PARENTING SUPPORT GUIDE APRIL-JUNE 2026

Please find attached some information from The Parenting Team supporting Parents and Carers across East Sussex. Everything they offer is completely free to any Parent or Carer who looks after a child aged 0-19 in East Sussex.

RED NOSE DAY

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day in school on **Friday 20th March**. The school council have met and decided the following.

- Come in bright colours with a spot of red somewhere and dye hair if they want to and donate a minimum £1
- Have a themed Bake sale- please can parents and carers donate toward this with home or bought bakes
- Design a red nose competition- 50p per entry, closing date Wednesday 18th March. Sheets to go out next week
- Everyone to bring in a joke to share, these will be posted and some will be drawn out in assembly and classes during the day. They may put their name on them if they want to and please remember the punchline!





We will see if we can get some Red noses to sell in school.
In the week up to the event the school Council will lead an assembly and run a Design a red flag to go in the hall to decorate it.
On the day they will provide activity sheets and colouring at lunchtime.
Thank you from
The School Council

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Emil and Oscar who represented Laughton at the South Downs Area Year 5/6 Cross Country Finals today. They had to run a 2km, course with inclines. They were competing against the finalist of local cluster groups and came 31st and 23rd. Well done Boys.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

At the beginning of February 2024, a couple of mums from Suffolk set up a WhatsApp group for people interested in holding off on giving their child a smartphone. Within hours it had exceeded its capacity and has now attracted thousands of people across the country. It is now a large ongoing national movement, with national press, and with parents and carers coming together in solidarity.

More recent research means that now we know a difficult truth - smartphones and social media are linked to increased anxiety and depression, decreased attention span, cyberbullying is more prevalent and children are accessing inappropriate content, amongst other risks. These risks are present at surprisingly young ages, not necessarily just during teenage years. Education is obviously hugely important to try and keep our children safe, but our children's young brains are not wired to be able to avoid the risk or the addiction. There are alternatives to smartphones that allow us to keep in contact with our children without these risks.

We plan to hold a meeting for parents with Magda Bannister about this issue on a Wednesday morning and will confirm the date when it has been arranged.

PARENT HELPERS

We are very fortunate to have parent and grandparent helpers who regularly come into school to hear the children read and also help out with Forest School, the library and school maintenance eg gardening , building repairs etc. If you have a regular time that you could help out at school and would be happy to get a DBS to enable you to volunteer in school then please let the school office know, many thanks.

SCHOOL DISCO

The children really enjoyed the Friends of Laughton disco at the end of last term. All monies raised are going towards books for our classes and library so that we can buy books that the children have requested as well as supporting our curriculum topics.

REMINDERS

Please can you make sure that your child's break time snack is fresh fruit or vegetables only. We are starting to see other options creep in and it becomes difficult to manage. If your child needs something different to this then please make sure it has been agreed with teaching staff as they tend to have this separately, eg carbohydrates for dietary needs etc. All infant children receive a free piece of fruit through the government scheme and juniors can buy into this by contacting the school. Thank you.

We also ask that if you have a dog that you do not bring it on to the playground until after 3:30 pm in the afternoon. Or between 8:30-8:45 am in the morning. Whilst we have Alma, our therapy dog in school, we are aware that some children are scared of dogs and we manage this appropriately in school. Thank you for your understanding.



FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON CP SCHOOL

Up and coming events are the Mother's Day Shop 12th and 13th March and the Underwater Bake sale which has moved to Friday 13th March.

There will also be a home clothes day on the last day of term, Friday 27th March.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeanette Fuller