



# JYS News

Newsletter: 10 ~ 22nd November 2024

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## New School - Update

Last week, we had a productive meeting with West Sussex County Council to discuss the progress of this project. We are pleased to inform you that the move to our new location will take place as originally outlined in the consultation, with the school set to open at Minerva Heights in September 2025.

Over the coming months, we will be working closely with West Sussex County Council to shape the transition plans for the entire school community. We will be sure to communicate these plans to you in the new year, ensuring that the move is as smooth and seamless as possible.

## Christmas Toy Appeal 2024

As we approach the festive season, the Friends Committee is delighted to support a wonderful initiative to bring joy to children in our community. This year, we are organising a Christmas Toy Appeal, with all donations being delivered to St. Paul's Church to distribute to families in need.

If you would like to donate then we kindly invite you to contribute new, unwrapped toys or gifts suitable for children of all ages (gifts for older children, especially boys are in high demand). These donations will make a huge difference to families who might otherwise struggle during the holidays.

Details of the Appeal:

- Donations Needed By: Friday, 29th November 2024
- Where to Drop Off: To the HUT at JYS – The Donation Station (in the front door)

A small act of kindness can bring immense happiness, and we hope to make this year's appeal a resounding success. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in spreading festive cheer to those in need.

Many Thanks  
Your Friends Committee

## This Week

On Thursday of last week, our boys' football team competed at a tournament at the University of Chichester. We were delighted to have won, The boys were outstanding, not only in the way that they played, but in how respectfully they represented us too.

On Monday, Years 5 and 6 visited Swanfield Chapel to experience the "Life Exhibition". This was an opportunity to learn more about the life and works of Jesus, through videos, tablets and interactive games, We were delighted to have been invited to take part and thank all the staff for greeting us so warmly and looking after us.

Year 4 caught an early train to London on Wednesday to visit the British Museum. It was a day packed with excitement, from riding the busy train in, navigating the Underground to catch a tube to Warren Street and then walking to the museum. After lunching outside amongst the pigeons, they explored the Egyptian exhibits and learned even more about mummification, gods and the culture of that period. Then it was a brisk walk back through Trafalgar Square, St James's Park (with pelicans!), a photo op at Buckingham Palace and then the train home in comfort! What a day! A huge Thank You to the staff and parent helpers who made this such a fantastic trip.



## House Points

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



	This week	Term Total (Since Sep '24)	Year Total (Since Sept '24)
Ash	140	1089	1089
Beech	125	972	972
Maple	128	1035	1035
Oak	136	1064	1064

## Important Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 26th November - Individual (and sibling) school photos

Thursday 5th December - Last swimming for Ys 4 & 5 for this term

Wednesday December 18th - Christmas activity day (dinner, carols, Year R Christmas celebration)

Friday 20th December: Last day of the Autumn Term

Monday 6th January 2025 - First Day of Spring Term

Friday 7th February 2025 - TTRockstar Day!

Monday 17th Feb 2025 - Friday 21st Feb 2025 - Half term holiday (School closed)

Monday 24th February 2025 - INSET Day (School closed to pupils)