



Term 4 2026 - Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a very short term and it has been a very busy one!

It was so lovely to see the amazing talents the children have at Firle Factor last Friday. Well done to all those who performed and to the amazingly supportive audience. It is one of my favourite events sharing the lovely community we have at Firle, with everyone supporting and celebrating each other's individual talents. Many thanks to the Friends of Firle and Dan for their hard work in organising such a successful event.

We are coming towards the end of this term's units of learning. The infants had a fabulous time at Drusilla's this week, learning from first-hand experience about animals and their habitats. The children in Year 3 and 4 are having a great time on their trip to Fishbourne Palace on Monday to consolidate their learning about the Romans.

We have also been enjoying the recent warmer weather and sunshine ☀️. However, please make sure that your child continues to bring an outer layer to school for changing temperatures.

Next week we have a number of Easter events on so please see further information in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at our Easter service next Friday at 2p.m. If anyone is able to help walk the children down then please let the school office know. We will be leaving school at 1:35p.m.

We hope you all enjoy your Easter break and thank you for all your support this term.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Pips Class who achieved highest attendance both last week and this week!

Our target for this year is **96%** and our current whole school attendance is **93.6%**

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners for following our school values of

*Kindness Respect Working Together
Perseverance Aspiration Forgiveness*

Last week

Pips Class

Solomon

Cherry Class

Isaac

Beech Class

Louis and Ted

Holly Class

Finn and David

This week

Pips Class

Rowan

Cherry Class

Ava

Beech Class

Hugo and Aida

Holly Class

Bella and Torren

DIARY

March 2026

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| 23 rd March | Beech Class trip to Fishbourne Palace |
| Weds 25 th | Forest School |
| Thurs 26 th | Bring your Easter Garden into school |
| Thurs 26 th | Easter bonnet parade |
| Fri 27 th | Easter church service at 2pm |
| Fri 27 th | Last day of term |

April 2026

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| Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th | Model Weekend – Firle Village Hall (10am-4pm) |
| Mon 13 th | Start of term 5 |
| Mon 20 th | Beech Class trip to Crawley Hindu Temple |
| Tues 21 st | Parenting workshop Firle School 8.45am 'Triggers, Tantrums & Teaching Moments' |
| Weds 22 nd | Smartphone Free Childhood – parent talk 9.30am |

INSET days 2026

Mon 22nd June / Weds 22nd July

LEWES BIG DANCE

Martha, Otilie, Torren and Scarlette from Holly Class took part in the Lewes Big Dance last week performing at Lewes Town Hall along with children from Laughton School. We were very proud to receive the below email from Lewes Old Grammar School about the event:

Just an email to say an enormous THANK YOU to your school for being involved in Lewes Big Dance this year. The children were all an absolute pleasure to work with and brought some real fire and energy to our workshop on Tuesday! The performance last night was the highlight of our show and it was great to see so many children dancing with smiles on their faces in front of an audience of over 300! Well done Girls!



EASTER CELEBRATIONS: EASTER GARDEN & EASTER BONNET PARADE

In worship we are focusing on the events of Holy week and it would be lovely if children could make an Easter Garden to show their understanding and **bring them in on Thursday**. On Friday, the gardens will be on display in church for our Easter service. The Friends of Firle School will give prizes for the Easter gardens that best represent the Easter Story and the coming of Spring. The children are also invited to make an Easter bonnet and wear it to school on **Thursday 26th March** for a short parade in the playground. This will be straight after register in the morning and you are welcome to watch.



MODEL WEEKEND & MODELLING CLUB – FIRLE VILLAGE HALL



Our very own Modelling Club will be exhibiting their impressive dioramas at the **Model Weekend at Firle Village Hall over the Easter weekend** (Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th 10am to 4pm). The club have been working hard on adding amazing amounts detail to their stunning models as well as linking a train track across all of their creations! As well as our pupils work, model railways, Warhammer dioramas, mamod models will also be on display. If any adults can help at the event, please drop in after school tomorrow to talk to Mr Fox Wilson



RED NOSE DAY BAKE SALE

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Huge congratulations to all of you parents, families and pupils for being so brilliant at Friday's Red Nose Day! We had a lovely day and ended it off with some delicious treats (which I managed to not nibble on throughout the day!) at our bake sale. Your enormous generosity meant that **we raised well over £100!**

CHERRY & PIPS TRIP TO DRUSILLA'S

Cherry & Pips had a fabulous day at Drusilla's park last Tuesday. They had fun exploring all the different animals from around the world. They met a snake called King and an armadillo during their discovery talk, as well as learning about different habitats and adaptation of a camel and penguin. They enjoyed being on the train and playing in the park. The children were brilliant and a real credit to our school...and the sun shone all day!



TIMES TABLES ROCK STAR - ROCK HERO!

Congratulations to Scarlett – Our First Ever Rock Hero! We are incredibly proud to announce that Scarlett has become our very first student to achieve Rock Hero status on TT Rockstars. This is the highest level possible and is extremely difficult to reach. To become a Rock Hero, players must answer times-tables questions at an average speed of less than 1 second per question. Scarlett has gone above and beyond this benchmark, achieving an astonishing average of 0.97 seconds per question. This means she is answering each multiplication fact in *under a second* — showing exceptional recall, focus and dedication. It's a truly outstanding achievement. Well done, Scarlett — keep rocking!



GROWING UP IN THE ONLINE WORLD: A NATIONAL CONSULTATION

The Government are consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change, This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families. For more information please click on the link below. The consultation closes on the 26th May 2026.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

FACE FAMILY ADVICE FREE ONLINE TALK

FACE family advice will be running a FREE online talk by Jane Keyworth on 'Decreasing Depression' on the 23rd April 2026 between 7-8pm. Please book online at www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk under the Parents – Live talks page.

EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Please see attached details about various Easter activities including Sharnfold Farm, animation and cooking activities.



HEADLICE

Our little friends are back and are making visits across the school. Please can we be vigilant and treat headlice quickly with treatment from a pharmacy or, if you would prefer, shampoo then condition and comb with a nit comb. Moving forward, please condition and comb your children's' hair every weekend – this method works wonders for keeping headlice out of schools.



PARENT WORKSHOP

There is another opportunity to join an incredibly helpful parent workshop addressing tricky behaviour. **Triggers Tantrums and Teaching Moments workshop will be held in Firle's school hall on 21st April at 8.45am.** Please let the office know if you are able to attend so that we can have refreshments ready!

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

At the beginning of February 2024, a couple of mums from Suffolk set up a WhatsApp group for people interested in holding off on giving their child a smartphone. Within hours it had exceeded its capacity and has now attracted thousands of people across the country. It is now a large ongoing national movement, with national press, and with parents and carers coming together in solidarity. More recent research means that now we know a difficult truth - smartphones and social media are linked to increased anxiety and depression, decreased attention span, cyberbullying is more prevalent and children are accessing inappropriate content, amongst other risks. These risks are present at surprisingly young ages, not necessarily just during teenage years. Education is obviously hugely important to try and keep our children safe, but our children's young brains are not wired to be able to avoid the risk or the addiction. There are alternatives to smartphones that allow us to keep in contact with our children without these risks. We are holding a meeting for parents with Magda Bannister about this issue at Laughton School on Wednesday 22nd April at 9.30am.

The Parenting Team | The Oak Tree Federation

Triggers, Tantrums and Teaching Moments

Want to **stay calm** when your child isn't?

Learn simple ways to set **boundaries**, get them to **listen**, and **solve problems** together.

Tuesday 21st April
8:45- 10:20am
Firle C of E Primary School

To book a place, please email or speak to the office.

FAMILY HUB EAST SUSSEX | East Sussex County Council | Early Help 0-19 | NHS East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

The interactive exhibition about the life of Jesus

TRINITY Church Lewes is hosting this unique event and would like to invite you to visit and explore the One Way Experience

Saturday 21st March to Thursday 26th March 2026

10am - 4pm

The experience is open for school groups in KS2 to book visits Mon 16th - Fri 20th March



TRINITY, Southover
Southover High Street, Lewes, BN7 1JH

All Abroad! Bus Easter Holiday clubs

7th-10th April 2026
Mercread Youth Centre, Seaford

Join us to explore Easter and spring abroad, through art, cooking, games, language & VRI

9.30am-2pm daily
£30 or £99/4 days
FREE HAF places

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@allabroadbus

QR code and logos for Mercread Youth Centre, East Sussex County Council, and other partners.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeannette Fuller