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Term 4 2026- Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a very short term and it has been a very busy one!

We hope you enjoyed your Mother's day gifts from your children last Sunday, they had great fun choosing for you and some even chose things for themselves too! Many thanks to our wonderful Friends of Laughton for arranging this lovely opportunity.

We are coming towards the end of this terms units of learning. The infants had a fabulous time at Drusillas this week, learning from first-hand experience about animals and their habitats.

The children in Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to their trip to Fishbourne Palace on Monday to consolidate their learning about the Romans.

We have also been enjoying the recent warmer weather and sunshine ☀️. However, please make sure that your child continues to bring an outer layer to school for changing temperatures.

We hope you all enjoy your Easter break and thank you for all your support this term.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater** class who achieved the highest attendance of **99.2%** last week and to **Underwater** class for the highest attendance of **96.7%** this week. Well done!

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

REWARDS

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

700 Points	Jungle: Tilly
900 Points	High Peaks: Maddison
1000 Points	High Peaks: Emily
1200 Points	High Peaks: Ellie
1400 Points	Jungle: Harrison
1500 Points	Jungle: Florence
2000 Points	Jungle: Bonnie
2200 Points	Jungle: Oscar



Diary

March 2026

Mon 23 rd	High Peaks trip to Fishbourne Palace
Thurs 26 th	Forest School
Fri 27 th	End of term

April 2026

Mon 13 th	Start of Term 5
Mon 20 th	High Peaks trip to Crawley Hindu Temple
Tues 21 st	Parenting Workshop (Triggers, Tantrums and Teaching Moments) at Firle School 8.45
Weds 22 nd	Smartphone Free Childhood Parent talk 9.30am

INSET days 2025/26

Mon 22nd June / Weds 22nd July

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you very much for all your support in helping us celebrate Red Nose Day today. The events were planned by the School Council and were a great success. We have some wonderful red nose designs in the school hall and the School Council have decided their winners, who will be announced in Monday's assembly.

We raised a cracking £195.16!

SCHOOL LIBRARY

A very big thank you to Claire Gosling who has successfully managed to obtain £2000 funding towards our Library. This will enable them to stock up on nonfiction books related to school topics and children's individual interests' as well as update some of the fiction books.

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 are holding a meeting for parents with Magda Bannister about this issue on **Wednesday 22nd April at 9.30am**. Please come along to find out more, you are very welcome to bring friends along too who may have children attending other schools.

LEWES BIG DANCE

Bonnie, Mia, Jemima and Bea from Jungle took part in the Lewes Big Dance last week performing at Lewes Town Hall. We have received the below email from Lewes Old Grammar School about the event

Just an email to say an enormous THANK YOU to your school for being involved in Lewes Big Dance this year. The children were all an absolute pleasure to work with and brought some real fire and energy to our workshop on Tuesday! The performance last night was the highlight of our show and it was great to see so many children dancing with smiles on their faces in front of an audience of over 300! Well done Girls!



UNDERWATER AND BUGS TRIP TO DRUSILLA'S

Bugs and Underwater had a fabulous day at Drusilla's park on Tuesday 17th March. They had fun exploring all the different animals from around the world. They met a snake called King and an armadillo during their discovery talk, as well as learning about different habitats and adaptation of a camel and penguin. They enjoyed being on the train and playing in the park. The children were brilliant and a real credit to our school.



CHAILEY HERITAGE WOOD WORKSHOP

Some of our year 5 children had the opportunity to visit Chailey Heritage this week where they got to have a look around the farm and create Bug Hotel cubes which will be added to the large habitat wall on the site.

Florence said "We fed some animals on the farm and made a Bug Hotel. It was a fantastic experience 9.5/10"

Ivy said "We stroked the guinea Pigs and named some of them after our favourite books. I give the day 10/10".

Chailey Heritage is one of our charities that we fundraise for and it was a lovely opportunity for the children to see what the money goes on.



THE BIG GARDEN TIDY UP



A date for your calendar – Can you and/or your other half spare a few hours on Saturday 18th April?? We would like to give the front garden and Underwater garden a spring clean ! We may also make a start on a makeover of the High Peaks outside area as well. We will be cleaning / tidying / sweeping / weeding/ planting /painting – so bring some gardening gloves and any tools if you have them. Please do come along anytime between 10 and 3pm - Thank you.

HAILSHAM CRICKET CLUB

Please see attached details about Hailsham Cricket Club's Summer junior training sessions

GROWING UP IN THE ONLINE WORLD: A NATIONAL CONSULTATION

The Government are consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change, This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families. For more information please click on the link below. The consultation closes on the 26th May 2026.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

FACE FAMILY ADVICE FREE ONLINE TALK

FACE family advice will be running a FREE online talk by Jane Keyworth on 'Decreasing Depression' on the 23rd April 2026 between 7-8pm. Please book online at www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk under the Parents – Live talks page.

EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Please see attached details about various Easter activities including Sharnfold Farm and animation and cooking activities

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON CP SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day shop last week. I hope all you Mums enjoyed your presents. Thank you also to everyone who donated and bought cakes at the Underwater Bake Sale last week. We raised £100 and Mrs Chandler has already compiled her shopping list!

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeanette Fuller