

JYS News

Newsletter: 07 ~ 07TH November 2025

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School Updates and Reminders

Next Friday, 14th November, is Children in Need. We invite children to come to school in non-uniform clothing and, if possible, wear something spotty to fit with the Children in Need theme. Children are asked to bring in a donation of £1 for the charity. We will also be holding a bake sale at the end of the school day on Friday. Please give your cake donations to your child to take into their classrooms on the morning of the 14th. Donations of shop-bought or homemade cakes would be very much appreciated. Please, no nuts.



This Week and the Week Ahead

This week, students in Years 3-6 enjoyed Mrs. Dutton's bootcamp during PE. The children are gearing up for their winter modules, focusing on a strong body and mind. Activities included sprinting, broad jump burpees, walking lunges, squats, and planks—just to name a few! Mrs. Dutton was very impressed with everyone's attitudes.



Next week, we will be holding our annual 'Friendship Week' in school, to coincide with National Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is 'Power for Good' and we will be exploring ways in which we can all use our powers for good to be kind friends to others, and stand together to take action against bullying.

There will be a whole-school assembly on Monday morning, followed by special lessons for each class across the week. The children will explore their friendship rights and responsibilities in more detail and will discuss different ways that we can all demonstrate our power for good within our friendships on a daily basis.

Our 'Friendship Week' promotes an understanding of equality and tolerance. Class discussions will be linked closely to our school values of 'Aspire ~ Respect ~ Enjoy' and to the British Values of 'democracy', 'individual liberty' and 'mutual respect and tolerance for different faiths and beliefs'.

Whilst the focus of our 'Friendship Week' is very positive, the teachers will talk with their classes about what can happen when we forget to use our power for good and they will remind the children about what bullying is and how it can make people feel.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as 'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group'. At JYS, we use the 'STOP' acronym to remind us that bullying is 'the intentional hurting of a person several times on purpose' and that it is different from a one-off disagreement or falling-out between friends. These key messages are displayed in classrooms for teachers and children to refer to on an on-going basis.



Anti-Bullying Alliance 'Parent Pack' Resource

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has produced a free 'Parent Pack' to provide guidance for parents and carers, to help them support their children in dealing with issues related to bullying. The pack can be downloaded from the Anti-Bullying Alliance website by following this link:
<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/parents-and-carers>

Please do talk about our 'Friendship Week' activities with your child/children at home, to help them consolidate their learning. We hope that everyone in our school community will enjoy participating in our 'Friendship Week', and that the event will remind us about how we can continue to make JYS a very happy, caring and supportive place to learn and play, where everyone feels respected for who they are.

House Points

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



	This week	Term Total Autumn Term	Year Total
Ash	121	995	995
Beech	137	1024	1024
Maple	97	840	840
Oak	116	1113	1113

Important Dates Coming Up

November 12th - Chichester Walls Walk (Year 3)
November 14th - Children in Need
November 17th - Paul Ullson (Year 4)
November 18th - Trip to London (Year 4)
November 20th - Autumn Disco
November 21st - Flu Vaccinations
November 25th - School Photographs (Individual and Siblings)
November 27th - Saint Francis Animal Care Visit (Year R,1,2,3 and 6)
December 2nd - Little City Visit (Year R, 1 and 2)
December 3rd - Buster Ancient Farm (Year 3)
December 4th - Last Swimming (Year 4 and 5)
December 5th - Official School Opening (More info. to follow)