



Newsletter

06.02.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am beginning to wonder if it will ever stop raining? With February here it is nice to know that Spring is inching closer however wet plays, mud and illness can challenge even the most robust spirits.

Yesterday I led a really lovely assembly, all about the power of words. During this the children were asked to reflect upon hurtful and unkind words that are spoken. We reflected upon the harm that these can cause and how it is simply not OK to use words in a hurtful manner. This links to the school value of Respect, and I have asked all staff to work together to reinforce our expectations here.

Nobody should be treated unkindly here at school, we will not accept discriminatory, unkind and hurtful language.



## The "THINK" Rule

**Before speaking, ask yourself:**

- T** – Is it *True*?
- H** – Is it *Helpful*?
- I** – Is it *Inspiring*?
- N** – Is it *Necessary*?
- K** – Is it *Kind*?

**If the answer is *no*, maybe don't say it.**

At the end of the assembly we thought about the importance of thinking before we say anything and introduced the 'Think Rule'.

I do hope you will support this at home and encourage children to speak out and tell adults if they notice any form of unkindness.

Mrs Newbold

## World Book Day

A special date for your diaries. – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

Please dress as a character from Roald Dahl. The children will be focusing on Roald Dahl stories throughout the next half term.



## Cross Country and Running Club

These will be resuming soon however thank you for your patience as the field is entirely waterlogged at this moment in time!!

A special thank you to William in year 4 who is running a wonderful book battle club for his class!

## Inclusion Update

Threaded throughout Ofsted's new inspection framework is reference to inclusion and disadvantage. Without wishing to become political I feel this reflects the crisis that we are currently facing with provision for special educational needs within schools and a picture of challenge within society.

I would be wrong to say that these issues do not provide everyday pressure here at school. Within our small school we are increasingly stretched dealing with complex matters and it is sad that so many of these fall to the school to try to resolve. Thank you all for your patience, we really do try our hardest. I jokingly say that schools are often a fourth emergency service – one that you are guaranteed a timely response from!

In terms of inclusion and commitment towards disadvantage here at school we:

- Have high expectations for all children, no matter their starting points
- Assess pupils' needs using a range of screening tools for dyslexia, speech and language, social and emotional well-being etc.
- We make timely referrals to specialist professional bodies such as the speech and language service, the social communication and learning behaviour teams, CAMHs and social services etc.
- Challenge decisions when we are not happy with them
- Have a clear pupil premium strategy – on the website
- Know the children well

We are a supportive environment.

We are aspirational for all and we have high expectations. These are fundamental to our school. We need you to support us with these.

Education is a child's clearest route to success and happiness.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Newbold

## SEND Cafe



**SEND**  
**CAFE**

**HORSHAM**  
CHURCHES TOGETHER  
FAMILY HUB

MONDAYS, 10am-12pm  
9<sup>th</sup> February  
9<sup>th</sup> March  
13<sup>th</sup> April  
St Mark's Church,  
Horsham

Join us  
to meet with other parents of  
SEND children to chat, share,  
and connect with people who  
understand your journey

We look forward to seeing you then. We are aware that Mondays don't work for everyone so please do get in touch if you can't come along but are interested in other SEND Family events and support.  
Email: [familyhub@stmarksholbrook.org.uk](mailto:familyhub@stmarksholbrook.org.uk)

## Chartwells Easter Menu



**EASTER**  
**TREATS**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**MAINS**  
Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
BBQ Chicken & Rice  
Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

**SIDES**  
Peas or  
Seasonal Salad

**DESSERT**  
Easter Egg Cookie

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Please Note: Special diet meals will remain in place.

## **Dates**

### **February**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Creative Translation Day at Christ's Hospital for selected children

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children back in school

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

### **March**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day (please come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl character)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Bikeability session (details to follow)

Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - KS2 trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to see the BFG (details to follow)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Class photos

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Easter

### **April**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Children back in school

### **May**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

### **June**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Children back in school