

JYS News

Newsletter: 16~ 30th January 2026

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School Updates and Reminders

Chichester District Foodbank team would like to say a huge thank you for your amazing support over the past year.

In 2025, you generously donated 55.5 kg of provisions - that's around 139 meals!

Your kindness really does make a difference, and means so much to us and the people we support across Chichester District.

Next Friday, February 6th, is TT Rockstars Day. Your child is invited to come to school dressed as a Rock or Pop star, with a minimum donation of £1.

This Week

On Monday, we welcomed Mrs Ritchie back to JYS! She delivered a brilliant whole school Eco assembly all about trees, before spending the rest of the morning in Year 3, leading a 'Water' workshop.

In the assembly, we learned why trees are so important for our environment: they absorb and lock up carbon; they offer shade to humans and animals; they help to improve soil health and to prevent soil erosion and flooding. Trees also foster biodiversity: Did you know that oak trees are a haven for a colossal 2,300 wildlife species? In addition, research has shown that trees help to boost both our physical and mental wellbeing in lots of different ways. For more information, click [here](#):

The Benefits of Trees - Woodland Trust - Woodland Trust

At home, talk about the ways in which we can help to look after trees.

Perhaps even consider planting a new tree, if you have a garden with space in it!



The children in Year 1 had a wonderful time visiting St Paul's Church on Wednesday morning. They were welcomed by Father Paul, Zena and their team and spent time exploring the different features of the church which are used for worship (including the altar, the lectern and the font). A big 'thank you' to all of the adults who accompanied Year 1 and who helped to make their trip so successful.

"It was fun when we got to dip our hands into the font water!" Thomas

"Father Paul told us that the holy water comes from the tap! Then it gets blessed by the vicar." Martha

"The candle by the font was so colourful and beautiful. We liked the flowers it had on it." Edie and Ronnie

"I liked spotting the fish that was hiding in the big painting. The other stained glass window was very beautiful and had lots of different colours in it." Claudia

"I liked seeing the Holy Bible. It was red and gold." Max

"I liked it when the adult read part of the Bible to us about Jesus." Aidan

"I liked the cushion with the shell picture on it." Adriel

"I liked seeing the big cross at the front of the church. It was huge!" Aubree



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We took 47 Year 5 and 6 children to West Sussex primary schools cross country at Bishop Luffa on Wednesday. The course was 2.1km and it was absolutely fantastic to see all our children running with smiles on their faces and working hard. They were competing against children from 15 other local primary schools. As a team we supported each other so well and were definitely the loudest cheering school! We had some fantastic results with so many personal wins. Finley won the Year 6 boys race very convincingly and Hermella for the Year 6 girls chased down the winner until the finish line coming second place by one second!

The children scored points from where they came in the race so Finley coming 1st scored 1 point. The first four finishers from each school had their points added together and fewer total points you get, higher ranking you placed. Our Year 6 boys placed 2nd, Year 6 girls 5th and Year 5 boys and girls both 4th. An outstanding effort.

Nine of our children finished their races in the top 20 and have been invited to take part in the county finals near Brighton in March.

Mrs Dutton, Mr Harman and Mrs McGurk were so very proud of every single runner.

Some of the children in Year 6 were invited to take part in a hockey skills festival. They had great fun practicing and learning some new skills.

"It was lots of fun. We learnt how to play properly." James
"Lots of fun activities making it an enjoyable afternoon." Flo



House Points

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



	This week	Term Total Spring Term	Year Total
Ash	116	332	1882
Beech	107	324	2003
Maple	127	360	1601
Oak	167	389	2137

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