



Dear Families,

It has been a wonderfully busy and enriching time in school, with so many opportunities for our pupils to learn, explore and celebrate together. From cultural experiences and visiting speakers to hands-on science and creative workshops, the children continue to embrace every moment with curiosity, enthusiasm and maturity. I am delighted to share some of the highlights from the week and offer a glimpse of the exciting events still to come.

Celebrating Diversity: Learning From Festivals Around the World

Throughout the academic year, our whole school community—from our youngest learners in Nursery and Pre-School to our Year 8 pupils—will come together to celebrate and honour the faiths represented within our diverse community. These special occasions will include shared cultural lunch experiences and inclusive school assemblies, fostering understanding, respect and a sense of belonging for all. While we will aim to align these events with the actual dates of religious festivals, it may not always be possible due to scheduling constraints. In such cases, the lunch and assembly will be held as close to the festival date as reasonably possible to preserve the spirit of the celebration.

We have so far enjoyed meals to celebrate Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity. Next week we will be enjoying an important meal to celebrate the Jewish faith (Passover). Next term there will be special occasions for Islam and Buddhism.

Through these shared experiences, the children will deepen their understanding of different cultures and traditions, enriching their learning and broadening their worldview.

Author Visit

We are delighted to be welcoming author Josh Lacey on Monday. Josh is an award-winning writer of much-loved children's books, and our pupils are very excited to meet him. During his visit, he will be leading workshops, sharing the inspiration behind his stories, and bringing the world of writing to life. It promises to be an inspiring afternoon that will spark creativity and nurture a love of reading.

Science – Heart Dissection

Next week, Miss Manley will be working with Year 6 on heart dissection, giving the children an exciting, hands-on opportunity to explore how the heart works. This fascinating session will help them see the structure of the heart up close and deepen their understanding of the circulatory system. It promises to be a memorable and inspiring learning experience for



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everyone involved.

PCSO Visit

On Monday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome PCSO Chris Marsden and his colleague, Tia Millard, who led an engaging and informative Online Safety workshop for our Year 3 and 4 pupils. Their session focused on how children can keep themselves safe when using the internet, including the importance of protecting personal information and understanding the potential risks of communicating with people they do not know online. Through real-life examples and interactive discussion, Chris and Tia helped the children explore how to make sensible choices, what to do if something online makes them feel unsure or uncomfortable and how to use technology responsibly. Working in small groups, the children also had the opportunity to develop their own ideas about what 'risk' means in a digital context. They took part enthusiastically in a "What would you do?" activity, where they were presented with different scenarios and asked to decide on the safest response. This sparked thoughtful conversations, excellent questions and an eagerness to share their own experiences. The workshop provided a valuable extension to our online safety curriculum, reinforcing key messages and helping pupils continue to build the confidence they need to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Magic Maths Show

This morning, our Year 7 and 8 pupils had a fantastic time at the Magic Maths Show with Andrew Jeffery. Andrew brought maths to life through brilliant puzzles, surprising tricks and interactive challenges that really captured the pupils' imaginations. The session was filled with laughter, curiosity and plenty of "aha!" moments as the children discovered the magic hidden within mathematical thinking. It was a wonderful opportunity to see maths in a fun and unforgettable new light.

Book Look

On Monday 23 March, we are holding a Book Look for Reception to Year 8 parents to drop in to your child's form room and view your child's learning, and we would love to see you there. This will be held between 3–3.45pm for Pre-Prep and 3–4pm for Prep. If you cannot make this date, we will be holding another on Tuesday 16 June between 8.10–9.10am.

Headphones

Please could all children bring a set of headphones to school for their Computing lessons.



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Having their own pair helps them work independently and get the most out of each session. To avoid mix-ups, please ensure the headphones are clearly named. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 16 March

Year 2 trip to Chichester Planetarium

Tuesday 17 March

Orchestra will be a sectional in the Music Room on this day, for these instruments only:
Flutes, Violins, Clarinet 2, Cellos and Trumpet 2

Thursday 19 March

Year 1 trip to Tilgate Zoo

Saturday 21 March

13+ Open Event at Lancing College

[Lancing College - Saturday Open Event, Year 9 Entry at Lancing College event tickets from TicketSource](#)

w/b Monday 23 March

National Shakespeare Week

No clubs other than Homework Room running

Monday 23 March

Reception to Year 8 'Book Look' in form rooms

Reception to Year 2 at 3-3.45pm

Years 3 to 8 at 3-4pm

Tuesday 24 March

Year 8 Bake Off Challenge

Wednesday 25 March

Nursery, Pre-School and Pre-Prep Spring Celebration

Gates 9.15am for a 9.30am start



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Friday 27 March

3pm Prep Spring Service

4pm Term ends

No Wraparound or Homework Room on this day

Congratulations to:

Francesca G, Otilie S and Ela B in Year 7 and Fatima C in Year 6, who took part in the Grand Concours d'Art Oratoire at Lancing College. Since January, they have written their own French introductions, selected their poems and practised with real commitment. Madame Valantin is extremely proud of their persistence, teamwork and support for one another. Performing in the magnificent Chapel alongside sixty pupils with more French hours per week, they rose to the challenge with confidence and maturity. Their pronunciation, intonation, body language and memorisation were truly impressive, and their progress in spoken French has been remarkable.

A special congratulations to Fatima, who won second prize in the Year 6 category.

Cece D who had her long hair cut and donated it to the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust is a wonderful charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions.

Lochie S who has been selected for the Sussex Pathway Plus training camp this Easter. It's for elite players in Sussex (U10-U13) in their area of specialism (spin bowling for Lochie).

Cody M who auditioned for another opera at Glyndebourne over half term and has been offered a place in the chorus. This is for Glyndebourne Youth Opera's autumn production of Spark, a newly commissioned opera by composer Lucy Armstrong and librettist Olivia Bell. He's very excited as his role in Billy Budd is acting only and in Spark he will actually get to sing.

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Finally, due to popular demand, Lancing College have opened bookings for their Activity Camp on Monday 20th April (Inset Day). Please click here to book: <https://lancingcollege1.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=home>

I wish you a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling

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Headteacher Awards (6-12 March):

<https://bit.ly/LPW-HEADTEACHERAWARDS-13-03-26>

Lunch Menus w/c 16 March:

<https://bit.ly/LPW-LUNCH-MENU-16-03-26>

Music Timetables w/c 16 March:

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