

# JYS News

Newsletter: 19~ 27th February 2026

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## School Updates and Reminders

World Book Day, an annual celebration of reading, is taking place at school next Friday, 6th March. Children are invited to come to school either wearing pyjamas or dressed as a book character of their choice. A big thank you to Waterstones for supporting this event.

KS1 Movie Afternoon will be taking place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If your child would like to attend please follow this link: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/jys](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/jys)

You are now able to book your child's parents evening slots on the afternoon of either the 18th /19th March. Please log onto your MyChildAtSchool account to book this appointment.

If you would like your child to try out for the swimming gala please be at Westgate Leisure Centre at 5.30pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## This Week

This week, our Reception children have been getting their hands wonderfully dirty during their outdoor learning sessions. They planted the potatoes they had chitted before half term, making sure the eyes were carefully positioned facing upwards. They also sowed carrot seeds and are excited to observe how they grow beneath the soil using their new observation window planter. The children have also been exploring seeds from a variety of fruits and vegetables. They discovered that seeds come in all shapes and sizes: some are tiny while others are much larger. They noticed that some seeds grow on the inside of the fruit, like apples and peppers, while others can be found on the outside, like strawberries. This hands-on investigation sparked lots of curiosity and great discussions.

In addition, they enjoyed planting beans and peas in jars, giving them the perfect opportunity to watch the roots and shoots develop over the coming weeks. It's been a fantastic start to their spring growing projects!



5 Ways to Wellbeing Day. Year 5 enjoyed a wellbeing workshop backed by NHS and government research to promote mental health. The children had fun with various games that encouraged them to connect, take notice, be active, and keep learning.

Year 3 had a visit from Paul Ullson, History man yesterday. They did a workshop on the Bronze Age and Iron Age. It involved looking at artefacts, learning about the Neolithic way of life and do a question and answer session with a man who has been alive since the Neolithic period! (Allegedly).



On Tuesday five of our Year 5 pupils walked to the Westgate Centre to undertake their Young Ambassador training. These sports leaders aim to work with Mrs Dutton to help increase participation in sport at breaktimes and after school clubs, to promote "The Spirit of the Games" values, to be ambassadors and role models for PE and school sport and to do things such as lead warm up activities in PE lessons. The children undertook challenges, were trained in how to lead warm ups, and were then split up into mixed school teams to do a series of activities. They also had some time to discuss with Mrs Dutton some of their exciting ideas! Watch this space!



On Wednesday 38 of our Year 5s and 6s met in the centre of Chichester to take part in this year's Corporate Challenge road race. Billed as: "A unique series of evening road races for all ages and abilities, run around Chichester city centre. Distances range from 1400m for primary school children up to 4.5km for adults. Races start at the Assembly Rooms on North Street." It was a brilliant display of running, team camaraderie and team spirit. Every single runner did themselves proud. Our boys came first with one team, thanks to the great efforts of Fin, Zach and Rory. Our girls came seventh, due to the wonderful running by Hermella, Amy F and Serafina. We want to congratulate everyone who took part, and thank all the staff, siblings and parents who came out to support the children. We look forward to round two in 2 weeks time!



## 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	131	568	2118
Beech	105	522	2201
Maple	137	569	1810
Oak	133	599	2347

## Important Dates Coming Up

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> - KS1 Movie Afternoon (3.15-5pm)
- March 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATS Information Meeting (4.30pm)
- March 6<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Movie Afternoon (3.15-5pm)
- March 16<sup>th</sup> - Puppetry and Script Workshop (Years 3/4)
- March 18/19<sup>th</sup> - Parents Meetings
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - Bikeability (Year 5)
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - Comic Relief (details to follow)
- March 24<sup>th</sup> - Cinema (Year 5) Information to follow
- March 26<sup>th</sup> - BFG Chichester Festival Theatre (Years 3/4)