



Dates for the diary

Remember that term dates and other dates are available on the school website via the calendar.

2 nd April	Last day of term 4
3 rd April	Easter holidays
20 th April	First day of term 5
21 st April	Recorder festival at Skinners' School
22 nd April	Smartphone Free parent meeting 7pm
4 th May	Bank holiday
11 th May	Year 6 SATs all week
16 th May	PTA JamesFest
18 th May	Sports Day
19 th May	Year 2 church service 2pm – all Y2 parents welcome
25 th May	Half term
2 nd & 4 th June	Year 5 parent consultations
4 th June	Year 4 trip to Wakehurst Place
8 th June	Phonics & tables checks this week
10 th June	Year 6 trip to Birling Gap
17 th June	New entrant meeting 6:30pm
30 th June & 2 nd July	Parent consultations for all year groups except Y5
2 nd July	Transition/taster day and Reception stay and play for new entrants
4 th July	PTA summer fair
8 th & 9 th July	Year 6 play performances to parents
10 th July	Reception singing performance to parents (2pm)
14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' service (2pm)
17 th July	Last day of term

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dear parents and carers,

This is not a proper newsletter, but a mini news roundup to pass on some important dates, upcoming meetings and useful information. Therefore, there will not be the usual random/rambling opening paragraphs that you usually need to skip past to get to the good stuff. Among the topics that often clutter the beginning of the regular school newsletters that could have been discussed this week (but won't be), are the weather, neighbours, parking, dogs, water or eyebrow maintenance for older men. I will also avoid going into any detail about my issues with pollen.



However, I have to thank a huge “thank you” to the PTA volunteers who organised, set up and helped with the Easter Bunny Hunt. The children had a lovely time!

I also need to thank Kate Jones again – fresh off of our successful SIAMs inspection, Kate organised our Easter Day and the children had a fab time – she even organised baby lambs! There is more about Easter Day below, but here is a photo of the lambs – one of which was called Lucy, who you can see being fed by Lucy Hayward. In the words of Miss Greenfield: “Lucy and Lucy. Only one of them had poo on their leg...”.



Ordering school lunches

Please remember that school lunches will need to be ordered in advance from now onwards. Why not order now for the start of term?

RE Day

Yesterday was RE day and we had some very special visitors! A couple of lambs were brought by farmer Hope from a local farm. They enjoyed the grass and lots of attention. The staff and children were very excited to meet them.

We learnt about Easter through our school values, playing TRUST games, Learning about FORGIVENESS in Forest School, making crosses and finding out about how Christians believe God shows he loves them and making palm leaves to remember how we can show KINDNESS.

Finally, the children decorated some little trees for their classrooms with easter Eggs and drew pictures to retell the Christian Easter story.

Thanks to all the staff for their incredible hard work, these special days take a bit of extra effort, and they were all enthusiastic and brilliant all day.

Please take a look below at some of the photos from the day.

Kate Jones





Smartphone Free Childhood talk - Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm

Would you like to hear about some of the reasons that all schools in Tunbridge Wells have become smartphone free, not allowing them on site for Yr 7s (and eventually not until Yr 10)? Want to understand why our government is considering restricting kids access to social media until they are 16?

You have probably heard that the head teachers in our town have taken a huge step in protecting our children's childhoods, and giving us parents the support we need to delay giving our kids smartphones until they are ready to fully understand the risks and challenges of the online world. Please do come along on Wednesday 22nd April, particularly if you missed the meeting last year, or are curious about why there is a growing community of parents who are helping to change the attitudes around smartphones for kids. We will also talk practically about what phones are suitable to take to school, and the anxieties that you may have about your child not having a smartphone on the way to and from school. Whatever your concerns, please do come along.

JamesFest

The first ever JamesFest is coming soon! Please take a look at the attached flyer for more information.

Staffing news

We are saying "goodbye" to one of our team of Teaching Assistants today. Christine Marshall has worked at the school since 2023 and will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. We wish her well for the future.



We are really looking forward to welcoming two new Teaching Assistants to the team after Easter. Elinore Madden and Linda Tanner will both be working in the infant department.

Wet weather clothing

It seems strange to be writing this as we move into drier weather however our welly storage has finally arrived - hurrah! The wonderful Mr Flemming spent all day yesterday building many welly racks, so we now have space for every child to keep a pair of wellies in school every day. After Easter, if possible, we would like all children to have wellies, a waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers and a carrier bag in school. Please make sure all kit is named. If you feel you will struggle to finance this, please come and speak to me.



Miss Hayward

And that's it! Have a brilliant Easter and see you again next term.

John Tutt
Head Teacher

