



July 2025

# FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Families,  
As the year comes to a close and we all ponder how quickly time goes, this is the perfect opportunity to take a moment to reflect on the GLIMMERS—those special moments in life that make you realise just how lucky you are! Fishbourne Primary School is a really very special little school where exciting things happen every single day! Visitors often comment on the warmth of welcome, the joy they feel in the classrooms and the nurturing, purposeful atmosphere.

## EVERYDAY SUPERHEROES

Our children have the most incredible opportunities, made possible by the vision and values of those everyday super-heroes who have been called to serve

our little fish and their families. There are **so** many people who make these GLIMMERS happen...

**Every single member of our staff team:** teachers and support staff, our administration and premises teams, Barney, sports coaches, our catering team, grounds maintenance teams - they all do their bit, going above and beyond to make our school the place it is.

**Our fundraising team,** Friends of Fishbourne Primary School (FOFS) work tirelessly to support us to make magical things happen – this year alone we have had a Christmas shopping day, discos, a Colour Run, an Easter Egg hunt, inspirational visitors taking assembly. These events raise very much needed funds to support us to enrich the children's learning in a multitude of different ways! We were hugely grateful to Rosie and Gemma for taking FOFS on back in the autumn term and we are so excited about what's coming next!

**Our Fishbourne Volunteer Army** who serve our school - those weekly visitors who come and read with our little fish, lead Forest School, run sports clubs, build Greenpower GoKarts, build scenery, facilitate Grub Club and offer MiniBridge lessons.

**Our Collective Worship Leaders** who lead assemblies regularly during the year - The StoryTellers, Andy and Tabs from Chichester Baptist Church, the students from Bishop Luffa with inspirational Curly Clare and Jess, who is so faithful in her support of our school by leading assemblies, worship team and being one of our foundation governors.

**Our Governing Body** who meet regularly to champion, support and challenge us as we do our best to serve the children and families who come to Fishbourne Primary School. I'd like to make a special mention to Julie Barwell who has been on our governing body since 2013, becoming our chair of governors in 2015 and serving our school in this way for a decade! Julie has made our school a better place to be in so many ways and has always been a huge source of support during this journey. Thank you Julie for supporting and encouraging our school through thick and thin! You really have made our school a better place to be. We will still see Julie as she will be taking up a role on the trust board of Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership and we know we will continue to benefit from her wisdom and experience.



**Our families** - Thank you for supporting your school with positive words and encouragement. For working in partnership alongside us as we all work together for the benefit of the little fish. Thank you for facilitating and valuing learning beyond the classroom and championing your children to be the best they can be. It is a privilege to work in partnership with you all.

**And of course, our little fish...** the greatest inspiration there can be! Watching our children flourishing, growing in confidence and self belief as learners and citizens is the best job satisfaction there is. As we prepare to say goodbye to our wonderful Elephant Class who have come to the end of their journey with us and are ready to go off on new adventures, we are so thankful for all they have contributed to our school over the years! They have been superb role models this year for all those children who look up to them and it has been wonderful to see them shining brightly in SO many different ways this year. We could not be any more proud of each and every one of them and we look forward to hearing about all their adventures and achievements in the years ahead!

Here are just a handful of glimmers from this year. You can follow us on Instagram to share in them: [@fishbourneprimary](#) [@barnacle2023](#)



In the new academic year, we will be introducing all our children and staff to CREW - an exciting new part of our daily lives in school. After extensive exploring and research, we have decided to introduce this dedicated time each day when we will meet as CREW to support each other to be the best version of ourselves. The first two classes to benefit from CREW will be our Hippos and Sharks who will be piloting the approach, with all other year groups joining them from January onwards. We look forward very much to telling you more about CREW throughout the autumn term but for now, here's a little taste of what CREW is:



Mon 21st July: Whole school Forest School Day  
Please come dressed for Forest School fun with hats, suncream, raincoats (check the forecast!)

Tue 22nd July: Last Day of Term  
Y6 Leavers' assembly at 9.15am

**First day of the autumn term: Thursday 4th September - Remember to be in school for 8.45am.**

**Meet the Teacher meetings 2.30pm** (a chance to come and meet your new teacher and hear about some of the plans for the year ahead!)

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Y5 and Y6

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Y4

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Y2 and Y1

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher Y3

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>–Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Sep: Y6 to Fairthorne Manor

Thu 11<sup>th</sup>–Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Sep: Y5 to CYE

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Sep: 1.30–3.00pm Safeguarding training for volunteers

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: 2pm: Six Weeks In Meeting for parents in EYFS

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: 2.30pm: Phonics meeting for parents in Y1

Wed 22nd Oct - School photographer for individual pupil photos

Fri 21st Nov - School nurse team in school for pupil flu vaccine (imore information on how to sign up will be sent in September)

**Crew is a spirit, a way of being.**  
**It's a safe place where we become one, yet grow as individuals.**  
**To be "Crew" means to help each other, to be accountable for your own actions and take responsibility for everyone's wellbeing around you.**  
**Crew means everybody pulling together, thinking together and supporting each other to do things bigger and better than we thought possible.**  
**Crew is a place where character development, collaboration and positive relationships are intentional, assuring success for all our school family. It's a structure that fosters a sense of belonging and a place where we can be our best selves while lifting others to achieve more than we think possible.**  
**Crew enables us to nurture effective learners, ethical people and contribute to making the world a better place to be.**



One of the first things our Staff CREW will be taking on is a challenge to bring us together and push ourselves in our mission to make the world a better place to be. We would be so grateful if families could sponsor us to take on this challenge to raise funds for Hospice UK.

You can find out more about it here:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/crew>

**Some reminders for September...**

**The School Day:**

8.40am: Gates open and all children arrive.  
 8.45am: Bell rings and gates are shut. Registers are taken.  
 3.15pm: End of the school day for both KS1 and KS2 with younger children collected first.



**KS2 Pencil Cases:**

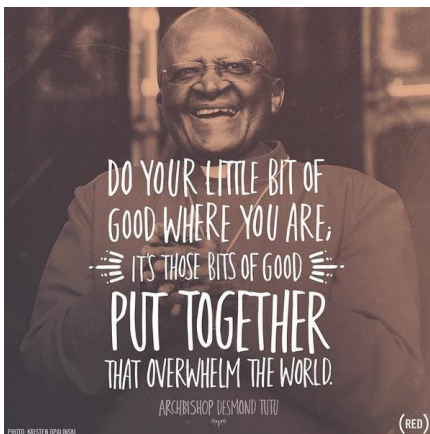
One way that we would like to propose making a saving of nearly £1000 is asking for your support to provide your child with a fully-stocked pencil case in preparation for September. This will include: pencils, colouring pencils (no felt tips please), highlighter pens, rubber, pencil sharpener, a 30cm ruler, a glue stick.  
 We will provide your child with a handwriting pen.

**School trips:**

The letters we send you about school trips and swimming request a 'voluntary contribution' towards school trips. An increasing number of families do not make these contributions. As a result, we must supplement the cost of the trip from our school budget. This is not sustainable and puts the school in a difficult position of having to consider cancelling trips and visits which we know have a tremendously positive impact on children's learning. We urge families please to pay for these visits as non-payment will result in us having to cancel these trips moving forward.

**Our Amazon Wishlist:**

We would like to remind you that, should you ever be in a position to support us, we hold an Amazon Wishlist full of book titles that would enable us to provide the children with a fresh, inspiring range of books to choose from:  
[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)



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Hopefully you will have found it an encouragement and be feeling the same sense of joy I do! As we go into the summer holidays, the words of Desmond Tutu seem so poignant and helpful: 'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.' Have fun over the break doing little bits of good and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

**INSET Days for 2025/2026**

Wednesday 3rd September

Friday 13th February

Monday 23rd February

Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June

**OPEN DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 INTAKE**

**Please call the school office on 01243 785974 to book a place:**

Friday 19th September 2025 10.30am

Wednesday 1st October 2025 10.30am

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 1.30pm

Wednesday 12th November 2025 10.30am

Friday 28th November 2025 10.30am



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

