

JYS News

Newsletter: 21~ 13th March 2026

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School Updates and Reminders

Just a reminder that Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 18th March, and Thursday, 19th March.

Mrs Dutton's swim squad practice is this Sunday, 15th March, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Bikeability Level 1 for Year 5 is on Friday, 20th March. If you haven't returned your child's consent forms, could you please do so by Monday, 16th March.

This Week

This week began with an Eco assembly from Mrs Ritchie, focusing on the theme of water.

Later this month, on 22nd March, the United Nations' 'World Water Day' will be celebrated around the globe, raising awareness of the 2.1 billion people who are living without access to safe water. That's around a quarter of the world's population.

Mrs Ritchie helped us to think about just how vital clean water is in our daily lives: keeping us alive, within our homes (washing ourselves, our clothes and our dishes; cooking and looking after our plants and gardens); in schools and offices (toilets, heating, air-conditioning, technology services) and more widely in our world. Mrs Ritchie told us about the concept of our 'water footprint'. Did you know, it takes approximately 8,000 litres of water to make a new pair of jeans and about 2,400 litres of water to make a bar of chocolate?

Luckily, Mrs Ritchie reminded us that there are lots of ways that we can help to conserve water. We can save water by:

Remembering to turn off our taps when we're brushing our teeth or when they're not in use;

Putting a water butt in our garden to collect rainwater for us to water our plants with;

Only filling up our kettles and saucepans with the amount of water we need;

Having showers instead of baths;

Reporting leaky toilets so they can be fixed quickly;

Buying fewer brand new clothes and trying to buy second-hand clothes instead;

Passing on our clothes to others when we grow out of them;

Mending our clothes if we can, instead of throwing them away;

Trying to eat food that has been grown locally.

Which of these ideas could you try at home?

Next time you turn on the tap, remember what a precious resource water is and how lucky we are to have such easy access to it!

To follow on from this, Year 5 had an 'out of this world' workshop with Mrs Ritchie. We looked at the growing issue of space debris in earth's orbit. Year 5 were surprised at just how much rubbish is orbiting the earth. We made mixed media artworks to represent this growing issue.



Over the last couple of weeks The Friends of JYS have hosted two movie afternoons.

Last week the children in KS1 enjoyed the Julia Donaldson adaptations of "The Scarecrows' Wedding" and "Tabby McTat".

This week KS2 children came together to enjoy "The Wild Robot" and it was a wonderful success!

Thanks to everyone who helped organise and run these events and to all of the children who came along.

We raised a fantastic total of £352.50 which will contribute towards helping support activities and resources for children across the school.



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	123	847	2397
Beech	89	758	2437
Maple	107	776	2017
Oak	91	849	2581

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JYS Sporting Events this Week

Round 2 of the corporate challenge. It was promised to be an exciting night and it certainly was that. We had 40 Year 5 and 6 taking part with a whole squad of sibling cheerleaders in tow! Everyone ran just brilliantly with some outstanding times all round. Our boys team remain in first place and our girls in seventh. A very very proud Mrs Dutton! Thank you to everyone who cheered and supported the children. Just one more race to go....



Our 6 future flyers had their penultimate session on Thursday. Future Flyers is a programme for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6.

WSW deliver a bespoke programme that challenges and tests the students. Participants track their scores each week and aim to see improvements as they develop their skills and confidence.

They are excited for the final session where students will go head-to-head in a Chichester vs Bognor schools challenge.



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