

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## 'That they may have life in all its fullness'

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the Summer Term. It is going to be a busy final term with lots of fun activities and learning opportunities planned.

### **SIAMS**

We are delighted to share some wonderful feedback from our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report. The inspector recognised many strengths across our school, and we are incredibly proud of the whole Debden community.

- "The clearly articulated Christian vision is understood and communicated well through the school values."  
"A nurturing atmosphere pervades the school. Pupils are cared for sensitively with individual needs met through bespoke support."  
"Exciting and innovative extra-curricular opportunities widen pupils' experiences... Consequently, pupils flourish at the school."  
"The behaviour of pupils is outstanding due to the clear expectations of adults and celebration of positive attitudes."  
"Staff show deep respect and compassion for pupils and their families by building life-giving relationships."*

### **Frogs and Newts Production**

Frogs and Newts Class treated us to a truly wonderful performance of *Wind in the Willows*. Their acting and singing were full of confidence and energy, and we are incredibly proud of how hard they have practised. A huge thank you to Mrs Barden and Miss Rowe for their creativity, encouragement and hard work in preparing the children. It was a joyful production and a real highlight of the term. Thank you to Mrs Oldhamstead for taking some wonderful photos of the play.



### **Earth Day**

This week we enjoyed celebrating Earth Day across the school. Pupils took part in activities that encouraged them to think about caring for our planet, from exploring nature and recycling to learning how small everyday actions can make a big difference. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, curious and enthusiastic about protecting the world around them. Earth Day gave us a valuable opportunity to reflect on our responsibility to look after God's creation and to inspire positive habits for the future.

### **Archery Finals**

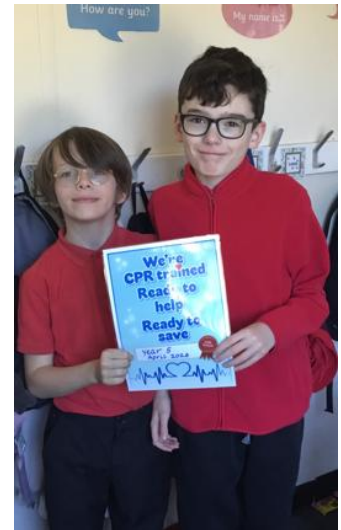
Our KS2 pupils did brilliantly at the Archery Finals, showing great focus, determination and teamwork. We are very proud of their achievement and the way they represented the school.

### **Year 5 CPR training**

Year 5 took part in CPR training this week and approached the session with real enthusiasm. They learned the basics of how to respond in an emergency and practised the essential skills needed to help someone in need. It was fantastic to see them grow in confidence as they learned such an important life skill.

### **Bikeability**

Our Year 5 pupils took part in Bikeability this week and impressed the instructors with their growing confidence and road-safety skills. They learned how to ride safely, signal clearly and navigate real-life cycling situations. We are very proud of their positive attitude and the responsibility they showed throughout the training.



### **Key dates for Summer 1**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May- Bank holiday
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May- KS2 SATS
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Wellbeing Week
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Last day of Summer 1

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bailey  
Headteacher

**Mental Health Support Teams in Schools**

**ONLINE PARENT GROUP -  
Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries**

Are you looking for effective ways to help you, help your young person, navigate anxiety and help them manage their worries?  
The Mental Health Support Team is running 2 online parent groups in June

When?	When?
Thursdays 1pm - 2pm	Fridays 9:30am - 10:30am
11th June 18th June 25th June 2nd July	12th June 19th June 26th June 3rd July

Choose sessions on Thursdays or Fridays.  
Attendance at all four sessions is expected.  
Next steps:  
scan QR code  
complete form  
A practitioner will call you to complete a short assessment.

For any questions email: [mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk](mailto:mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk)  
Information for parent/carers



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thinking about myself, others, the world and beyond.

