



# NEWSLETTER NO.6

April 2026

Headteacher: Mr J Cox

An Inspiring Place to Grow, Believe and Achieve Life in All its Fullness.

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John 10:10

## Head's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and School Friends,

There is something very special happening at our school—and it is growing in more ways than one. As a school rooted in its community, guided by strong values and filled with love, hope, and joy, we are delighted to share two exciting developments that truly reflect what makes our school such a fantastic place to grow.

Firstly, we are thrilled to announce that our September intake is now completely full, with a waiting list in place. This is a wonderful milestone and a clear testament to the continued growth of our school community and the dedication of our staff, families and pupils in making Ferring CE Primary a place where everyone can thrive. A full cohort brings with it a buzz of excitement—new friendships waiting to be formed, new opportunities to be explored and a vibrant sense of belonging from the very first day. We know that starting school is a significant step, not only for children but for families too.

Our second exciting development reflects our commitment to nurturing the whole child—academically, socially, and emotionally. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our School Parents Association, SOFSA (Supporters of Ferring School Association), alongside dedicated volunteers from Aviva, we have recently created a brand-new school allotment space complete with a growing tunnel.



This fantastic outdoor learning environment is already making a meaningful impact. It provides pupils with hands-on opportunities to connect with nature, supporting key areas of the national curriculum such as science, geography, and design and technology. Through planting, nurturing, and harvesting, children develop a deeper understanding of the world around them, while also learning about sustainability, responsibility, and healthy lifestyles.

Beyond the curriculum, the allotment will play an important role in supporting pupils' wellbeing. It will serve as a therapeutic space where children can feel calm, engaged, and inspired. For some, it will offer a different way to learn—one that recognises and celebrates individual needs, strengths, and interests. This inclusive approach ensures that every child can be supported and challenged in a way that helps them grow with confidence.

At Ferring CE Primary School, growth is at the heart of everything we do—whether that's welcoming new members into our community or planting the seeds for future learning in our allotment. We are incredibly proud of the journey we are on and excited for what lies ahead.

With warmest wishes,

Mr J Cox

Our worships this month have explored how our talents can be used to serve those around us in our community.

*"I am creative... so I can create a new game that my friends can play and enjoy together"*



Summer Term: Achieve with **JOY**

Service

Truthfulness

Our school is filled with talent that we can radiate and share so we can all achieve with joy.

## Hall of Fame

Each week on a Friday, we will celebrate children who have lived out our school vision. Those who have demonstrated growing with love, believing with hope and achieving with joy will be inducted into our Ferring Hall of Fame. Pictures of our school's wonderful role models will be on our Hall of Fame display in our school reception area and a certificate will come home to celebrate each child's individual achievement.



If your child has achieved something outside of school e.g. a swimming **certificate**, gymnastics **medal**, football **trophy**, cubs **badge**...then we would love to celebrate that too. To take part, children need to bring in their items to celebrate on a Friday morning and hand them to their class teacher.

### Hall of Fame 17.4.26

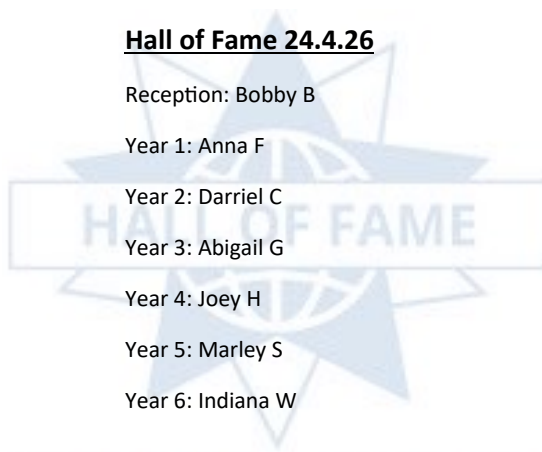
Reception: Cape L  
Year 1: Marley TG  
Year 2: Matilda F  
Year 3: Teddie S  
Year 4: Ella W  
Year 5: Evie C  
Year 6: Thomas D

### Hall of Fame 24.4.26

Reception: Bobby B  
Year 1: Anna F  
Year 2: Darriel C  
Year 3: Abigail G  
Year 4: Joey H  
Year 5: Marley S  
Year 6: Indiana W

### Hall of Fame 1.5.26

Reception: Olive CN  
Year 1: Rosie G  
Year 2: Emily H  
Year 3: Joe V  
Year 4: Marissa H  
Year 5: Darcey GB  
Year 6: Ayla C



## House Captains—Summer 2026

We are thrilled to introduce our house captains for the Summer term:

Ruby House - Landon & Phoebe

Emerald House - Ayla & Finlay

Sapphire House - Alfie & Niamh

Topaz House - David & Amelie

House captains will lead their houses in house assemblies, preparing their fellow house mates for inter-house competitions and keeping up with the all important house point tally from across the school.



## House Points—updated April 29th 2026

Ruby House = 1,793

Emerald House = 1,869

Sapphire House = 2,019

Topaz House = 1,789

## Non-Uniform Day – Friday 8th May

Children are welcome to wear whatever they choose in exchange for a bag of sweets for our tombola. Thank you for your continued support!

## Quiz Night – Friday 22nd May, 6.30pm start

- Teams of 6, £30 per team
- Food options: TBC shortly

Please submit your team name and entry fee to the school office **by Monday 18th May.**



## Mrs Fontyn

This week, we received a lovely update from Mrs Fontyn. Dorothy and her parents have been enjoying every moment together since her arrival in March. Mrs Fontyn asked us to pass on her best wishes and thanks to Meadow Class, and to express her heartfelt appreciation for all the warm messages of congratulations and love shared since Dorothy came into the world.



## Spot Light on Sport

Our school is part of the Angmering locality sports partnership. This partnership is a pathway to a range of inclusive and competitive sporting opportunities. Miss Willard and Mr Cox hope to raise our school's participation in these locality events so every child at Ferring has the opportunity to grow, believe and achieve through sport. Regardless of your child's experience or ability we hope to use these opportunities to build their self esteem, resilience and foster a love for an active and healthy lifestyle. Please look out for invites and event dates on Reach More Parents, Weduc. If you would like to discuss opportunities for your child to participate in these locality events, please email [office@ferring.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@ferring.w-sussex.sch.uk)



## Key Stage 1—Multi Skills



Some of our youngest athletes took part in a locality multi skills event at The Angmering School. The opportunity offered our pupils the chance to try a team circuit of different events. These events gave the children the chance to accumulate team points through a range of skills. Our wonderful children ran, jumped and shot with such courage and commitment which was reflected in their outstanding final team positioning. Thank you Miss Squires for your support and coaching!



## Year 3 and 4 —Netball



Our youngest netball players took to the court in a festival of netball at the Angmering school. The girls, who had been training at club this year with Mrs Kennett, lead by example and were dutifully backed up by the boys playing for the very first time. It was terrific to see each child earn a locality medal for their efforts.

## Year 3 and 4 —Handball

Handball was a brilliant game for our year 3 and 4 pupils to show off their learning from other invasion games that they have experienced. Also, clearly on display were our pupils truly living our values of love, hope and joy through their teamwork and commitment.



A new sport for Ferring has been made possible by one of our wonderful parents!

Kerry Knowles has offered her golfing talent and skills in a coaching capacity to prepare our pupils for an exciting opportunity to compete against other schools in the southern area at a Tri-Golf festival.

Maybe we will uncover the next Rory McIlroy or Nelly Korda!



## A Window Into Our Curriculum



## Newsfeed—Reach More Parents, Weduc

This term, teachers will use the 'Newsfeed' on Reach More Parents to give our school community a window into your child's learning and our school's engaging curriculum. This has replaced all communications on Class Dojo as we continue to use Reach More Parents, Weduc, as our sole communication platform to parents.



# Ferring Church of England Primary School

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Fullness. John 10:10

Summer Term 2026 Select Dates

**START OF SUMMER TERM:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**PUPIL AND PARENT WORK CELEBRATION:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 14:30pm – 15:30pm

**CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**CHANCE TO SHINE CRICKET DAY:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**SOFSA ENRICHMENT STEM WORKSHOPS:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**SOFSA ENRICHMENT STEM WORKSHOPS:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**HALF TERM:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**INSET DAY 5:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Y6 RESIDENTIAL 2026:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**SINGING & BELL PERFORMANCE Y4 ST ANDREW'S CHURCH:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**LEAVER SERVICE CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL Y6:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**SPORTS DAY:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 8:50am – 13:30pm

**SOFSA CELEBRATION AFTERNOON:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 13:30pm – 16:00pm

**RESERVE SPORTS DAY:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

**YEAR 5 & 6 PRODUCTION:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 18:00pm – 19:30pm

**Y4 RESIDENTIAL 2026:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Y6 LEAVERS SERVICE @ St Andrew's Church:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 14:00pm – 15:15pm

**END OF SUMMER TERM:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Autumn Term 2027 Select Dates

**NSET DAY 1:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**INSET DAY 2:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

**INSET DAY 3:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

**INSET DAY 4:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027

**INSET DAY 5:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

Our School Vision

'Ferring Church of England Primary School is an inspiring place to grow, believe and achieve life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Our School Values

that underpin our Vision



Our School Motto

that drives us towards our vision

Grow with Love, Believe with Hope, Achieve with Joy: Life in all its Fullness

Our School Rules





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## BOGNOR REGIS

The Phoenix Centre, P021 5JD  
Thursdays

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Junior Orchestra  
Young Voices

## CRAWLEY

The Mill Primary, RH11 0EL  
Fridays

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme

## HORSHAM

Millais School, RH13 5HR  
Saturdays

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Drum Lab  
Junior Wind Orchestra  
Junior String Orchestra  
Training Wind Orchestra  
Training String Orchestra  
Young Voices  
West Sussex Youth Choir  
West Sussex Youth Wind Orchestra  
West Sussex Youth String Orchestra  
West Sussex Youth Orchestra

QM Studios, RH12 1GZ

Thursdays  
Play In A Band

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## MIDHURST

Midhurst Rother College, GU29 9DT  
Tuesdays

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Junior Orchestra

## CHICHESTER

St Joseph's CE Junior, P019 1DQ  
Saturdays

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Drum Lab  
Junior Orchestra  
Youth Orchestra

## WORTHING

Bohunt School, BN14 8AH  
Saturdays

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme  
Drum Lab  
Junior Orchestra  
Youth Orchestra  
Young Voices

Northbrook College, BN12 6NU  
Wednesdays

Play In A Band



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MAY HALF TERM

# PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP



WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY | 08:30-12:30



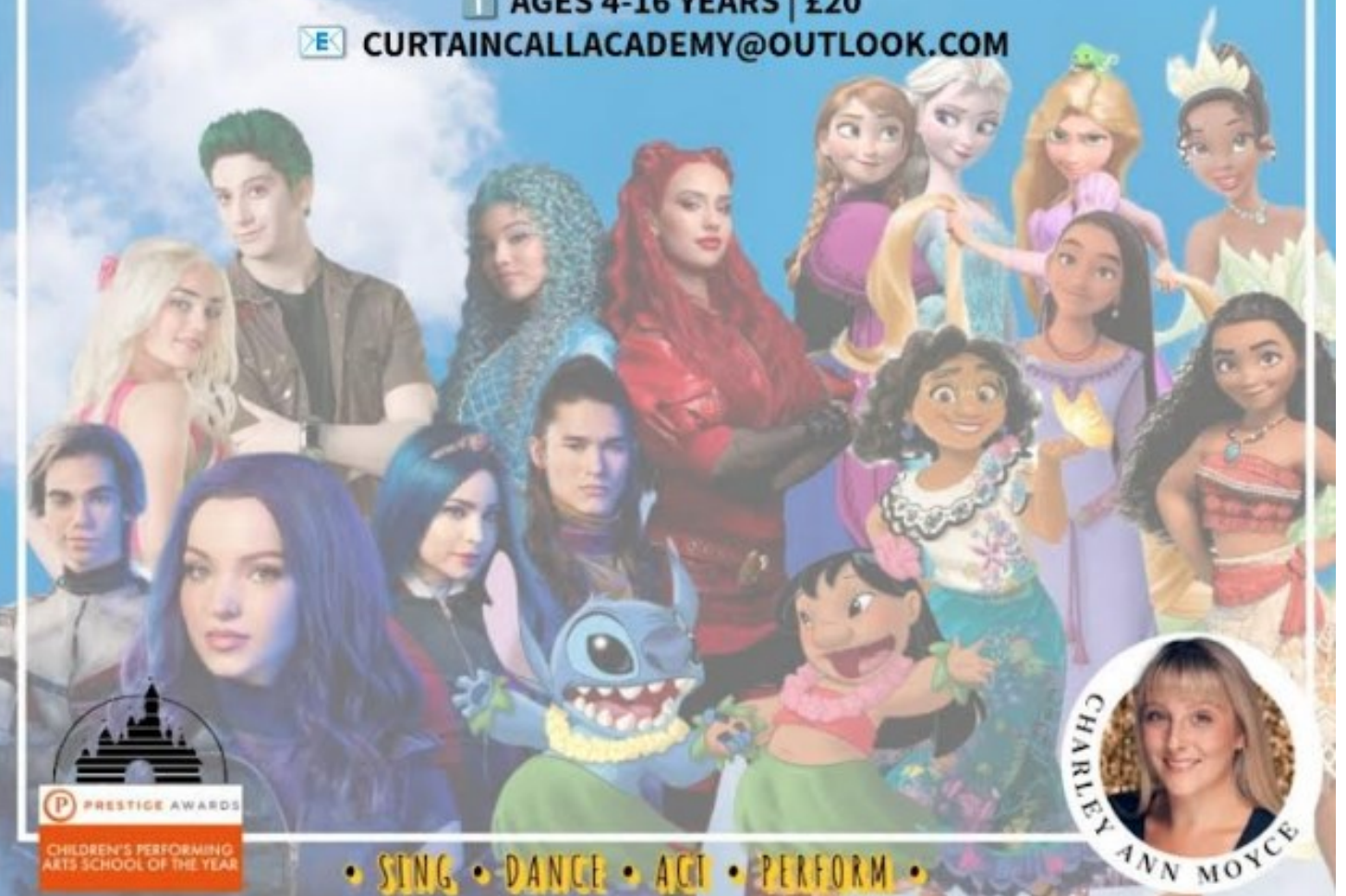
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# Do I need to keep my child off school?

## Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

## Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

## Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

## Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

## Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

## Flu

Until recovered

## Scabies

Until after first treatment

## Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

## Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

## Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics