

# JYS News

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## School Updates and Reminders

Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep the school community safe by parking considerably in the designated areas mentioned in previous newsletters. We kindly ask the few parents and carers still not observing the safe parking zones to please do so.

We are aware of incidents involving construction traffic during pickup and drop-off times, which we are addressing as a matter of urgency. Please take care when navigating construction/site traffic while collecting and dropping off your children at school.

Just a reminder that our Christmas Fun Day is on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Your child is invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school. Please note that Year 6 will not have PE on this day, so they should wear their school uniform with their Christmas jumper. If your child would like to make a Christmas cracker, please bring them to the classrooms in the morning for the annual cracker competition. The winner in each class will receive a prize. The whole school carol concert will begin at 2:45 pm on the playground. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to enjoy the Christmas singing.

### This Week



We were delighted to welcome author, musician and Strictly-finalist JB Gill to school last Friday for the official opening of our wonderful new library. JB spoke to KS2 pupils about his journey from pop star to author, sharing how his characters and stories came to life and encouraging the children to become writers themselves. Every child in Years 3-6 was given a free copy of his new book, and in the afternoon he visited every class to meet the children, sign their books, and answer questions.



At lunchtime, JB joined our School Council, staff, and guests from Children's BookFest and Chichester City Council to cut the ribbon on our brand-new library, a space we know will be cherished by pupils for years to come.

We are incredibly grateful to Chichester Children's BookFest and everyone involved for making this such a memorable day. JB's visit has truly ignited a love of reading and marks a wonderful start to this exciting new chapter in our school's story.

Year 5 and 6 were treated to a Taskmaster workshop in the hall on Friday, children were organized into groups of six to tackle various fun challenges. For the first task, the goal was to impress the "taskmasters" (adults) and make them say "wow." Alex, from Year 5, made a memorable impression by bringing in a fossilized tooth. For more details, you might want to have a chat with Alex. The second task involved tossing shoes into a hoop. The group that successfully landed a shoe in the hoop furthest from the starting point won. One inventive group even orchestrated a relay to transport the shoe across the room, highlighting their creative problem-solving skills. For the third task, groups had to create a unique group "handshake," and some of these handshakes were notably energetic. The children thoroughly enjoyed the tasks, showcasing excellent teamwork and a healthy dose of competitive spirit.



This week started off with another fantastic Eco Assembly, led by Mrs Ritchie. This time, the theme of the assembly was 'Carbon Banks'.

Mrs Ritchie taught us all about natural carbon banks, including forests, peatlands and even ocean seagrass meadows! We learned how we can help to slow the rate of climate change by doing simple things that will look after these natural carbon banks. Next time you buy a bag of compost, make sure that it is '100% Peat Free'!



Our sporting events included the smalls schools and B team football tournament. With 16 schools competing there were two pools of 8. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group, meaning we played our final game for 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> place. After a hard fought game we lost that game just 1:0. All the boys were exceptional, and we were most delighted that we actually drew our group game with the overall tournament winners.

This weeks RUNCLUB was all about Hyrox! With Mrs Dutton competing in London, she put the children through their paces!



*Well Done!*

Congratulations to Mrs. Dutton, who successfully completed the Hyrox challenge. Amazingly, she came 10<sup>th</sup> in her age group. Mrs. Dutton, you are a superstar!



Our interhouse benchball took place this week during all year 1-6 P.E lessons. We talked about the importance of team work, positive communication and encouragement, and simply doing your best.

We had lots of great games, some very close endings and excellent sportsmanship. A particular well done to year 1's who did incredibly well having never played the game before. The overall house winner was Maple- a very well done to them for a strong performance across all the year groups.

## 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	148	1550	1550
Beech	178	1653	1653
Maple	134	1250	1250
Oak	228	1748	1748

## Important Dates Coming Up

- December 16<sup>th</sup> - Santa's Secret Gift shop
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Singing at The Cross
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fun Day, including Christmas lunch and other activities (see letter)
- December 19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term
- January 5<sup>th</sup> - Spring Term Starts
- January 12<sup>th</sup> - Paul Ullson (Year 5)
- January 16<sup>th</sup> - Paul Ullson (Year 6)
- January 26<sup>th</sup> - Workshop with Mrs Ritchie (Year 3)