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Dear Families

We are now in the season of transition and we have lots of activity behind the scenes. Teachers have finalised their reports and they are now with me for final comments ready to be sent out on Monday, 14th July. Teachers are also preparing activities for our Transition Day which takes place on Wednesday 2nd July. Children will spend time with their new teachers doing activities that help to build relationships with their new class group and class teacher. On this day, our current Year 6 children will be visiting their new secondary schools.

The week has been busy with Sports Day preparations. Despite the heat, we managed to complete both key stage events before hitting the heat of the day. The morning was a great success and thank you to all of our parents and PTA who supported the event.

Finally, I wanted to say a big thank you for all of your support during the Summer Revels. To our children, staff PTA, governors and parents who helped to make this event happen, it was a brilliant day and feedback has been really positive.

Have a great weekend and enjoy this beautiful sunny spell that we are currently blessed with.

Jane Sharrock

STAFFING NEWS

Miss Filfil who has been with us for the last two years will be leaving us at the end of the term. Her temporary contract has come to an end and she will be moving on to take a full-time teaching role in a local primary school. We wish her all the best as she moves onto pastures new.

MEET THE TEACHER

On Wednesday, 2nd July, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher.

3.30pm	-	Year 1 (current Reception)	Key Stage 1 team
3.50pm	-	Year 2 (current Year 1)	Key Stage 1 team
4.10pm	-	Rowan (current Year 2 & 3)	Mrs Griffiths
4.40pm	-	Redwood (current Year 4 & 5)	Mrs Wellby

During this presentation, you will find out information about your child's learning for next year with an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Each presentation will take place in your child's new classroom, with all Year 1 and Year 2 parents to go to Willow Class.

REMINDER - NEXT YEAR

On Monday 23rd June at 2.30pm, we are inviting our current Reception parents to a meeting which will explain transition into Year 1.

WETLAND CENTRE TRIP – A SPLASHING SUCCESS!

Ash Class had a fantastic experience at the Arundel Wetland Centre. The children were a delight – curious, well-behaved, and a credit to the school. Highlights included a boat trip (with pike and pochard duck sightings!), pond dipping, and learning lots of information about invertebrates. A fun and memorable day for all!



GARDENING CLUB – MORE THAN JUST PLANTS!

At Gardening Club, we don't just weed and plant (though we do plenty of that too!) – we also enjoy spending time in our wonderful outdoor environment. From using clay and whittling wood to creating with sticks, wool and beads, there's always something exciting going on. We have even tried hapa zome – an art technique where we gently hammer flowers and leaves onto fabric to leave beautiful natural imprints. It's messy, creative, and lots of fun! So far, we've planted sunflowers, herbs, tomatoes, courgettes, sweet peas, and a lovely mix of wildflowers – we can't wait to see everything grow and bloom!



THANK YOU

Ash Class would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Wilkins for kindly making us some brilliant bug houses! So far, we've filled one with sticks and natural materials, and we're looking forward to filling the others soon. The children are very excited to see who might move in – thank you for your time and generosity!



Recent correspondence

- **Whole school email – KS2 New Structure**

DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

JUNE 2025

Mon 23 June	Current Reception parent meeting (2.30pm)
Wed 25 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15pm service)
Thurs 26 June	LAST RECORDER CLUB
Fri 27 June	LAST CHELSEA FC CLUB SESSION

JULY 2025

Tues 1 July	Y3 & Y4 Legacy Games at Angmering School (details to follow) LAST INSTRUMENTAL AND BOYS VOCAL CLUB
Wed 2 July	Secondary transition day and class swap morning Meet the Teacher Meetings
Fri 4 July	LAST GARDENING CLUB SESSION
Mon 7 July	LAST BOARD GAMES CLUB
Tues 8 July	Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)
Wed 9 July	Y1 & Y2 Assembly for parents (2.45pm) Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)
Thurs 10 July	Music Concert (9.15am) – parents invited
Fri 11 July	PTA Summer Disco – details to follow
Fri 18 July	Leavers' Service at school (9am)
Mon 21 July	Year 6 Leavers' party (3.30pm)

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING


JULY 2025

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**,
and Morning Prayer every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 6th July Third Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship & Praise in Findon Church Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 13th July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 20th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 27th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church

FAMILY EVENTS:

	Next Messy Church – Tuesday 7th October 3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food
Lambs Tails – Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall. Contact Sue Stone: belgiumsue@hotmail.com	
Sunday 17th August – East Clayton Farm Visit Please bring own food and drink. Meet at the car park at 1.30pm for 2pm start. Donation requested. Animal petting, countryside walk and games. Please email Dom (as below) with names if interested.	

Baptisms	29 th June – Harven Keen 29 th June – Noah Yates
Weddings	7 th June – Dan Webster & Olivia Steventon 14 th June – David Stead & Natasha Davies 21 st June – James Dickinson & Katie Bedwin
Funerals	19 th June – Joan Pettitt

Rev. Helena Buqué, Vicar, and Rev. Colin Cox, Associate Vicar:

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