



JYS News

Newsletter: 24 ~ 25th April 2025

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New School Update

We wanted to share some exciting updates regarding our upcoming relocation to Minerva Heights this September! As we prepare for this significant transition, we want to keep you informed about the progress and plans in place.

Key Dates and Events:

- School environment: The new school library will be fitted on May 15th and 16th, marking an important step in creating our new learning environment. Throughout the summer term, we will be receiving furniture and other essential items to ensure our new school is fully equipped and ready for our children.
- School closure: To facilitate unpacking and setup, the school will be closed to pupils on **September 3rd and 4th**.
- INSET day: On **September 5th, we will be closed for an INSET day** to train our staff on health and safety procedures and ensure that the building is ready for our pupils.
- School Opening: School will officially begin on **Monday September 8th 2025 for pupils**.

Transition Support:

We understand that moving to a new school can be a big change for our children. To support this transition, we will be working hard to ensure that the new building is welcoming and that all staff are confident in their new surroundings. We are planning various projects to display in the new building to aid in this transition. Following the May half-term break, we will begin a series of activities designed to help children prepare for the move. We hope to conduct some planned transition activities at the new site, which will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Parent Information Meeting:

We would like to invite all parents to an information meeting on **Monday June 9th at 3:30 PM** at the current site (**on Woodlands Lane**). This meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and will cover logistical arrangements from a day-to-day school perspective. To facilitate attendance, we will provide childcare during the meeting (booking form to follow). If you have any questions regarding travel to school or admissions, please reach out to the relevant departments at West Sussex, as these areas fall outside of our school's remit and will not be covered in this session. We will share all information covered during the meeting electronically beforehand.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting journey together. We look forward to welcoming you and your children to our new home at Minerva Heights in September!

This Week

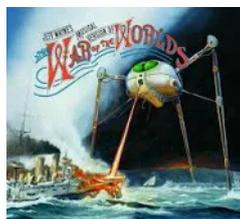
Mini London Marathon

To help celebrate this year's London Marathon, we signed up (AGAIN!) to compete in the "Mini London Marathon".

"Schoolchildren of all ages and abilities are invited to run, jog, walk, wheel or be guided around a two-mile course within their school setting."

All of the children from Years 1 – 6 ran a minimum of two miles within their PE lesson to take part this year. It has been our most successful running event to date! This provided an inclusive opportunity as everyone was able to take part at their own level and at their own pace.

And in Year 5, to launch their Space theme, Year 5 have been listening to Jeff Wayne's "War of the Worlds".



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	134	1332	2953
Beech	109	1294	2734
Maple	81	1369	2835
Oak	112	1370	3236

Important Dates Coming Up

- Monday 28th May - Year 5 Alien Day
- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday - School shut
- Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - Half term holiday
- Monday 2nd June - INSET - School shut to pupils
- Monday 9th June 15:30 - 16:00 - Meeting about transition to the new site
- Friday 27th June - Sports Day (details tbc)
- Wednesday 2nd July - Transition Day (Y6 to new high school etc)
- Friday 18th July - Last day of term
- Wednesday - Thursday 3rd / 4th September - School Closure for moving
- Friday 5th September - INSET - School shut to pupils
- Monday 8th September - Autumn Term begins (at the new site)!