



On Our Patch

Patcham Junior Newsletter

February 2025

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Message from Mr. Sutherland

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Well, it's stopped raining for five minutes, to allow all of the children and families to make their way home this afternoon without getting soaked for once! What a wet term it has been, weather-wise anyway!

It has, however been far from 'inclement' in

school with relentless rays of sunshine pouring out from your amazing young learners!

This newsletter will be short and sweet and somewhat lighter on pictures this time around as you should also have received Mrs Sanders fantastic 'Personal Development Newsletter' which will give you a fuller flavour of some of the exciting learning opportunities, events and trips that have filled this first half term of 2026.

As always, I hope that you can all make the most of the slightly extended half-term break and take the chance to fill your wellbeing buckets to the brim by doing a lot or doing very little, as you see fit!

The school team will be aiming to do the same and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 23rd February for the second half of the Spring term.

Have a fun break.

Mr Sutherland



Spring 2 starts 23rd February 2026

St. Matthias Cricket Club

Patcham Junior School Pupils lead the way at St Matthias Cricket Club

A big [congratulations](#) to Patcham Juniors very own Will A, Elian M, Alexander H and Max K who made it onto the 2025-26 Sussex County Cricket Club Junior Pathway Development Programme, with former pupil, Bea H being selected for the under 12's female Sussex Early Engagement Programme. The successful juniors progressed through a trial and are now taking part in indoor winter training before playing fixtures in the summer of 2026. Locally based St Matthias Cricket Club, where all five juniors currently play, are keen to see the juniors develop and enjoy their opportunity with Sussex over the coming months.

St Matthias Cricket Club have a number of age group teams from 8 years old up to 16 year olds. The club are based at Horsdean Recreation Ground, Vale Avenue in Patcham and hold weekly training sessions for all age groups, with regular junior league and friendly fixtures held at Horsdean and at opposition grounds in the local area.

2026 Junior indoor preseason net sessions will commence in March and will take place on Wednesday evenings at Sussex University, through to the end of April. Outdoor training will then take place from May through to August at Horsdean and also at the outdoor practice nets at Patcham High School.

The club are keen to promote a fun and friendly environment for juniors of all abilities to learn and enjoy playing cricket. The club have qualified coaches at all age groups. New players, both boys and girls, of all abilities are welcome to come and join the club. For more information on joining, please contact the following:

Under 10's (School years 3 and 4): Jim Hughes. 07778 493241

Under 11's: Martin Durrant 07941 976475

Under 13's: Simon Glaskin. 07783 137953



Digital Sustainability Assembly (13.01.26)

Mr Buss came to school to talk about his job as **Digital Sustainability Leader**. He showed amazing slides about different types of energy, why we need digital sustainability, and what children and their families can do in school and at home to improve energy efficiency. The children loved the Minecraft analogy!! **Thank you, Mr Buss!**





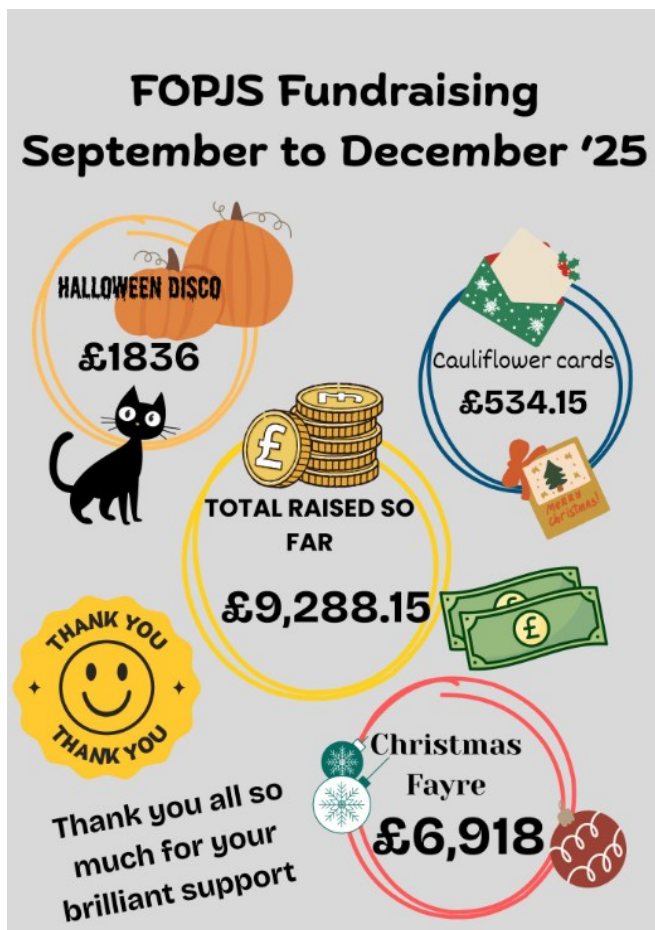
23rd Feb—Mile to Milan

27th Feb—Break The Rules Day

Dates for your diary here

4th Mar—Swimming Gala

5th World Book Day/ Pyjamas' Day



The Friends of Patcham Junior School (FOPJS)

The Friends of the school are always delighted to welcome new willing supporters, helpers and organisers into their hugely important fund-raising team.

If you would like to know more about how you can get involved, then please contact them via the school office.

