



SPARK

Newsletter October 2025

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That Autumn feeling...



The 2025/2026 season has begun! Welcome to the first Spark newsletter of the academic year.

Our new Reception class have settled in well and are now very much a part of the OLOL family.

We've been holding our Open Events where we've been showing prospective parents the school.

The children have been outside lots, making the most of our School in the Woods area before the weather really turns! Read on and enjoy.....

Reception **ALL UNIQUE**

Hello everyone and welcome. The children have been very busy settling into 'big' school, making new friends and making themselves known to the school!

We have shared our treasure boxes in show and tell and got to know each other a bit more. We made versions of ourselves to celebrate how we are unique and special.



In maths, we looked at the same and different and children used that learning to spot things in their classroom that were the same. We have also been focusing on the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and sorting numerals into 2 sets, 3 or not 3.

In the garden, they have been working together and problem solving to make car tracks with gutters.

It's been a busy few weeks!

Miss Anscombe

Year 1 **Creation**

We have had a lovely start to Y1, especially in our RE lessons where we have been learning about the Creation story and how this story shows us that God loves us! You can see some of our work on display in the church. Children will be taking it in turns to plan a little prayer session for the class with me. Ayla, Sophie and Storm were first and enjoyed choosing some little activities for the other children to do under the theme of Creation.



Year 1 have also been enjoying using the School in the Woods area in Geography. We were looking for physical features to tick off on our list. We bumped in Mia's mum who showed the herbs with their lovely smells and the bunny tail plant.

Miss Cordell



Year 2 **Waterlily**

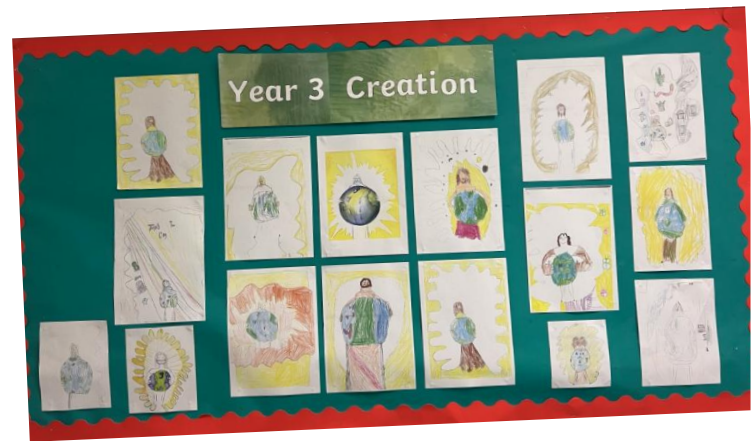
Year 2 have been learning all about their first focus artist, Claude Monet. They have immersed themselves in the world of Monet - learning about his life, looking at a variety of his artwork and even comparing his subject matter (his house in Giverny) to our local environment (the pond). The children came up with the amazing idea of visiting the pond to do some sketching because it reminded them of Monet's Waterlily series. I think we have some budding artists on our hands!

Miss Hamilton



Year 3 *Stone Age*

Year 3 have had a wonderfully creative and active half term! They produced original pieces of art inspired by God's creation, drawing on artwork they had explored and wondered about in class. They also threw themselves into rehearsals for a fabulous street dance routine, full of complex and challenging moves, which they are excited to perform for the Reception children.



On top of that, they've been getting stuck into their new topic on the Stone Age, enthusiastically discovering and acting out what life was like and how people lived in those prehistoric times.

Mrs Kirkwood

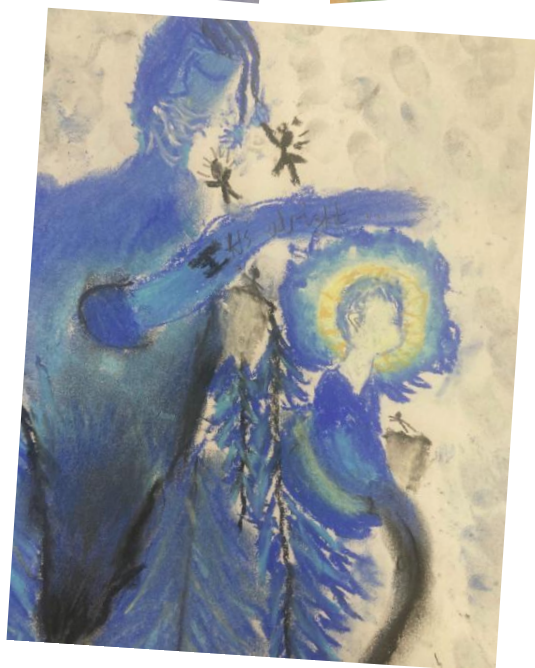


Year 4 **All about Science**

This half term in Science, Year 4 have been exploring the exciting topic of electricity! As part of our lessons, the children have been constructing their own circuits. They've had a fantastic time experimenting with lights and buzzers, and have shown great determination and problem-solving skills when creating complete circuits. I've been so impressed by how confidently they can identify and fix issues when something isn't working—well done, Year 4!

Miss Turner



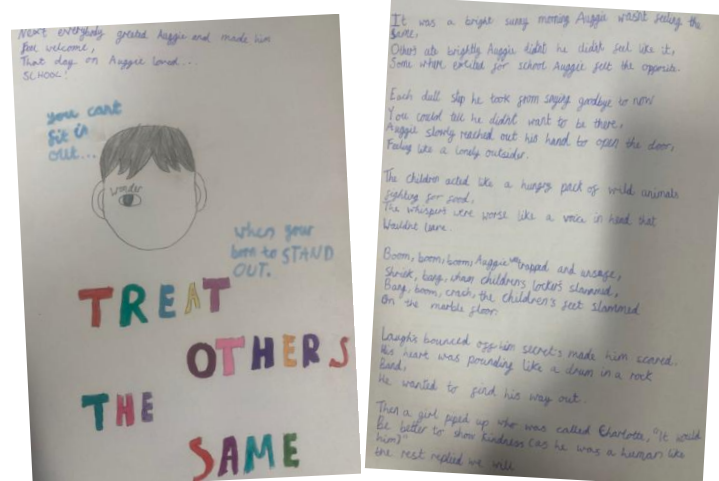


Year 5 THE BIG 10

In RE this term, year 5 explored the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments, which then, led us to explore the concept of sin. The class explored different ways artists had represented the idea of reconciliation with God and then created their own pieces using soft pastels to represent this concept.

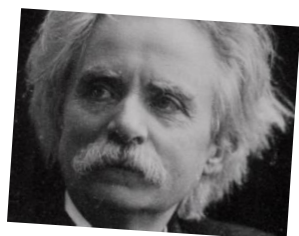
We have also been reading our class text 'Wonder', writing poetry and diaries inspired by Auggie's experience. Please enjoy some of Year 5s work!

Mrs Nicholson



Year 6 Rhythmic Patterns

This term, Year 6 have been diving into the world of rhythmic and melodic ostinatos, using Edvard Grieg's dramatic piece *The Hall of the Mountain King* as their inspiration. Through creative exploration, students have developed their own rhythmic patterns, including a collaborative cup rhythm that required both focus and coordination.



We have uploaded a short video to our website, which showcases their impressive teamwork and musicality. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experiment with layering rhythms and maintaining steady beats. This unit has not only enhanced their musical understanding but also encouraged active listening, cooperation, and perseverance. Well done, Year 6!

Mrs G

Football Coach

Our Rottingdean football club needs a coach for the year 2 team.

If you like football, have some skills, or know someone who does, then please get in touch with Keith on the number below.



Coach Required – Year 2 Football Practice

We have a fantastic group of Year 2 children who love their football and are looking for a coach to help with our fun development sessions on Saturday mornings.

- ⚽ Previous experience not essential – full support will be provided.
- 💬 Call or message Keith on 07803 899472 for more information.

Come and be part of a great team and help our young players grow their love of the game!

Last minute call for First Holy Communion 2026



Applications for next year's First Communion have been available for the past six weeks and the final date is Sunday 9th November.

Application forms can be collected from the sacristy after Mass. Your child needs to be resident in the parish and in Year 3 or above. Classes begin in January, and take place on Saturday afternoon at 2pm with the celebration on 2nd May. A parent/carer needs to attend with their child at all times.

The Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton
Rottingdean & Woodingdean

Rock Steady Rock Stars!!

We had a brilliant assembly with Rock Steady Music School where the children got a taster of what it's like to perform in a band. If you want to sign your child/ren up, head to rocksteadymusicschool.com



The Gambia

Two of our parents, Jo and Aoife, are travelling to The Gambia in November with the Gam Med charity. In The Gambia, many patients with injuries rely on traditional medicine and healers. Fractures are often bound with sticks, leading to mal-unions and resulting in permanent deformities. Our parents, along with a team of healthcare professionals, will be providing surgery, physiotherapy and teaching, raising the standards of the hospital treatment in The Gambia.



We held a Mufti at school and have raised £347 which will go towards providing care packs for children and post-operative pain relief.

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LONGHILL SPORTS CENTRE
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5 - 12 YRS 08:30 - 15:30 £27
4 YRS 08:30 - 12:30 £20



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(Sibling discount codes can be used when booking a 2nd or 3rd child)

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