



# Newsletter

## Spring Term 2

### 2026





Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another enriching term, I want to take a moment to extend my gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support and commitment to our school community. It is through our collective efforts that we continue to create an environment where every student can thrive and flourish.

A huge well done to the Year 8 team, who have just returned from a very successful residential at Hindleap. They all had a fantastic week.



I would also like to express my sincerest appreciation to our dedicated staff team. Their tireless efforts in providing high-quality education and support to our students are truly commendable.

Equally, I want to extend my deepest thanks to our parents and guardians. Your engagement and support play a pivotal role in the success of our students. Your involvement in their educational journey not only enriches their learning experience but also strengthens our school community as a whole.

I would also like to express my profound gratitude to our Governors. Your dedication and commitment to ensuring that our school receives the resources and facilities it deserves are truly appreciated. Your advocacy for our students' futures demonstrates your unwavering support. We are incredibly fortunate to have such passionate champions on our team.

Please enjoy this wonderful newsletter, thoughtfully put together by our students and staff.

As we look ahead to an incredibly busy upcoming term, I wish you all a wonderful break filled with joy. We look forward to welcoming staff and students back on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

Warm regards,

Adam Rowland  
Headteacher

# Badger Bulletin



We had lots of fun on World Book Day. Badgers wore some incredible costumes and made their own stories using Chatterpix. We enjoyed having our parents come and read to us too!



Welcome to 2026  
in Desert Class!!



**Desert Class**  
**Newsletter**



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# FOX CLASS

Happy World Book Day! We dressed up as characters from our favourite books and shared our mutual love of books! Everyone read and even created their own fairy tales showing amazing imagination. Lots of smiling and whimsy all around! Amazing work foxes!



We went on our first bus ride and visited Beech Hurst Park in Hayward's Heath! Everyone was very polite and respectful!



We visited the Woodlands Meed college site and attended a basketball festival! We learned to dribble and the best way to make a basket!



Happy Red Nose Day! We celebrated Red Nose Day by going on an adventure around the school. We played games and bought yummy treats at the bakery sale. We even made groups and joined a treasure hunt around the school. What a fun day!





# Glacier



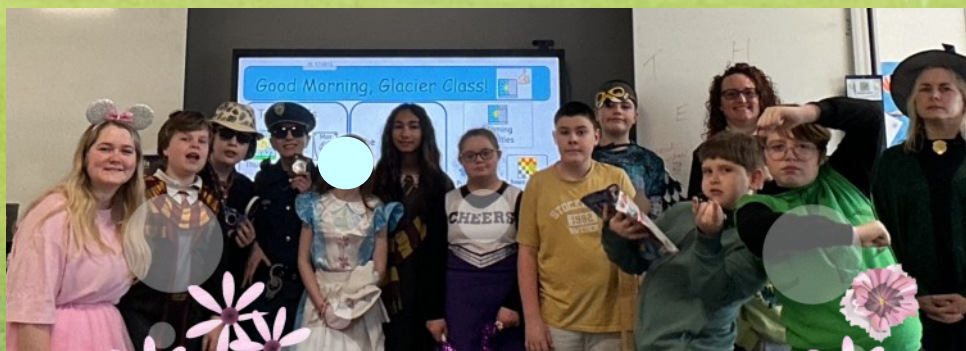
We have been enjoying the recent sunshine in PE and getting out and being active on the sports chairs and the bikes!



We have been brilliant scientists this half term! We enjoyed celebrating science week with a visit from sublime science and have been learning about states of matter in our lessons.



We loved dressing up for World Book Day!



# Hedgehog Herald

We have continued to explore our topic of “Gardening and Growing.” Our story this half term has been ‘Meg’s Veg’. Everyone has also enjoyed some whole school events such as number day and world book day. We have been working hard at our ‘Jolf’ skills and everyone has improved over the term. One member of the class has been away with her year group and experienced activities at Hindleap Warren.

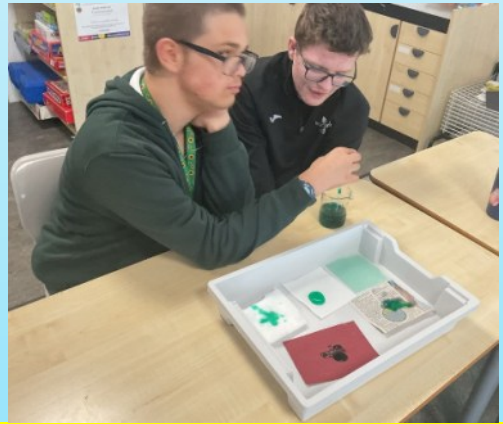


# Lake Class

Have been....



Taking part in World Book Day activities.



Carrying out fun science activities for British Science Week.



Visited by Wild Science in British Science Week.



Visited by Sublime in British Science Week.



Taking part in teamwork games.



Listening to a careers talk by Avtrade during careers week.

# Mole Class

We had a lovely trip with Rabbits class, to soft play. We had lots of fun sliding, throwing and climbing!



We have really enjoyed our weekly walks this term, exploring the local area around the school.

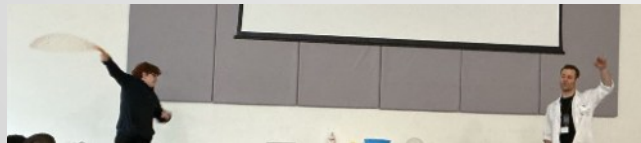
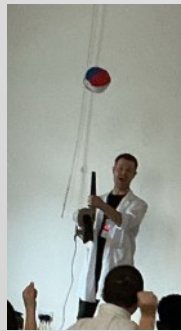


# Mountain Class: A cut above the Everest.

This half term we have...



It was careers week. We had talks from Inspire café from the college and Avtrade



During science week we had an assembly by Sublime Science and met some unusual animals.



Today we made cottage pies.



Today we made leek and potato pasties



Today we took part in a Plates for change competition

In food tech we have made leek and potato pasties and cottage pie. We have also taken part in a plates for change competition

Well done Mountain another successful half-term.

# Ocean class



We have been lucky enough to have weekly sound bath sessions this half term! The class have loved them and found it very relaxing.



World book day fun!



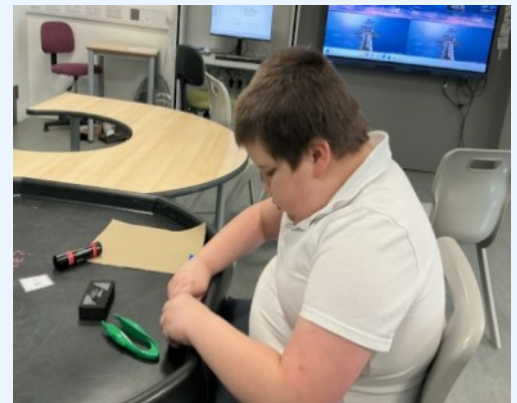
A big well done to Lexi who attended the Year 8 residential trip this half term! You did so well with all the activities.





# In Otter News

The Otters have enjoyed our measure topic and have completed lots of practical activities. We have also focussed on our fine motor skills and finally enjoyed Easter fun.



# Owl Class News



We have had a lovely half-term  
We have started to have weekly sound-bath sessions to help us relax. We've also had great fun trying out some new equipment on the playground. Most recently we took a trip to Beech Hurst Gardens. We travelled by bus which was a really exciting experience!



# Rabbit Class

Tales from the burrow



We have had a fantastic half term! We have worked on playing with our friends and being safe in the community! We enjoyed our weekly walks where we have ventured into town to visit the library and even had a drink at McDonalds! To end the term, we had an AMAZING time at Antics Soft play! We played beautifully with our peers and had lots of fun!

# River



We had great fun dressing up on World Book Day



We have been enjoying the weather with bike sessions in PE



We had so much fun watching cool experiments when Sublime Science visited



We've been working on our teamwork skills by drawing a picture together at the same time!

# ROBIN ROUND-UP

This term the Robins class took part in Jolf sessions with Neil and the Woodlands Meed sports leaders



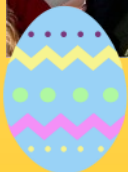
We took full advantage of the warmer, sunnier weather and spent some much needed time outside.



# Squirrel Class



We have been developing our literacy skills in lots of different ways in Squirrel Class.



# Waterfall News

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# School Council



The Woodlands Meed School Council painted the friendship bench on the playground! Everyone had so much fun painting with lots of different colours in the sunshine. We then finished it off with some more colourful paint splats! Well done everyone!

# Wellbeing Team

Some of our classes have been embracing weekly self-regulation and sound-bath relaxation sessions, creating an opportunity for a calming pause in our busy week . The children have been exploring breathing techniques, gentle movement, and soothing sound vibrations that help them reset .reconnect and regulate .





This week we have been focussing on good sleep routines and what can support a good nights sleep.

The students were amused by Sue's messy bedroom, which highlighted the need for good sleep hygiene, as demonstrated in Helen's bedroom. The students will all be bringing home a small bottle of Radox, to help them either relax at night or invigorate them in the morning!



## Wellbeing College



This half term Sue and Helen have made connections with Well-being teams in other West Sussex SEND schools, to share good practice.

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# Blossoms & Brews



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

2pm - 3pm

Woodlands Meed College  
Courtyard



Join us for our annual Enterprise Summer Sale



# Foodtech



This term in orange pathway, we have been exploring different religious foods.



Ready, Steady, Cook!



Loaded Nachos in Enterprise

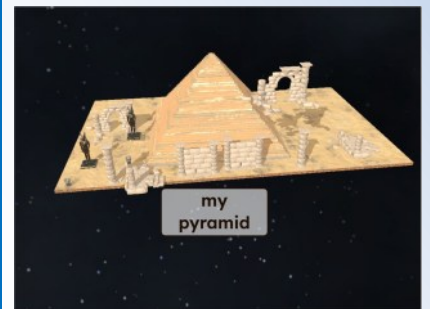
# Digital Technology



This half term we have been making our own VR tours in support of other people. We have made a tour for the Duke of Edinburgh group in preparation for their expedition and overnight stay as well as going to Blackland Farm as part of the Year 10 and 12 Residential in June. We have also been carrying on with developing some AR videos.

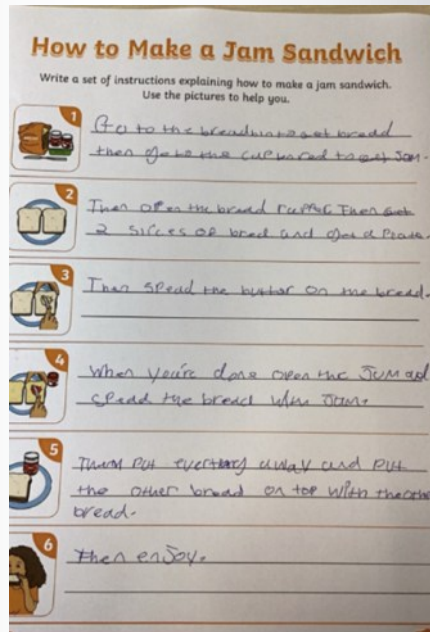


Next term we will look at Robotics and using our Lego WeDo equipment where we can make and programme different robots.



# KS4 English

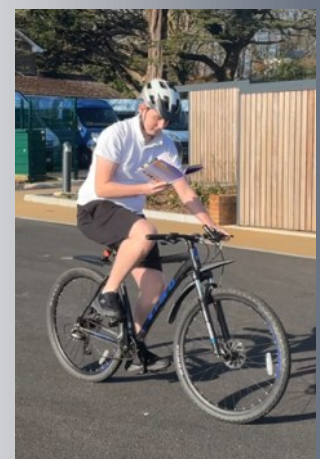
This term we have been working on instruction. Why we have instructions and how we use them in day to day life such as cooking/baking recipes, making furniture, travel and so much more.



We have thought about who we are writing instructions for and what type of language we would use such as, demanding, direct, simple, bullet points and imperative language.

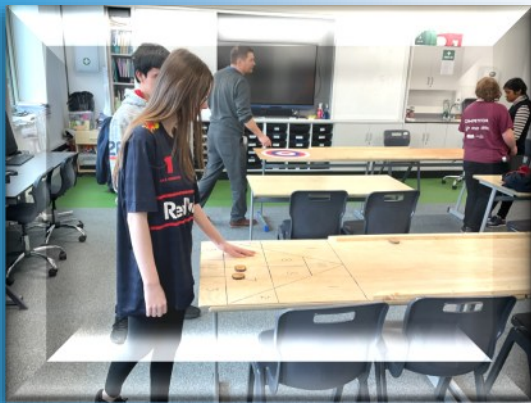
We have followed instructions in groups to learn how to play a card game, which we found a little difficult at first, but following one step at a time made it easier.

We have also celebrated reading week this term and some students decided to have fun with this and read in extreme places such as on their bike and on the climbing equipment.



# Maths

As we get closer to summer we have been focusing on exam work and completing course work but we have been able to have fun with it. We had Number Day at college and had lots of fun.



# Horticulture

We have been donated some lovely crocus and iris plants from Eastwood Plants Ditchling. To plant around the college to make it colourful in the spring.



We are growing lots of plants for sale at our Blossom and Brews event on 21st May.



Eastwood Plants Ditchling very kindly donated lots of plants and bulbs for us to plant around the college for some spring colour.



# Art and Textiles

The art options group have been learning clay techniques such as using a pinch pot to glue their clay pieces together. They have then used the techniques they learned to make some amazing clay monsters.



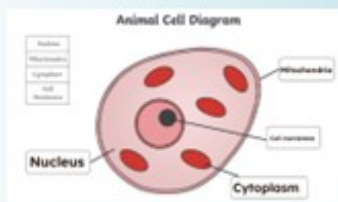
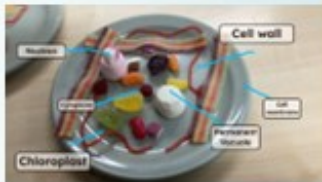
In Textiles Enrichment students enjoyed designing and making their own whimsical top hats. What an incredible job they have done! Each one is fantastically unique and the students had a great time.



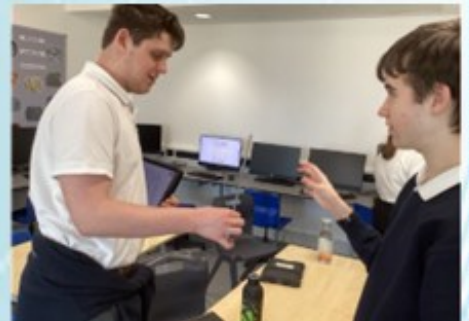
# SCIENCE

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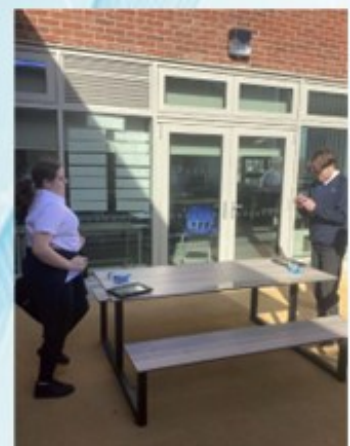
Making a model of a cell.



To investigate who has the best reflex reaction in the class .



To measure the effect of exercise on heart rate.



# SPORT

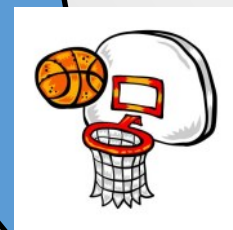


This term we have been outside a lot on our fabulous pitch! Cricket season is here and with that, lots of ball catching and batting drills.



We have also been practising our basketball skills—LeBron James got nothing on us

Hockey has been a winner too, great to see so many of you participating and above all, having fun!!



# CLASSROOM NEWS



## READING WEEK



Reading Week was a great success....

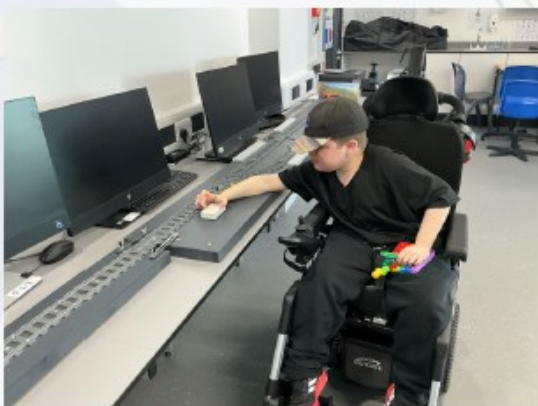


The students threw themselves into DEAR (drop everything and read) time.



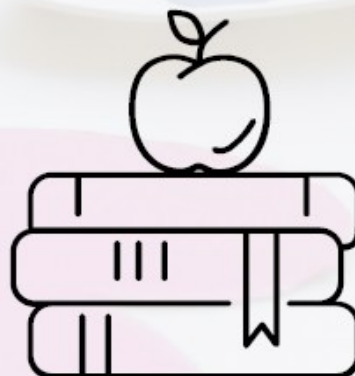
## CAREERS WEEK

Ryan and others enjoyed the trains at the Network Rail event during National Careers Week.



## PSHE

in PSHE the students have continued their work on keeping themselves safe online.



## JIM GREEN

Jadon and Josh G won medals and rosettes at the Jim Green Competition.



# 5CH



5CH class engaged with their topic 'World Religions' by visiting several religious locations across their local area. They visited a synagogue in Brighton and also Worth Church which is over 1000 years old. It was a fantastic way to contextualise their learning from the classroom into the local community.



# 5EM



## Topic: World Religions

5EM have been exploring different religions through art, cooking and visits in the community.



# Duke of Edinburgh

This year has been very exciting for our college community.

We have been busy finding recipes, buying and making our food that we might like to cook at camp!

The food was amazing, and smelt delicious. I'm sure our neighbours were very envious!





# Jim Green Challenge Design and Technology Enterprise



The Enrichment Design and Technology Group have made planters. They worked independently, practicing skills and techniques learnt in past DT sessions. Recycled materials are being used.



Our Enterprise Group are working together making planters, bird and bug houses from recycled materials. These will be for sale at our next Blossoms and Brews Event. Students have also been working on personal projects.



The Jim Green Challenge group attended the South of Show Ground, competing against other colleges from the area. Everyone enjoyed taking part.