



SLINFOLD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND PRE-SCHOOL

**Caring for each other, learning from each other,
achieving with each other... guided by God**



Newsletter

24th January 2025

We seemed to have had all the weather this week. I am sure we are all looking forward to the return of the warmer weather. I have had the pleasure in showing round many new potential families for places at Slinfold. They were all taken back by how polite, considerate, happy and hard-working our children were.

Over the last few weeks the children have worked particularly hard. Arun and Adur have been diving into their learning around rivers. It was great to visit the classes as they recalled key facts on their features such as: delta, tributary and many others.

In Medway the children have been undertaking some wonderful music lessons and have been learning to sing in around. Hamble children have been enjoying their continuous provision and it was great to see so much progress with their writing. Keep up the great work.

We would also like to warmly welcome Ms Creffield who is joining us from Brighton University on a placement for this term. We have also appointed Lucy Bond who has joined the team in Pre-school. Further to this, Tash has been appointed as deputy manager!

Children's Mental Health Week

What is Children's Mental Health Week?

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that launched by children's mental health charity, Place2Be. The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

When is Children's Mental Health Week 2025?

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 will take place from 3-9 February 2025. The week launched a decade ago in 2015 and we celebrate it every February, with this year marking the 11th Children's Mental Health Week.

Please keep an eye out for a letter about the schools plans for mental health week.



Church services – Keep up to date by logging on to St Peter's page on Facebook or the website: www.stpeterslinfold.co.uk

For more information contact our churchwarden, Vicky Burrell for visits, baptisms or weddings. She can be contacted on 790477 or email vickylinchurch@gmail.com

Weekly services held at St Peter's:

Holy Communion - 9.30am 1st, 2nd 4th and 5th Sundays in each month.

Young in Faith – Family Service 10am 3rd Sundays – all ages welcome to a simple celebration

Mid-week Holy Communion – 10 a.m. Thursdays 2nd and 4th Thursday only

During school holidays the services at 9.30am will be Family Communion, all ages welcome.

Don't forget Sunday's Cool at St Peter's.

Sunday's Cool - Every Sunday in term time (except the 3rd) in the village hall 9.15am

News from the Diocese **Diocesan Environment Day 2025**

Places are still available for the next Diocesan Environment Day hosted by St Mary's Battle on 1st February 2025.

This event is essential for lay and ordained people or anyone who cares for creation or who needs encouragement and ideas to implement in their own church! Lots of workshops to choose from. Bring your own lunch but refreshments provided. Further details and to book your place click [here](#).

Parish news

On 8th February you are warmly invited to a Barn Dance in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm.

It's £10 per adult and £7 for a child. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome, the more the merrier!

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class	Attendance
Hamble	93%
Medway	94%
Arun	91%
Adur	97%
Rother	93%
Whole school	93.6%

Oh No!

We have fallen below our target of 95%!

Home for Good Billy-Jo O'Leary (BJO), Home for Good, regional lead for the Southeast.

BJO's contact details -
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Home for Good are a Christian Charity. From September, they merged with 'Safe Families' into one charity. 'Safe Families' are an organisation preventing children and young people coming into care - they work with families who are on the edge of care. Home for Good advocate with the churches to find homes for children and young people in care through fostering, adoption and supportive lodgings.

Today in the UK, the "every 15 minutes" looks like 106 children will come into care every day. Of those groups of children, and particularly here in the West Sussex, are children from ethnic backgrounds who will wait the longest to find a home, they will wait on average 18 months longer as their white same aged counterpart. BJO has worked tirelessly with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to find people to foster, adopt and provide supported lodgings; working with churches in order to support those families. They have grown their volunteer base and have grown a wonderful relationship with the WSCC, local authority fostering team.

There are 929 West Sussex children, 44% of those children that are in West Sussex Foster Care homes which means that the rest of those children are in independent fostering agencies. WSCC are really striving to keep the children local, within their local communities, that are close to their schools, their friends and their family. However, the challenge is being able to keep children in their own community. Hence, there is an urgent need for more local foster carers to meet the needs of children and young people in the area.

DIARY DATES

Please note that letters about these events will come out to provide more information.

Date	Event
3 rd February	Wear something red for Air Ambulance
4 th February	KS2 Cross Country
7 th February	Arun Cake sale
13 th February	Last day of half term
27 th February	Christian ambassadors after school club
17 th March	KS2 Gym festival
19 th March	Arun and Adur school trip
19 th March	Year 5 and 6 Football tournament
21 st March	Hamble Farm visit
w/b 31 st March	Faith Week
1 st April	Book sale
3 rd April	Book sale
4 th April	Last day of term school finishes at 1:30pm

Spotlight on safeguarding *Talking to you child about online safety*

Many children are growing up in a society filled with a diverse range of technology. Children are increasingly used to an online life and is seen very much as an ordinary part of life. Technology has changed rapidly in the last 20 years and will continue to do so with the introduction of AI and the Governments pledge to invest substantial funds into this area.

As such, it is worth speaking with your children around online safety: The [NSPCC](#) gives you lots of great information.

Techosaurus is a fun way to help teach your children about online safety. Click the picture below to visit the site.



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