



On Our Patch

Patcham Junior Newsletter

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A (final) message from Mr. Sutherland

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Forthcoming Events:

- * Easter Break!
- * School Ends:
- * Friday 27th March
- * Summer Term Starts:
- * Monday 13th April



Back in November when I first re-vealed to colleagues, the children and yourselves that I would be leaving Patcham after nearly nine years, this day seemed like ‘forever’ away, and yet, all of a sudden here we are— It’s time to say my final goodbyes...

This half term has of course been the usual mix of exciting learning, activities and visits, events and more—Year 5s have had their Let’s Dance show, and the rehearsals for this Summer’s blockbuster musical ‘High School Musical

have been in full swing for several months also. Earlier this week we welcomed netball teams from several schools for some friendly matches here at PJS and there will be many more exciting events to come. I have promised that I will try to sneak back later in the year to see the musical and celebrate the achievements of all of our children as this year draws to an end in the summer.

As I have written elsewhere, I have utterly loved my time as your headteacher and take only wonderful memories with me as I start a new adventure.

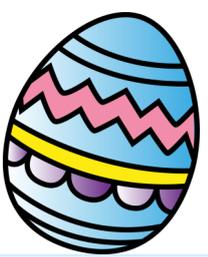
I know that PJS is in safe hands with you all working together with the team in school and so, for one final time, I wish you a peaceful Easter break and an enjoyable remaining term of the school year.

The children will be welcomed back to school by Mr Rodericks and the rest of the team on Monday 13th April.

I will miss seeing you all but thank you for having me.

Keep looking up at the moon and stars!

Mr Sutherland



Summer Concert - 14th July

Patcham Junior Annual Summer Concert

We are delighted to announce that the **Patcham Junior Annual Summer Concert** will take place on **Tuesday 14th July at 1:30pm**.

The concert will celebrate the hard work and dedication children have shown in their music practice this year, and will also feature performances from the school choir.

If your child would like to perform—either by playing an instrument or singing—auditions will be held after the Easter holidays. After the holidays, children will be able to sign up for an audition slot during a lunchtime session.

Please note that the concert is open to musicians and singers only; performances such as dance or gymnastics will not be included.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Bogaru



Stationery Store

The Stationery Store will continue after the Easter break!! The weekly shop that operates on a Friday in the playground has been a great success since it launched earlier this year and has proved to be a popular stop for many learners as they can replenish their pencil cases with, pencils, pens, glue sticks, highlighters, white board pens and more.

For a current price list, please ask the children to check out the screen in reception or simply pop along to visit the shop each Friday. (Cash only please)





18th April

DIG DAY from 9.30am

Dates for your diary here

22-24 April—Year 6 residential @
Hindleap Warren



Netball

On Monday 23rd March PJS hosted an 'Afternoon of Netball'.

Our two 'home' teams were joined by teams from Hove Juniors, Goldstone, Albourne and Windmills Juniors.

It was a busy afternoon with lots of matches, expertly umpired by several former PJS pupils.

Although this was a friendly festival of netball, our pink team (on the right) won all four of their matches whilst our blue team (on the left) won two of their four encounters—but great fun and enjoyment was had by all!

Thank you Mrs Handley for your expert organising skills!



Mile To Milan

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who took part in the “**Mile to Milan**” fundraiser. Every single child was fantastic and showed a brilliant attitude, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the challenge. Together, the children ran an incredible **485.7 miles** in total—an amazing achievement! Thanks to their hard work and the generous support from families and the school community, we also raised a wonderful **£1,448**. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and truly appreciate the effort and positivity shown by all involved. Well done PJS!!



Mile to Milan



Awards

- Class that ran the furthest... 6KT with 46.9 miles
- Furthest runner in the school... Max Karlsson – 2.4 miles
- Furthest in each class:

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| 3GS – Oskar | 3AL – Sylvan, Hugh and Summer | 3JP – Flo and Xander |
| 4TR – Oliver T | 4SR – Louie and Florence | 4JW – Teddy |
| 5JF – Seb | 5CS – Callum and Ethan | 5PD – Arlo |
| 6OS – Max | 6MS – Ralph and Fynn | 6KT – Roscoe |



Let's Dance 2026



Over two nights last week, our Year 5s took part in the annual Let's Dance festival of dancing.

Five nights and more than 2,000 young people on the stage at The Dome in Brighton is one of the school calendar highlights of the year.

Our two groups did themselves proud with their Spiderman themed routine, in front of a...

...packed auditorium.

The children have been practising together for the last few months with Mrs Eliff and their class teachers and they were more than ready for the limelight completing their performance to rapturous applause.

Well done to everyone that took part a huge thank you to all supporting adults during rehearsals and the event nights themselves.



SAMA Success!



SAMA KICKBOXING GRADE – PATCHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

We would like to extend a huge [congratulations](#) to all our kickboxing students at Patcham Junior School who successfully undertook their grade exam on Sunday 15th March.

Our students work incredibly hard to reach the required standard for each new belt. Training for a grading helps build confidence, focus, discipline, and fitness — and every child demonstrated these qualities brilliantly on the day. Their dedication and perseverance throughout their martial arts journey has been outstanding. Well done to you all!

Our after-school karate class runs every **Thursday After-school** during term time.

If you're interested in enrolling your child, please click the link below to book their space.

<https://samagroup.co.uk/join-a-class/>

Picture above shows our school students proudly wearing their new grade belts.

Curiosity Champions!



Our Spring term Curiosity Champions have been revealed to the whole school during our star-studded final assembly this morning!

Congratulations go to:

Ivy D-H (Year 3)

Harry D (Year 4)

Stanley S (Year 5)

Sophia P (Year 6)

All were nominated by an adult in school for their unwaveringly brilliant attitude towards life in school, for being role-models for other children and for being driven by relentless curiosity! Well done to you all!

