

JYS News

Newsletter: 24~ 1st May 2026
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School Updates and Reminders

Stay and Play Session – Reception

We would like to invite all parents and carers of children in Year R to attend a Stay and Play session on Friday 22nd May at 9:00am in the school hall (straight after drop-off). Please drop your child off as normal to the Reception class and then head to the school office to sign in. Further details are available in the letter on the MCAS app.

Year 6 – SATs Breakfast Club

Year 6 parents and carers are reminded to please check your MCAS account for details of the SATs Breakfast Club, which will be available during SATs week starting Monday 11th May.

This Week

We welcomed Mrs Ritchie back to JYS on Monday, to start our week off with an Eco Assembly all about Food Waste. Mrs Ritchie then spent the rest of the morning with Year 2, delivering a Biodiversity Workshop for the children.

Do you know how big the food waste problem is? Every day, 20 million slices of bread are thrown away - that's equivalent to 10 million sandwiches! 760,000 litres of milk are thrown away each day too. Every year, half a million tonnes of potatoes are thrown away - that's the same weight as 100,000 elephants!

Food waste is a BIG problem, and it's not just the actual food itself that is being wasted. All the water, energy and land used to produce the food is also being wasted. It's the fertilisers, farming equipment and labour. It's the manufacturing process used to create the packaging for the food. It's the vehicles used to transport the food to the shops. It's the space and energy used to store the food safely in the shops before it gets bought. It's the pollution that food waste creates in landfills. It's the money that all of this costs.



So what can we do to help minimise food waste? Think about it and be mindful! Only take the amount of food that you know you'll definitely be able to eat and then go back for seconds if you are still hungry afterwards. Celebrate using up leftovers. Make sure your food is stored correctly at home, not left out to 'go off'. Keep your food waste out of landfill by making use of the new food waste recycling boxes that West Sussex County Council are distributing to households. Try to recycle all of your food waste in the grey boxes provided, so you can see how much there is. Perhaps set your family the challenge of trying to waste less food each week than the week before! Click on the link below for more information about WSCC food waste collections:

Food waste collections - West Sussex County Council



Year 2 have been letting their creative juices flow this week, studying the work of Vincent Van Gogh and learning about his distinct style of artwork. As well as learning about the Dutch artist's most famous paintings, they also got the watercolours out and created their own version of his Sunflower picture.

This week during P.E KS2 have worked incredibly hard out on the track. They have been practicing their 600m, 400m and 200m runs. Everyone had the best attitudes and were reminded when running you are only ever racing against yourself. So they were asked to turn up as their best selves and do their best. Mrs Dutton was very proud of everyone's efforts.



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	117	351	2888
Beech	113	323	2876
Maple	111	246	2281
Oak	173	452	3166

Important Dates Coming Up

- May 7th - Chichester Festival Theatre Mcbeth Workshop (Year 5/6)
- May 11th - 14th - SATS Week (Including Breakfast Club)
- May 25th-29th -HALF TERM BREAK
- May 22nd - (Year R) Stay and Play
- June 1st - INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)
- June 10th - (Year 2) Jaws and Claws
- June 16th - Class Photographs
- June 17th - Rivers Trip (Year 4)
- June 22nd - 24th - Cobnor Residential
- June 24th - Tuppenny Barn (Year 1)