



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 31st March 2025

staff news

This Friday we say farewell to Mrs Townsend, who is retiring after 26 years at the school. Friday is also Miss Foster's last day before she goes on maternity leave.

After the Easter break Mrs Blakiston will be joining us as our new Pearl Class teacher and Mrs Redmill will be joining us as our new Sapphire Class Teaching Assistant. Mrs Blakiston and Mrs Redmill have already been in to spend time with the children and get familiarised with the school.

We are really excited to welcome them and they are excited to be part of the team and meet you all.

Trip to Newhaven Fort



Emerald Class had a wonderful day at Newhaven Fort. It was a glorious sunny day, perfect for exploring all parts of the fort from the exciting exhibits, to the cliff top walk and even the spooky tunnels around the Victorian era building.

To tie in with our World War 2 History unit, the class also took part in a special workshop allowing them to get hands on with some real WW2 artefacts whilst learning more about life on the Home Front. The day was a great success and the children came home with big smiles and lots of new information!

Ruby Class Trip

On Thursday, Ruby Class enjoyed a visit to Brighton Toy and Model Museum. The children had a wonderful time, exploring toys from the past, displaying an understanding of chronology, participating in an engaging storytelling workshop and planning their very own toy story, inspired by the toys around them. All of the class showcased excellent listening, strong prior knowledge, a curious attitude, and exemplary behaviour. The children loved identifying toys that many family members had played with when they were younger as their learning from this term was brought to life!



Netball Tournament

Recently Beatrice, Charlie, Emily, Jake, Luna, Miriam, Zac and Zoe took part in the Seaford Schools netball tournament - what a great team they were – they played brilliantly together!

Our 'Small but Mighty' Netball Team came (an extremely close) 2nd place. The School Games organiser and a netball coach at the event complimented their fantastic skills and teamwork throughout the tournament, and we are all very proud of them! Leading up to the tournament, the team practised hard and were totally committed, steered well by Emily, our Cuckmere House Sports Captain.

Easy Ways to Support School Attendance

We know mornings can be busy, and life doesn't always go to plan. That's why we want to share some easy tips to help make regular attendance a little easier for you and your child:

- **Stick to a routine:** A consistent bedtime and morning schedule can make a big difference.
- **Talk about school positively:** Encourage your child to share their favourite parts of their day.
- **Get involved in our school community:** Joining our school PTFA or encouraging your child to be involved with lunchtime and afterschool clubs can promote a deeper understanding of the benefits of attending our school.
- **Reach out:** If your child feels worried about school, let us know—we're here to help!

We're so proud of the effort our families put into supporting their children. By working together, we can help every child feel happy, confident, and excited to come to school.



Football



Our year 5/6 football team recently played their first two matches in the Jarvis Kenrick Football Competition. The first match against Chyngton was challenging and unfortunately we lost 5-3, but the team were so supportive and encouraging of each other, we were really proud of them.

The next match against Annecy was much closer and, although Annecy won 2-1, the match could have gone either way.

Synthetic Media: Support & Advice for Parents and Carers

With technology constantly evolving, it can be hard to keep track of the latest trends and online safety guidance. Technology offers exciting possibilities for creativity and innovation, but it also introduces new challenges and risks, particularly for children and young people.

As a parent, understanding what synthetic media is and how it can impact your child's online experience, as well as your own, can help you guide your children as they navigate their use of technology and artificial intelligence safely and responsibly.

This website - <https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/synthetic-media-deepfake/support-and-advice-for-parents-and-carers/> provides practical advice and resources to help parents and carers support the young people with information about synthetic media, from encouraging open discussions and critical thinking about online safety to accessing support services when needed.



Dates for the Diary 2024 - 2025

Any new or amended dates will be shown in bold

3 rd April	FoAS non-uniform day
4 th April	Easter Service, led by Sapphire Class
4 th April	Last day of Term 4
7 th – 17 th April	Spring holiday
22 nd April	Children return to school – Start of Term 5
23 rd April	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check parent meeting (after school)
5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs
19 th May (Monday)	Open classrooms (after school)
23 rd May	FoAS non-uniform day
23 rd May	Last day of Term 5
26 th – 30 th May	May holiday
2 nd June	Children return to school – Start of Term 6
5th June	New to reception meeting 5pm - 6pm
12th June	School Games Day
16th June	INSET day
17th June	Reserve School Games Day
19th - 20th June	Year 2 overnight stay at school
23rd - 27th June	Emerald Class residential
1st July	Open classrooms (after school)
7th July	Meeting with Teacher for next year's Ruby Class parents (after school)
8th July	Meeting with Teacher for next year's Sapphire Class parents (after school)
9th July	Meeting with Teacher for next year's Emerald Class parents (after school)
11th July	End of year reports out to parents

Safeguarding Team



Lindsey Hudson
Designated Safeguarding Lead
(DSL)

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child you can contact Lindsey Hudson our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Tanya Fitzgerald our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) through the school office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Single Point of Advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222



Tanya Fitzgerald
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)