

# JYS News

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## School Updates and Reminders

A plea from Year 2: We would be grateful for donations of kitchen or similar cardboard paper rolls for classroom activities. Please note that toilet roll tubes are not permitted for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support!

### This Week

In year 4 we started the week with some baking! We made Hot Coconut Buns which was a popular bake for, 'The baker by the Sea', a book that is leading our new literacy unit. They were delicious and we were keen to write our application for a job, as assistant baker, at the bakery.



We also had a visit from Paul Ullson who got us talking about the Ancient Greeks and their myths and legends. We learnt about the lives of the Ancient Greeks and how they pinched many ideas from the Ancient Egyptians. We are looking forward to learning more!



On Wednesday, Year 1 finished their 'Homes' dance, which they have been learning with Rachael from RnB Dance over the last six weeks. Please click on the link below if you would like to watch their performance!

### Year 1 - Homes Dance - Spring 2026

Over the last two Thursday afternoons, the children in Year 1 have been enjoying learning tennis with Justin from Chichester Racquets and Fitness Club! They have had lots of fun practising different throwing, catching, footwork and racquet skills, and we are all looking forward to continuing our learning with Justin next week!



The running photos show children from Years R-6 taking part in the Virtual London Marathon. Over two lunchtimes, they completed 2 miles (16 laps of our track), with many going even further. We were delighted by their enthusiasm, and all participants will receive a special London Marathon pin badge.



In my swimming group collectively we swam to the Isle of Wight and back. Each child swam 1000 metres and some more!

## House Points

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



	This week	Term Total summer Term	Year Total
Ash	121	234	2771
Beech	93	210	2763
Maple	46	135	2170
Oak	149	279	2993

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- June 16<sup>th</sup> - Class Photographs
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We began the week with a celebratory presentation recognising our recent successes at the Corporate Challenge race and the Arun Swimming Gala, which many of you will have read about in the March edition of the JYS Magazine. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on these achievements together as a school community. Once again, congratulations to all of the children involved for their hard work and determination.



On Monday afternoon, our Year 6 children took part in an exciting softball session led by coaches David and Hetti from Chichester Falcons Softball Club. During the lesson, the children learned key skills such as catching and throwing with a fielding glove, as well as practicing their batting technique. They also had the opportunity to put their new skills into action with a short game, where enthusiasm and teamwork were on full display. It was a thoroughly enjoyable session, and fun was had by all! If you're interested in learning more about softball or would like to give it a try (adults included), please visit: [www.chichesterfalcons.co.uk](http://www.chichesterfalcons.co.uk) for further information.



On Tuesday, pupils across the school took part in their very first Daily Mile. This simple initiative encourages children to jog, run, or walk for 15 minutes each day to support their physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing. The activity is entirely non-competitive and took place on our school field. We were incredibly impressed by everyone's enthusiasm and willingness to get involved—it was a real pleasure to see so many smiling faces enjoying the experience. A special thank you goes to our Bronze Ambassadors, who helped to steward the run and offered encouragement and support throughout. Mr Harman and Mrs Dutton were extremely proud of you all.



On Wednesday, our Year 6 children enjoyed a visit to Goodwood Racecourse, where they took part in a Junior Citizen child safety event. Throughout the morning, the children learned a wide range of valuable skills and knowledge to help keep themselves safe. They also had the opportunity to meet personnel from the police, ambulance, fire and rescue, transport, and mental health services, gaining insight into the important roles these services play in our community. It was a fantastic and engaging experience, and the children came away feeling more confident and better prepared as they look ahead to their transition to secondary school in September.



Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 cake sale on Thursday. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised a fantastic amount so far. The children are excited to reinvest some of the profits into ice lollies, which will be on sale next Thursday at 3:30pm.

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