JYS News

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Reminders

A reminder that we will be hosting a Coffee Morning on Thursday 12th November at 9:00am, with local support services available to offer advice and information for families. Mrs Jones (SENCo/AHT) will also be available throughout the morning. We look forward to seeing you there.
If you would like to attend, please register your interest using this Link.

School breaks up for half term from 26th-31st October. Please remember that Monday 2nd November is an INSET Day, and school will be closed to all pupils. We hope you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.

Classroom Highlights

Year 2 had a fantastic day at Dell Quay, where they travelled by minibus to the Dell Quay Education Centre to take part in a range of exciting geographical activities. The children learned about human and physical features and explored these first-hand in the local environment. During low tide, they collected natural materials washed up on the shore to create beautiful "sticky pictures", demonstrating great creativity and teamwork. The pupils were especially brave when they discovered and carefully held crabs, learning more about the creatures that live along our coastline. They also enjoyed a nature walk, spotting wildlife and observing the features of the surrounding landscape. It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning, and the children represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit.





Year 3 went on a lovely, sunny walk around Chichester this week. They have been studying the local geography and history of the city and how we can tell that a place is very old. We spotted many of Chichester's landmarks along the way and found some clues that our town is extremely old, such as; boot scrapers, old door knockers, the Roman walls and the mound in Priory Park which used to support a Norman motte and bailey fort. We had a wonderful morning, although our legs were extremely weary by the time we arrived back at school.






The children in Year 1 have had a fantastic time learning outside the classroom during their Forest School sessions led by Mr Bullen this week! Activities included making creatures out of clay; creating animal artworks using leaves, twigs, sticks and grass; playing the 'Bat and Moth' blindfold game, to learn about how some animals use echolocation when hunting their prey; finding out about hibernation and building cosy winter homes for small animals; learning about the differences between horse chestnuts and sweet chestnuts; pretending to be squirrels and burying seeds around our Forest School Area, before trying to find them again. The opportunity to have hot chocolate and marshmallows was a particular highlight of the final session! Thank you to Mr Bullen and all of our helpers for making our Forest School experience so successful.

This week in our P.E. lessons, we have been enjoying our interhouse competition!
Sadly, due to the wet weather, strong winds and hail, we had to postpone our cross-country event until next term. Instead, we opted for interhouse benchball, which proved to be a fantastic alternative! The competition followed a round-robin format, with every house playing against each other. Year 6 got us off to a brilliant start, displaying incredible teamwork, strong defending and impressive accuracy. Year 2 were excited and enthusiastic, putting their newly learned skills into practice. Year 5 brought plenty of energy and a competitive spirit, alongside some excellent sportsmanship. Year 1 were simply brilliant, giving their very first benchball competition a fantastic go! Year 3 were up next, treating us to some very close and exciting games, before Year 4 rounded off the competition with some excellent tactical play, wonderful encouragement and, most importantly, lots of fun! After some fantastic matches, Maple House emerged as our overall winners, proudly taking home the cup for this half term! 🏆
Mrs Dutton was incredibly impressed with everyone's efforts, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. A huge well done to all our pupils for taking part and making the competition such a success! Next up... cross-country! 🏃‍♀️🏃




House Points

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

	This Week	Term Total	Year Total
Ash	114	789	675
Beech	90	787	697
Maple	109	778	778
Oak	115	724	724

Important Dates Coming Up

October 26th - 30th - HALF TERM
November 2nd - INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS)
November 5th - NO SWIMMING
November 5th - Autumn Disco 3.15-4pm KS1 and 4.15-5pm KS2
November 10th - Year 4 Trip to Bitish Museum (London)
November 12th - Family Support Coffee Morning
November 17th - Individual and Sibling Photographs
November 18th - Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to Life Exhibition
November 26th - Wreath Making - Friends of JYS (7-9pm)
December 10th - Hey Christmas Tree Theatre Trip (Year 1 &2)
December 16th - Christmas Fun Day including Christams Lunch
December 17th - Peter Pan Theatre Trip (Year 3, 4, 5, 6)
December 18th - LAST DAY OF TERM