



May 2025

# FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

It's May! The sun is shining and the field is dry... what a wonderful start to the summer term. We have had an AMAZING first couple of weeks back in school and been blessed with so many wonderful events and opportunities that it felt like just the right moment to capture these and to share them with families! We have had lots of **GLIMMERS** - and hope that by noticing them, these tiny moments will appear more and more! If you notice any, do let us know! I feel enormously privileged to be the headteacher of a little school which positively glimmers all of the time but this week has felt really very special indeed!

Today I learned about a term called a "glimmer". Which is the opposite of a trigger. Glimmers are those moments in your day that make you feel joy, happiness, peace or gratitude. Once you train your brain to be on the lookout for glimmers, these tiny moments will appear more and more.

At Fishbourne, we are committed to making learning irresistible. We believe that learning outside the classroom is an essential ingredient of this and gives children opportunities for: real world learning; cultural enrichment; social interaction; historical connection, cognitive development, inspirational experiences and memorable learning!

This week, our children have been out and about all over the place! Cheetah class spent the day in London as part of their geography learning experience about our capital city. Hippos class went to the Arundel Wetland Centre to be hooked into their learning about life cycles. Elephant class performed their Boy at the Back of the Class inspired dance at The Pavillion, Worthing. Each of these incredible experiences have been planned as part of our mission to make learning as irresistible as possible, carefully planned to inspire and HOOK children into their learning.



If you have access to our school Instagram page, it is a great way to keep up with our daily glimmers in school - there are lots of posts here for you to enjoy, sharing what we get up to each day! Our accounts are: @fishbourneprimary and @barnacle2023

This half term started with a BRILLIANT series of assemblies about Everyday Superheroes coordinated for us by the team at Friends of Fishbourne School. The inspiration behind these assemblies was to give our children the opportunity to listen to adults talking about the way in which the jobs they have chosen to do make the world a better place to be. We had no shortage of adults to invite and many more have stepped forward to offer their time. We have enjoyed visits from a dentist, family therapist, nurse, police and fire service. We also loved the visits from police dogs Billy and Domino, AND exploring the police vehicles and fire truck. A huge thank you to Harj, Lynsey, Gemma, Tammy, Scott, Sam and Dan - you have most definitely made our school a better place to be this week.



The arrival of summer has seen our beautiful early years play-garden in full swing! We are entering our second year with this space and we have been so thrilled to see it in use. It provides so many opportunities for high quality play and problem-solving and is a really stunning place for our children to play and explore. This week it has been especially brilliant to see the children cooling down, paddling in the swale! What an incredible resource to have for our children to enjoy!

Children at Fishbourne Primary are very lucky to have Forest School provision throughout the summer term—with our older children accessing The Secret Garden in Fishbourne with Chichester Forest School and our younger children enjoying our own Forest School on site thanks to the generosity of Jo and Abi who volunteer their time each Friday afternoon to provide this opportunity completely free of charge to our children. This opportunity to explore, play and relax in nature is a very important part of our provision for children across school and we really value the relational opportunities for our staff to play alongside the children.



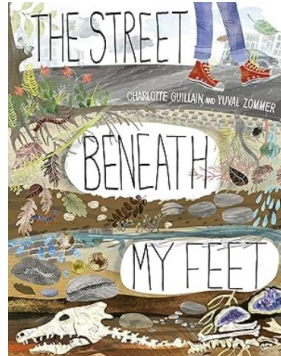
Last week, our year six children completed their first ever learning experience involving our Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership schools. Inspired by TED-X and led by Mrs Williams, children from Fishbourne, Lavant, Rumboldwhyke, West Dean and Bishop Luffa came together to celebrate the culmination of their learning in which they had prepared to give speeches. The event was INCREDIBLE and the talks were of an exceptional standard. Five of our little fish spoke at the event and we were bursting with pride and admiration for their confident, entertaining, inspirational talks about Artificial Intelligence, living with autism, growing up in a family with divorced parents, being bilingual and pineapple on pizza changing the world! Having opportunities for teachers to come together and plan inspirational learning and giving the children authentic experiences through which to share the outcomes is exceptionally exciting and we look forward to more opportunities in the future for all children in school to work with others in the partnership.





Welcoming visitors into school is an equally important ingredient to irresistible learning. This week we have had two historical experts in to inspire children in school who are embarking on history inspired learning experiences. The History Man, Paul Ullson, worked with our Shark class as part of their HOOK into their 'Voyages of Discovery' learning experience. Elephants welcomed a visitor from Past Productions to inspire them as they embarked on their Ancient Maya learning experience.

The staff team in school are currently planning our next whole school learning experience, led by Mrs Allen. For this learning experience, the children will become historians to investigate 'The Street Beneath our Feet'. The end goal for the learning will be the children curating their very own local history museum in the school hall that will open to visitors on Saturday 21st June. We look forward to welcoming our wider community to visit our museum and learn more about Fishbourne and the surrounding area from our children! It's lovely to have an authentic opportunity to showcase the children's learning so please do make sure you make time to pop in during the fete to see the children's learning! Whole school learning experiences are a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a staff team to plan for children's learning, reflecting carefully about progression across the school.



It was fascinating meeting Billy and Domino, the police dogs this week! Watching the way in which they worked together with their handler, Sam, was incredibly inspiring... dogs working with humans to make the world a better place to be! Barney's role in school continues to make the world a better place for so many of our little fish who enjoy spending time with him in Dog Mentor sessions and during playtimes. He is incredibly loved by the children at school and enables children to connect, chatter and feel good!

At the beginning of the journey, we didn't know how well Barney would settle into our school family but it's very clear to see how settled, happy and positive he is about his role in school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and celebrating all these GLIMMERS with us! This week has felt truly special in school and it felt absolutely right to press pause and reflect on how fortunate we are to have a little school who care about making big things happen! They don't happen by chance... but as a result of a whole team of people who genuinely want to make the world a better place to be for the children at Fishbourne Primary School. There's a wonderful quote from Steve Jobs that often makes me think of the extended team at Fishbourne.



*'THERE'S WORK AND THERE'S YOUR LIFE'S WORK. THE KIND OF WORK THAT HAS YOUR FINGER PRINTS ALL OVER IT. THE KIND OF WORK THAT YOU'D NEVER COMPROMISE ON. PEOPLE DON'T COME HERE TO PLAY IT SAFE. THEY COME HERE TO SWIM IN THE DEEP END. THEY WANT THEIR WORK TO ADD UP TO SOMETHING. SOMETHING BIG. SOMETHING THAT COULDN'T HAPPEN ANYWHERE ELSE.'*

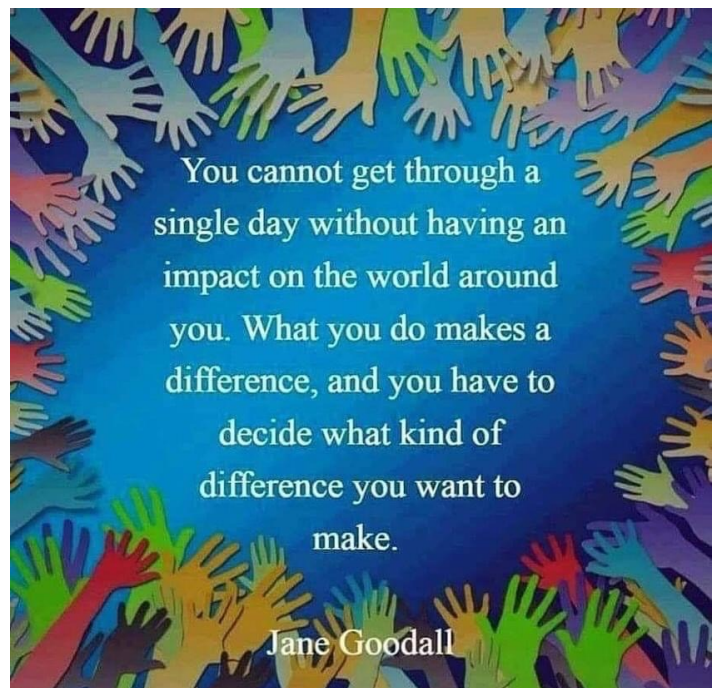
A huge thank you to the whole team of teachers, learning support assistants, administrators, governors, fundraisers, volunteers, visitors, partnership schools, families... YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

We will all benefit from the extended weekend to recover from a fabulous week in school. Have a wonderful weekend!

- Mon 5th May BANK HOLIDAY
- Tues 6th May: Class Photos
- Thu 8th May: Full Governors meeting
- Mon 12th May: Fete planning meeting
- SATS WEEK (Mon 12th—Thu 15th May)
- Fri 16th May: Colour Run
- Tue 20th May: Hippos to the beach

**HALF TERM: Monday 26th—Friday 30th May**

- Mon 2nd June: INSET Day
- Fri 20th June: Non-uniform in exchange for a bottle!
- Sat 21st June: Fete
- Mon 21st July: Whole school Forest School Day



Did you know that we have an Amazon Wishlist at Fishbourne? This list has been put together for families who may want to gift a book to our library for other children to share. We are enormously blessed to have a number of families who use the wish list to make our school library a better place to be and we are so thankful for the additional books that our children are then able to borrow!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I9W63Y5XN7CY/?ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/I9W63Y5XN7CY/?ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

**At Fishbourne CE Primary, we nurture our children to be...**

