

DECEMBER 2025 ISSUE 2

Welcome to the second edition of the JYS Magazine for the academic year 2025 - 26.

We would like to thank everyone who reads our weekly newsletter as we keep you informed of important things that are going on that week and what is coming up.

These half-termly magazines are a chance for the teachers and pupils to share in more detail what they have been doing in their classes this half term.

If you would like to contribute to the magazine, please contact us to discuss this.

Remember to keep an eye out for our next issue.

YEAR R

WRITTEN BY MRS APPLEBY AND YEAR R

Our theme this half term has been 'Let's Celebrate!' and what a joyful journey it has been! We've explored a wonderful variety of celebrations, festivals, and traditions, from the spooky fun of Halloween to the bright lights of Hanukkah. Along the way, we discovered the common threads that bring these occasions to life: special clothing, delicious food, beautiful decorations, sparkling lights, and, most importantly, spending time with family and friends.



Lily- "We made rangoli patterns for Diwali. They go on the mat (by the front door/entrance). It's about the festival of lights."



Daisy- "They are called hanukkiahs'."



Sofia- "They have nine candles."

YEAR R

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We also learned about people who help us and what to do in an emergency. From firefighters and paramedics to police officers and doctors, we explored the important roles these helpers play in keeping us safe. We practiced how to call for help, learned about emergency numbers, and how to keep ourselves healthy and safe.

Romy- "Call 999 and ask someone for help. There's polices, firefighters and doctors. You tell them your name and address."



Felicity- "You have to brush your teeth for two minutes...in the morning and at bedtime."



Another exciting part of our learning was exploring China. We discovered fascinating traditions like Luna New Year and compared life in China to where we live. From the bustling cities and iconic landmarks to the different foods and customs, it was amazing to see both the similarities and differences between our cultures, climates and landscapes.



Max- "The tigers live in the snow (Siberian tiger)."

Ida- "Panda's eat bamboo."

Luna- "We made special food for Luna New Year."

YEAR 1

WRITTEN BY MRS NEVILLE AND THE CHILDREN IN YEAR 1.

This half term we have enjoyed exploring how toys have changed over time, during our 'Toy Story' learning theme. We have learned about historical timelines; compiled pictograms of our favourite toys and sorted and compared old and new toys in terms of their materials and how they are made.



"Did you know, old teddies used to be filled with sawdust?" Martha

"New toys usually have lots of different, bright colours on them." Cara

"Dolls eyes used to be made of glass in the past." Violet

"I had so much fun asking my Granny and Pa about their toys when they were young. Pa really liked riding his tricycle around the garden!" Max

"My grandma's favourite toy was a doll. You could style it's hair! In school, we looked at a photo of a toy train and I knew it was old because it was made of metal and it had lots of chips and scratches on it!" Toby



We all really enjoyed our workshop with 'Paulinus the Wise Man' (Paul Ullson), when he came in to teach us more about the real story of the first Christmas, as well as the traditions of Christmas gift-giving.

"I didn't know that Jesus was actually born in a cave, not a stable!" Reuben

"Did you know, Mary didn't travel on a donkey to Bethlehem? She actually walked and it would have taken her over 2 weeks to get there!" Martha

"I liked it when we got to draw our comic strips to tell what happened at the first Christmas. I didn't know that King Herod was a baddie." Aidan

"We liked it when we got to smell the Frankincense. It was really cool to see it in real life." Rosie and Ronnie

"I liked it when we made our own Victorian Christmas bundles. We had to put in an orange to keep us healthy, a candle to light our way and some coal to keep us warm." Violet



YEAR 1

WRITTEN BY MRS NEVILLE AND THE CHILDREN IN YEAR 1.

In Literacy, we have shared two toy-themed books ('Clown' by Quentin Blake and 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey). We have had fun talking about the different characters in the stories, and we have practised making predictions and simple inferences. We have written our own stories about Clown, focusing on using different time adverbs to sequence events. We have also learned how to write speech bubbles and have continued to practise using adjectives to describe characters.



"I liked the animation of 'Clown' that we watched. My favourite part was when Clown found the Christmas tree."

Mason

"The Cowboy in 'Toys in Space' is a bit naughty and is always saying silly things. It made us laugh!" Claudia and Reuben

"I've got much better at my writing now. I'm trying really hard to remember my capital letters, full stops and finger spaces." Lyra

In Phonics, we've been discovering that the single vowel letters of 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o' and 'u' can make more than one sound! For example, 'u' usually makes the /u/ sound, as in 'umbrella', but it can also make the /yoo/ sound, as in 'unicorn'. We have also learned lots of new digraphs, some of which make more than one sound too.

"My favourite vowel sound is the 'a' for 'acorn' because it's the first sound in my name!" Aidan

"I like the 'ue' digraph! It makes the /oo/ sound, like in 'glue' and it's got a good action reminder. You have to pretend that you are using a glue stick to add glue to a piece of paper. 'ue' can also make the /yoo/ sound, like in 'statue'!" Violet

YEAR 1

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In Maths we have been learning strategies for adding and subtracting. These include using our fingers, cubes, a rekenrek and a number line to count, and learning how to 'draw out' the problem in different ways. We have also been rehearsing our number bonds to ten and some of us are becoming very speedy at this!



"We have been learning how to write number stories, like 'First there were 4 birds on the tree. Then 2 birds flew away. Now there are 2 birds left on the tree!'" Martha

"I have got better at taking away. I like using a Rekenrek to help me." Mason

In our Computing lessons, we have been practising 'logging on' to the new set of laptops and we have been learning how to navigate our way around the keyboard, as well as develop our mouse control skills, whilst using the online painting program 'paintz.app'.

"I like it in Computing when we try and log on. At the start I couldn't do it but now I am getting better and quicker at it." Robyn

"I really enjoyed drawing my own face on paintz.app. It was fun that we could do our own thing. I used my mouse very carefully and my picture looked good!" Rosie



In our P.E. lessons, we have been having lots of fun developing our throwing and catching skills. We loved meeting James Clowes when he visited to teach us all about the Paralympic sport of Boccia!

"I have got better at throwing bean bags and soft balls underarm. Remembering my 'cup hands', helps me to catch!" Violet

"When James came to see us, I got to throw the white Jack ball to start the game. It was fun!" Max

"I liked playing Boccia with James. I used an underarm throw and I got one of my Boccia balls really close to the Jack!" Owen



YEAR 1

WRITTEN BY MRS NEVILLE AND THE CHILDREN IN YEAR 1.

Over the last week, we have had a great time doing our first Year 1 Design and Technology project, in which we have created toy-themed moving pictures, using a lever mechanism.

“My favourite part about it was when we got to make our own levers. It was satisfying when I finished my picture and I could move my lever – it worked!” Cara
“I tried hiding my lever in my picture by making a slit in the background. It looked good but I also like my other one where the lever was in front.” Lottie

“I brought in my special Science Facts book from home to show everyone the page about levers after our DT lesson.” Reuben

“I liked colouring my moving picture. I tried really hard to make my colouring neat.” Claudia



The visit from ‘Saint Francis Animal Care’ and our ‘Little City’ workshop were other highlights of this half term!

“Henry the hedgehog was so cute. I loved looking at him and he had so many pickles!” Edie

“I liked delivering the parcels and post from the Post Office when we went to Little City.” Oscar

“I liked being a firefighter and a police officer.” Ilo

“I liked playing with Claudia in the Doctors’ Surgery. We were giving our patients vaccinations!” Lyra

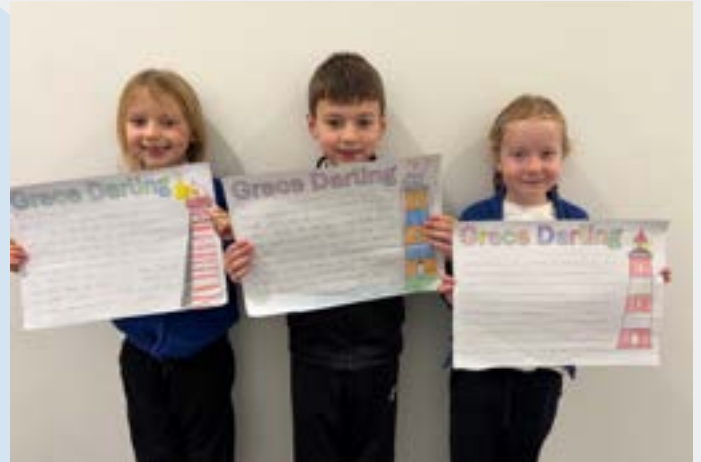
“I liked dressing up as Belle and I liked taking orders in the café. It was fun writing down what people wanted.” Robyn



YEAR 2

We've had another terrific half-term in Year 2, with lots of happy learning taking place.

The story of Grace Darling, who bravely saved a group of drowning sailors in 1838, fascinated us during our History learning. We re-wrote her story in Literacy, aiming to make the rescue sound as dramatic and exciting as possible! We did our own descriptive writing including adjectives, adverbs and the best possible vocabulary choices.



Our most recent Maths unit has been on shape. We've enjoyed describing and sorting 2D and 3D shapes based on their features, like faces and vertices. We learned how to use Venn diagrams to sort shapes into different categories – we even did some Venn diagrams with three overlapping circles!

In Geography, we've been learning about the different continents of the world. We've also done some online research, finding out about a country of our choice and then using this information to write a non-fiction information page during our Literacy work. We chose a wide variety of different countries, including Nigeria, Australia and Brazil!



YEAR 2

Even though it's been cold, we've loved getting outside in PE to do some basketball this term. We've learned to dribble, pass and shoot, as well as thinking tactically about where best to position ourselves during matches. We've had some competitive games and tournaments, but also grown to be really respectful, encouraging and supportive sportspeople as well.

We were lucky to receive a visit from 'Little Cities', who set up a roleplay workshop in the hall, where we got to dress up and enjoy various different scenarios in a made-up city!



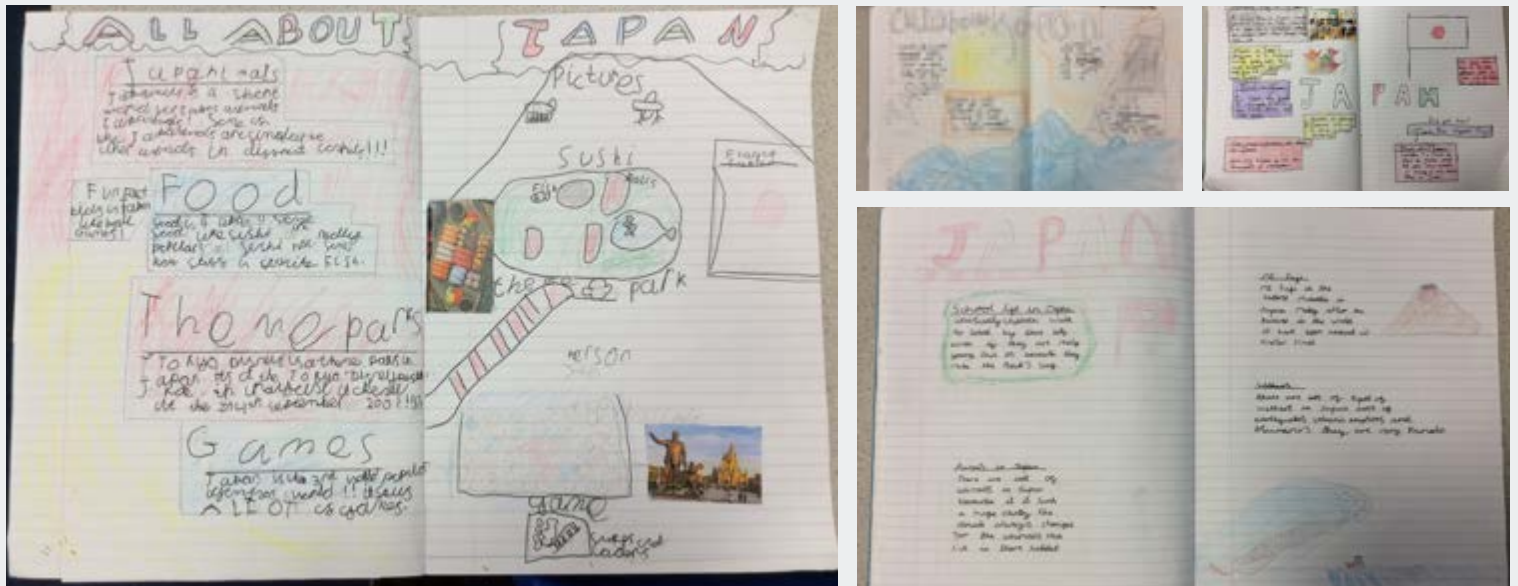
YEAR 3

What a fantastic half term we've had in Literacy! We kicked things off by diving into the art of persuasion. The children became detectives, hunting for sneaky small print in adverts and discovering how it sometimes says the opposite of what the advert promises, lots of giggles there!

Then came the big debate: should McDonald's be banned for under-13s? The children wrote persuasive letters to the Prime Minister, and wow, what passionate arguments they had! (We think the PM would be impressed!)

To finish, we turned our attention to one of our favourite authors, Joe Todd-Stanton. The children wrote heartfelt letters about what they loved in Arthur and the Golden Rope. Fingers crossed for a reply soon!

We rounded off the term by creating stunning double-page spreads packed with fascinating facts about Japan. The children's handwriting and presentation have been amazing.



Our geography adventure this term took us all the way to... Japan! The children loved exploring this incredible country, from its unique climate to its exciting culture. We compared Japanese schools to ours, discovered traditional sports, and even learned about the amazing animals that live there.

One of the highlights? Volcanoes! The children were fascinated by Japan's volcanic landscape and even made their own volcano models. What an explosive way to link geography with our science topic on rocks!

YEAR 3

In Maths this term, we have been finishing off our addition and subtraction and moving onto multiplication and subtraction. We use the White Rose scheme of Maths, which breaks down the learning objectives into very small steps. Although initially the children thought that the steps were very easy, they have been challenged by their verbal reasoning questions, which ensure deeper conceptual understanding, stronger problem-solving/reasoning skills, and better long-term retention of the information and skills needed. This mastery approach promotes deep, secure understanding of calculation and reasoning methods, with a view to the children being much more confident and rounded mathematicians.

The children have worked with many different resources this term, including Dienes blocks (Base 10), place value counters, number lines, place value charts and multilink.



We had an unforgettable trip to Butser Farm! We travelled back in time to the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages at Butser Ancient Farm. The children became archaeologists for the day, digging for hidden artefacts, making Bronze Age jewellery, and even lighting fires (safely, of course!). They were amazed by the tools and animal skins used in the past. It was the perfect way to kick off our next learning theme and what a brilliant day of hands-on history!

YEAR 3



In Science, Year 3 have been having fun finding out about the properties of rocks this term. The children first did multiple experiments to discover whether the different types of rocks were hard, soft, permeable, impermeable, waterproof or buoyant and whether they were able to absorb water. They next went onto testing the rocks for signs of weathering and erosion. This week, we have learned all about how fossils are formed, which was great fun, and some children even brought in their own fossils to show.

Our RE lessons have been lots of fun with our student teacher, Mrs Tran. She has been teaching the class about Advent, and they have made beautiful Advent wreaths for the classroom, as a culmination of their learning.



The focus of this term's art lessons has been painting with watercolours. We first learned how to look after our brushes and paints, before having a look at the colour wheel and how we mix paints to produce different colours. Everyone enjoyed mixing paints, and we learned about our primary colours, then how to mix secondary and tertiary colours. Next, we practiced using our brushes and other tools to make many different types of marks in our sketchbooks. Over the last couple of weeks, we have produced flat washes, graded washes, bold washes and watery washes with our watercolours.



YEAR 3

The artist we have been focussing on is the Japanese painter Hokusai. We have looked at, analysed and discussed several of his paintings, but have settled on producing a representation of his most famous artwork, 'The Great Wave Off Kanagawa'. We are each going to produce a small replica of the painting, using the painting techniques we have learned. Then we are going to put them together to make a huge collage of the wave. This will show that each piece of work is an individual interpretation by each child, even though the source is the same. This will be the culmination of the whole half term's work on our topic, Japan.



The Great Wave Off Kanagawa by Hokusai Katsushika

In computing, we have been working on the iPads to produce our own stop-frame animation films. We started with analysing some other animation films and discussing how we thought they had been made. We practiced our skills, including framing and capturing shots, keeping the camera still and onion skinning (to help us line up the next frame). Then we worked in groups to produce a story board for a short film, before doing the filming using iMotion. We made many mistakes and had to re-shoot out films many times, in the true tradition of filmmaking. However, we have learned such a lot, and we are very proud of what we have produced. Watch out Nick Park!

YEAR 4

What a busy and fun half term we have had in year 4.

Our topic had a history theme and was called Tomb Raiders, and after learning about Howard Carter and his discovery in the Valley of the Kings we know why!

We wrote the story as a news article. The publishing on the laptops proved quite a challenge and required us to be very resilient! We learnt that many of the tombs, that protected the Pharaohs' bodies and artefacts, were often robbed of their treasures. So when Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon discovered the tomb of the young King Tutankhamun it was very special. The seal on the entrance was not broken.



We all loved our visit to the British Museum in London to see some of the artefacts from the tomb as well as some of the giant statues that were brought from Egypt. Tatiana mentioned that she saw a mummy wrapped in linen as well as a body that had been preserved by the hot sand in the museum.

When Paul Ulson visited our class we acted out the story of Osiris, Isis and Seth. We learnt about the role of the gods in Egyptian life and how they influenced them. We used paper plates to make a mask of the characters in the story and Willow was pleased to see them displayed in the classroom. Did you know they had over 2,000 gods!



Ethan also enjoyed making a cartouche of his name using hieroglyphs. We were excited to see the Rosetta stone in the museum because it held the key to decoding the hieroglyphs that were painted on walls and coffins to learn more about their lives. Olivia said that she enjoyed making the scarab beetle out of clay and scratching on the details. We saw many scarab symbols carved into artefacts in the museum. We used oil pastels to finish an Egyptian headdress.



YEAR 4



In our science we have been learning about our ears and how we hear sound. We made cup phones and carried out experiments using instruments and tuning forks to help us understand that sound causes vibrations in the air which travel in waves to our ears.

We have had 2 wonderful wild animal experiences. Nico said that the hedgehogs were very cute and one even pooped on the carpet! Amelia was surprised that the baby hedgehogs had no spikes and Rufus remembered that adult hedgehogs have 5,500 spines. Freddie and Aubrey loved the owls and knew that a fully grown owl has around 10,000 feathers. The owl that Rosie held tried to escape from her hand when she was holding it. Thomas liked the snowy owl but held a very cool barn owl on his hand.



In maths, Jorgia has enjoyed learning about the patterns in the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. Alfie has learnt how to identify multiples of 3, 6 and 9 by finding their digit total. Our speedy spiders are moving up and across our cupboard door as we recall our tables facts quickly and accurately.

Cosmo and Lisa enjoy their swimming and both think it is important to learn to swim. Lisa looks forward to her energy snack when she returns to school. Charlie and Hector were very proud to join the older children, and represent the school in the cricket tournament in Bognor. They played North Mundham in the final and are on their way to the next stage in Brighton. Eva and Willow showed us their hoola hooping skills in assembly.

To end our packed half term we have 2 more exciting activities. The first is cookie making! We have each planned 3 cookies with different flavours and ingredients and asked the year 3 children to pick their favourite. Using their responses, we have each chosen a flavour and we are looking forward to baking on Monday!

The second, to help us learn about the process of mummification, which was important to the Egyptians, we are going to mummify one of our teddy's. It should be a lot of fun. We are all looking forward to sharing our Christmas singing in the playground as part of Christmas week. Our pom pom jar is almost full so who knows what our treat will be? Making indoor dens and drinking hot chocolate was definitely a highlight at the end of last half term.



YEAR 5

It has been another busy half term for us in Year 5. In our topic 'Settlement Detectives', we have been developing our map skills. We have created 3D models from contour maps and explored OS map symbols. We have even used Google Earth to research locations in the UK, Germany and the USA and have drawn comparisons between them.

We have been lucky this term to have dance sessions with Rachel from RnB Dance. We have worked, as a class and in groups to both learn her choreography and to create some choreography of our own. Our finished dance was inspired by the rainforest and its plight and will link with our work in the summer term when we look at the Amazon Rainforest.



YEAR 5

In literacy, we used a short film called 'Girl and Robot' to inspire our own descriptive short stories. We worked hard on our use of language, including vocabulary and sentence structures which built an image for our reader and created emotion.

In Computing with Miss Lomax on a Friday, we have been learning about Video editing and have been applying our new skills, in small groups, to create our own videos.

There have been lots of opportunities for year 5 children to represent JYS in various sporting events this term. Mrs Dutton continues to be incredibly proud our sportsmanship and enthusiasm in these events and in our PE lessons.

In DT, we have shown resilience and teamwork whilst we developed our sewing skills. We have tried out stitches and created our own design. We have supported each other to turn our design into reality and have created bunting which represents every member of our class.



YEAR 6

This term in Geography, we have focused on human geography, particularly migration. We studied density and relief maps to understand population patterns across the country and the world.

We explored push and pull factors and linked our learning to Floella Benjamin's Coming to England as well as A World Full of Journeys and Migrations: Over 50 Stories of Human Migration That Changed Our World.

We were also joined by Mrs Ritchie, who delivered a special workshop on transport and the importance of travel, with a focus on how we can reduce our environmental impact and travel with an eco-friendly footprint in mind.

This half-term in Science, we have been learning about electricity. We began by refreshing our prior knowledge, remembering that conductors are materials that allow energy to flow through, such as metal, water, iron, and copper. Insulators, on the other hand, are materials that do not allow electrical flow, such as wood and plastic.

We then learned that electricity is a type of flow and that a cell pushes electrons around a closed circuit. Next, we explored the symbols used for drawing circuit diagrams.

After that, we planned and carried out an experiment investigating whether we could affect the brightness of a bulb in an electrical circuit. We built circuits to test our hypothesis that adding cells would increase the brightness of the bulb. We are now writing up our results and explaining what we discovered.

This term, we have enjoyed a variety of sporting opportunities. Many Year 6 pupils have represented the school in football and cricket tournaments.

On 2nd December, Year 6 walked to Bishop Luffa Sports Hall to compete against ten other Chichester schools in this year's Sports Hall Athletics event.



The children took part in a range of exciting track and field activities, showing exemplary behaviour and encouraging all athletes throughout the day. The results came in yesterday, and we're delighted to announce that our team finished 3rd overall! A huge well done to everyone involved!

In Dance, we have been learning the Lindy Hop to the music of In the Mood by Glenn Miller. We explored dance moves from the 1940s and even had the chance to create our own choreography halfway through the song. The final dance was excellent, with an array of brilliant performers.

YEAR 6

Other Highlights

- Book Club – A great way to share our love of reading! Mrs Orde has kicked off her book club with Malamander by Thomas Taylor.
- JYS Hoodies – Look out for our snazzy Year 6 hoodies! They are warm, cosy, and feature all of our names on the back.
- English – We designed and built prototype products using cardboard and other materials to solve everyday frustrations. We wrote persuasive adverts to convince people to buy our products and created web pages. In addition, we wrote some really impressive setting descriptions based on The Mysteries of Harris Burdick.
- Maths – Fractions, fractions, and more fractions! It's been a busy term, but we've made fantastic progress and become more efficient mathematicians.
- Art – We completed our Lost Words art project and created some fantastic poems to accompany our artwork.
- The Year 6 enjoyed their first snow day (well, sleet and hailstone day!). As you can tell from the picture, they had lots of fun making the most of the wintry weather.
- We were also joined by Graham, the “hedgehog man,” who shared fascinating facts and information about hedgehogs and how we can help protect them.



JYS SPORTS

WRITTEN BY THE CHILDREN AND MRS DUTTON

Year 5/6 boys football tournament, Chichester University

The boys had been looking forward to this event and went in with confidence, playing well, supporting each other and working well as a team. We had already had a few afterschool training matches to prepare.

This is quite a prestigious event, with the top three teams going through to an area final in Bognor which takes place in January.

Not only did our boys play brilliantly – coming second at the tournament - but they showed great sportsmanship, respect and determination throughout.

We look forward to the next round!

Zach – Year 5/6 Team Captain

“As the captain of the football team I was very proud of how we played and so happy we got through to the next round.”



Year 3/4 football tournament, Chichester University

With the year 4's in London for their school trip this was the perfect opportunity for the Year 3's to step up and have some fun playing as a team.

What a team they were. Their first time playing together, and for some of them their first ever football tournament.



Ellis- year 3 captain

“We firstly went down to Chichester university and played 6 matches. We tried our best and had lots of fun. We came 12th. We only had years 3's because our year 4s were in London. All the other teams had year 4s. Hopefully next year we will come in top 3. We play 7 aside. Special thanks to Mrs Dutton and Fin. We're gonna do better next year because we will be year 4.”

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AT JYS we believe in giving our Year 6 sports leaders the opportunity to step up, lead, and motivate our younger children. Fin lead the boys in the pre-tournament warmup and provided great encouragement and support from the sidelines.

Fin - Year 6 Sports Leader

“The year 3 were outstanding at the football tournament despite losing all their games. They never gave up, they kept on trying and they did score two great goals. The boys were all super happy even though losing.”

Year 3/4 girls football tournament, Chichester University

It really is fantastic that we have so many girls who love to play football. With girls lunchtime football taking place every week at school it gave some of them the perfect opportunity to play some competitive games against other schools.

Special mention to Rosie and Fleur in year 3 who played in both year 3/4 tournaments. Both girls play for our local grassroots team Chichester City and it really is brilliant to see.

Mrs Dutton yet again reported back on not only how well the girls played and represented the school, but how superbly they encouraged and supported each other. A real credit to the school - well done, girls!



Rosie - Year 3 football captain of 3/4 girls team.

“At the girls school football tournament we travelled all the way to the university with Mrs Dutton. It was year 3,4 tournament.

It was so fun for me and the other girls that went which were Jorgia, Tilly, Tatiana, Charlotte, Lisa, Rosie P, Matilda, Addi, Fleur, Charlotte and Amy S. Mrs Dutton is the best P.E teacher ever. Everyone enjoyed it.”

JYS SPORTS

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Again another opportunity for our year 6 Sports Leader Amy S who plays football for Chichester City, pathway and currently doing goal keeper training over with Portsmouth Football Club to impart her skills and knowledge.

Amy S - year 6 Sports Leader

“The girls did amazing and were unlucky not to go through to the next round. Even though it was freezing outside everyone gave it a good go and it looked like they had a great time.”

Year 5/6 girls football tournament, Chichester University

With 16 schools taking part the group was split into two pools of 8. 7 exciting games were played with some great goals, great team spirit and most importantly lots of fun had. The girls did brilliantly, again playing for the first time as a team, with some of them playing their first ever tournament. They came 3rd in their group which we were very proud of.



Year 5/6 girls football tournament- Amy S Year 6 Captain.

“You could not have asked much more of these girls. We were up against some tough teams but we all played our part and we just missed out on a chance at the next tournament. We all had an amazing time.”

‘B’ Team Football - The Arena, Bognor

The children were very excited to get this opportunity to compete against some of the smaller schools or those, like JYS who have so many children keen to play football that we send out a second squad to events. This was a great chance to increase participation and competition for our other great footballers who didn’t get the chance to play over in Chichester. With 16 schools competing there were two pools of 8. We finished 3rd in our group, meaning we played our final game for 5th or 6th 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.



Girls' Indoor Cricket - The Arena

We started our return to Cricket by driving a team of girls to The Arena in Bognor to compete in an inter-school Cricket tournament.

The children really enjoyed this opportunity to compete and play together, and are hoping to get to play again later in the year when the summer cricket season starts! Despite some of the girls playing for their first time we were delighted to finish in second place.



Pippa - Girls cricket captain

“Firstly I couldn’t be more proud of Amy S, Amy F, Indie, Bea and Ella as they did so well in the tournament. I would also like to say thank you to Mrs Dutton as she is the best coach we could ever want. A particular highlight of the tournament was where Amy S hit the back wall for a 6, 3 times in a row!!!! Everyone was awesome and tried their best and they were so supportive of everyone in the team. We came second which is a great achievement considering many of the girls hadn’t played cricket before. Everyone had a lot of fun and loved playing it together.”



Boys' Indoor Cricket - The Arena

Once Mrs Dutton had brought the girls back, she turned around and took a team of boys to The Arena in Bognor to compete in an inter-school Cricket tournament in the afternoon. The boys played very well together, and clearly enjoyed the event. We proud to have some strong cricketeers at JYS who represent not only their local clubs but also play for Sussex. We are pleased to provide the children with these opportunities for competitive sport as they allow the children to develop their confidence and competence within physical activity and create positive experiences. Very often, they help the children develop their leadership skills too, and we are always on the look out for an inspiring captain to lead them!

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George - Boys Cricket captain

“We did really well overall and deserved getting into the second round. All of us played great cricket and we were very respectful and represented the school really well and I am really really proud of us coming 2nd place. We batted well and bowled well. I am very pleased that Sam, Zach, Jessie, Hector and Charlie were on the team. They all stayed resilient when things went wrong and kept going on the last game and we were so respectful that we got into the second round.”

RUNCLUB

I couldn't think of a better way to spend my Monday morning with 30 children all running around, improving their health and minds. We have a lot of fun every week. With the corporate challenge and West Sussex schools cross country coming up in the new year we have been working hard every Monday mornings. Bleep test, hill reps, relay sprints, Mrs Duttons hyrox special and lots of fun games ensure we are fit and strong. We are very proud of our runners here at JYS. We have some children that take part every week on a Sunday at junior parkrun, we have some that attend triclub and Chichester runners and compete in triathlons and cross country events. As the children will tell you running really is Mrs Duttons favourite thing to do, and she always says that it will only make you happy! Fin C has been attending RUNCLUB since he was in year 3.

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Fin C - RUNCLUB

"I come to RUNCLUB because I enjoy running and I want to be the best in the county. RUNCLUB is fun and when it's Christmas or a seasonal event we get to dress up and do fun activities. I go to RUNCLUB because I love helping the younger children to get better and to keep on running and never give up and you will get faster eventually."



Interhouse Benchball

With the weather being so unpredictable this term's interhouse competition was Bench Ball. Every year group played each house during the P.E lessons. It really is a great opportunity for the children to get to compete against each other in a positive, encouraging way. Lots of the games were incredibly close and exciting to watch. The overall house winners was Maple once again.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2025



Father Christmas
(Year R)



Christmas Jumpers
(Year 1)



Christmas Jumpers
(Year 2)



Polar Express Day
(Year 3)



Christmas Crafts
(Year 4)



Christmas Film
(Year 5)



Christmas Disco
(Year 6)



Christmas Carols



Christmas Lunch

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2025

SINGING CAROLS AT THE CROSS



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AND OTHER NEWS

Thank you!

A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends of Jessie, who did a fantastic job organizing and running numerous activities for our children. This included the Christmas raffle and Santa's Secret Gift Shop, where they raised an impressive £600 for the gift shop alone!



The new Pre-loved Uniform Shop has been a huge success. Thank you for all your support and donations. This term, not only does this help our community and environment, but we managed to raise £110.62!! Next term, we will continue to have our drop off (in main reception any time/day) and pick up points (Fridays from 3pm main reception). P.E kits are very much needed please. Dark joggers/white t shirts/JYS logo p.e tops/shorts. Thank you so much.

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who ordered school photos and other merchandise from Fraser Portraits. As a school, we were awarded a £557.88 commission, which will be spent on resources for your children.



MERRY Christmas

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

