



St Augustine's CEP School Newsletter

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Dog Show

A huge thank you to everyone that came along to the dog show, our friends at Mid-Sussex Vets and to the companies that sponsored prizes for the show. We hope that you enjoyed our brilliant community event. It was brilliant to see so many people entering the different classes and winning brilliant prizes.

We can't wait for next year!

We raised £250 for the school, which will go towards our school council projects this year.



Book Fair

A massive thank you also to everyone that came along to the book fair this week. It was brilliant to see so many children selecting books and wanting to read. You also helped us raise over £400 to spend on books for our classes. You are amazing!





Starting School—September 2027

If you have a child due to start school next September, now is the time to start thinking about their application.

The system for applications opens on Monday 5th October and closes on 15th January 2027. If you would like a tour of the school—please contact the office to book an appointment.

Equally, if you know any friends or family who would like to find out more about our brilliant school—please share this with them.

Building News

The block work is now nearly complete and the builders are starting to look at adding the roof to the new build. The work for that begins next week. Thank you for all of your patience with the playground changes!



STAR Club News

Last Friday we had our first visit from the food standards inspector at Mid Sussex District Council and we are very pleased to share that they recognised all of the brilliant things we are doing and awarded us 5 stars for our wonderful STAR club food offering



Next week - It is Film night on Thursday 8th October (3-5pm) and currently Kung Fu Panda is leading our poll on what to watch! Popcorn, Hot dogs, and drinks for all children staying until 5pm (hot dogs are served just after 4pm). There are still some spaces available so don't leave it too late to book! Please see our poster at the end of the newsletter about our new Star Club Community Share Pantry!



Collective Worship

A great, big well done to Year 4 who kicked off our child led collective worship this week. Sharing brilliant messages about the power of creativity.



Thank you for those who were able to join us for this worship.

Note for future collective worships.

We are always trying to be as inclusive as possible and understand that not all parents can attend collective worships due to work or other commitments. We always encourage you to say well done to your child, but we thought we would try something new, starting next week for Year 2 Collective Worship, so that all of the children get congratulated for their performance.

This term, we are going to try a football style fist bump/ hand shake style line up - so that parents move down the line of the children and congratulate them all on their effort. We hope that this means you can still congratulate your child on their performance but also ensure that all children receive praise from our brilliant community.

We hope you agree that this is a really positive step forward.





Star of the week



- WILLOW Sophia** - Showing creativity and care in her drawings.
- BEECH Jessica** - For thinking of many creative ways of designing her bridge in DT
- ELM Zachary** - Showing creativity when designing his dragon in DT
- OAK Chelsea** - Showing creativity in her opening paragraph in English writing and her drawing of Anglo Saxon artefact

Certificates

- WILLOW Summer** - For showing a love of writing
- BEECH Skyla-Rose** - For showing self-challenge in Phonics when spelling tricky words
- Rowan** - For always showing his manners and saying Please and Thank you
- ELM Archie** - Showing resilience in his maths when resources weren't working properly
- Sophie** - Always showing pride in her work
- OAK Esther** - Pride and courage when playing her cello in class
- Magnus** - Showing aspiration when learning about Roman numerals and taking down notes
- Harley A** - Showing resilience and pride in his writing this week

The value of the week next week will be **Self-Challenge**: Pushing yourself to try new things and keep learning, even when it's hard, so that we experience God's fire and drive.

Photos of the week



Upcoming Diary Dates - Please note that these may be subject to change.

October

Monday 5th	Funday Monday @ Church
Thursday 8th	Year 2 Collective Worship @ 8:50 Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 15th	Year 5 Collective Worship @ 8:50 Year 1 Forest School
Thursday 22nd	Harvest Festival @ Church—Children only
Friday 23rd	INSET day—school closed to children

November

Thursday 5th	Year 1 Collective Worship @ 8:50
Thursday 12th	Reception Collective Worship @ 8:50
Thursday 26th	Year 6 Collective Worship @ 8:50
Thursday 3rd	Year 3 Collective Worship @ 8:50

INSET Days 2026-27

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Friday 18th December 2026

Wednesday 21st July 2027



TUESDAY MORNINGS
8.45 onwards

Drop Off and Drop In!

The school run is absolutely exhausting when you are trying to get everyone out of the house!

On Tuesdays this Autumn Term, we are delighted to invite you to drop in for a hot drink, biscuits and space to regroup and catch up with friends!



Babies and Pre-Schoolers are also very welcome and we have plenty of toys, playmats, highchairs, etc in our dedicated play area for pre-school children

Scaynes Hill COMMUNITY WELLBEING

EVENT 2026

For mind, body & community

A relaxed wellbeing morning for everyone in our community.

Drop in for friendly mini talks, practical information and local support, with time to chat, connect and enjoy a cuppa.



MENTAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



HEALTH & MOVEMENT



NUTRITION & LIFESTYLE



COMMUNITY & CONNECTION



LOCAL SUPPORT



SATURDAY
24 OCTOBER
2026



10am-1pm
Drop in any time
between 10am and 1pm



SCAYNES HILL
MILLENNIUM HALL

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ♥ EVERYONE WELCOME



REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE



Children
welcome



Face
painting £2



For more information
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Local people. Local support. Stronger community. ♥



St Augustine's Church
Scaynes Hill

Youth Group
Year 6 to Year 11

Fridays @ 7.30 pm

11th September
25th September
9th October
23rd October
6th November
20th November
4th December
18th December

Fun!

Friends!

Food!

£2 per session

Pool Tables, Xboxes & Wii
Table Tennis, Craft, Board Games, Tuck

HOT SNACKS SERVED DURING THE EVENING

*There will also be the chance for
parents and carers to come and see what we offer.*

Community Share Pantry

COMING SOON!

Neighbours Helping Neighbours ♥

A free community food pantry where everyone can access food and household essentials, share what they can, and help build a stronger, healthier community.

Looked after
by the children
at Star Club



WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT

DONATE LONG-LIFE FOOD

Canned goods, grains, pasta, rice, cereal, tea, coffee and more.



DONATE HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS

Toiletries, cleaning supplies and other everyday items are also very welcome.



You can donate to:
St Augustine's Primary School
between 9am - 5pm
Monday - Friday
until the pantry is open.



Burgess Hill Parent/Carer Support Group for families with children with SEND from Reaching Families - Tuesday 6th October The Cherry Tree Centre - 10am until 11.30am

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or you think may have, special educational needs or disabilities in West Sussex, you are warmly invited to join Reaching Families at our Burgess Hill Umbrellas parent/carers support group.

Umbrellas provides an informative, supportive, relaxed and non-judgemental space where parents and carers can connect with others, share experiences, swap hints and tips, and access helpful information, advice and resources.

Please join us on **Tuesday 6th October** at The Cherry Tree Centre, (**55 Fairfield Rd, Burgess Hill RH15 8QB**) anytime between **10.00am and 11.30am**. There's no need to book — just pop in for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. We look forward to welcoming you.

If you're unable to attend in person, our **online** Umbrellas support group runs once a month via Zoom on a Thursday evening from 7.30–9.00pm and is another great way to connect and receive support. If you would like to attend the online group, please email outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk and we will send you the Zoom link. The next online group will take place on **Thursday 8th October, 7.30–9pm**.

Please note: your child does not need a diagnosis for you to access our services.

A short animation explaining our services can be viewed here: [Reaching Families animation](#)

Our services include:

[Factsheets and information resources](#)

[Free training and workshops](#)

[Benefits advice](#)

[Befriending support](#)

[Umbrellas parent support groups \(including online\)](#)

[ND Navigation service](#)

[Parent Facebook community](#)

[Facebook news page](#) — service updates, events and news

If you would like more information, please email Amy at outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

UMBRELLAS

Parent Support Groups

Autumn Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
8th Sep / 6th Oct / 3rd Nov / 1st Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
22nd Sep / 20th Oct / 17th Nov / 15th Dec

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 - 9pm
10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 10th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
16th Sep / 21st Oct / 18th Nov / 16th Dec

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
15th Sep / 13th Oct / 10th Nov / 8th Dec

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
24th Sep / 22nd Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

If you would like more information about Umbrellas or the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact our outreach team.

outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk

TRAINING AUTUMN TERM 2026



WORKSHOPS

Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Tuesday 8 th September	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Masking	Tuesday 15 th September	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessment and Plans (EHCPs)	Thursday 17 th September	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Behaviours that Challenge (age 2-11 years)	Friday 25 th September	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Monday 28 th September	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Resilience skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 29 th September	10.30 am - 12 pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Monday 12 th October	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Wednesday 14 th October	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Autism in Girls	Monday 19 th October	7.30 - 9.30 pm

THE SEND FOUNDATION COURSE

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parent-carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Wednesdays
23rd & 30th September

10 am - 1.15 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk



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