

Family visit from Australia

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome an Australian family to our Key Stage 2 assembly. Having seen on social media that the family of 5 were cycling around the world, and currently in Chichester, we reached out to them and invited them to come and speak to us!

Andrew and Nicola, both Australian teachers, are travelling with their three children (ages 2, 9 and 11) around the world on their bikes, and trying to visit schools on their route to inspire children and talk about their adventures.

They arrived with us just before 10 and rolled into assembly and spoke to the children for about 25 minutes about their travels so far - from Tasmania where they are from, across the salt flats of Columbia and to Chichester before their next stop, the Isle of Wight! From there, they are travelling to Wales, Ireland, Scotland and then on to the Netherlands... and onwards! Our children were able to see part of the route that they had travelled, share some of their photos and ask questions.

To learn more: www.swagfamily.au

This Week

Wednesday was another busy day for us this week. Paul Ullson, our tame Historian, came in to Year 1s to lead a workshop about homes. We talked about what homes are and thought about some of the different materials that homes can be made from.

We then looked at photos of homes around the world and from different times.

Year 3 had a super time at Butser Ancient Farm this week. We had glorious, sunny weather and really enjoyed finding out about the differences between the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age ways of life. We made copper jewellery, learned about ancient ways of fire-lighting, dug for artefacts and met ancient breeds of sheep and goats. Our guide, Andrew, was fantastic and the children even managed to have some good chats with our coach driver, Malcolm! What wonderful memories we made at Butser!

Yesterday, the children in Key Stage 1 enjoyed a very special assembly, led by Eli from Year 2, to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, which is held every year on the 21st of March. Eli shared a PowerPoint presentation all about Down Syndrome which he had written himself. Eli also introduced us to his little brother Zeke, who has Down Syndrome, and we were thrilled to learn about some of the amazing things that Zeke is already doing with his life, including completing a sponsored walk to raise money for The Sussex Snowdrop Trust. Eli's assembly helped to remind us that we are all unique, and equally valued and respected members of our JYS school community. Thank you Eli!



House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are this week's results:



	This week	Term Total (Since Jan '25)	Year Total (Since Sept '24)
Ash	102	1065	2686
Beech	73	1034	2474
Maple	111	1142	2608
Oak	94	1117	2983

Important Dates Coming Up

Monday 24th March - Quicksticks Hockey competition
 Thursday 27th March - Future Flyers (session 3)
 Thursday 27th March - School Discos
 Wednesday 2nd April - Year 3 to Chichester Cathedral
 Wednesday 2nd April - Corporate Challenge (Race 3)
 Friday 4th April - Last Day of Spring Term
 Monday 21st April - Easter Monday - School shut to pupils
 Tuesday 22nd April - Summer Term starts
 Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - Half term holiday
 Monday 2nd June - INSET - School shut to pupils
 Friday 18th July - Last day of term