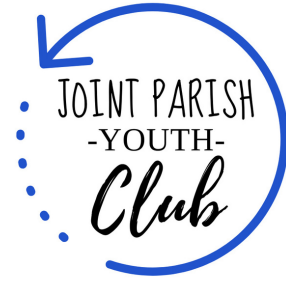


Monthly Summary Report

100% of families rated our Easter programme as “Excellent”



Overview – Easter Activity Week

April 2026 was a highly successful and engaging month for the youth service, highlighted by our Easter Activity Week running from 7–10 April. Across the four days, we engaged with 27 young people, delivering a varied programme of enriching and hands-on experiences. The week began with a graffiti artist workshop at Upper Beeding, where young people collaboratively designed and created a mural for the junior youth club, which now proudly displays in the hall and has been a real source of pride for participants.

The programme continued with an educational day alongside SDS, including pond dipping and moth identification, followed by a highly successful excursion to Brighton on Thursday, where young people visited the old police cells and the pier. This trip included several young people with additional needs, and it was particularly positive that all support plans were implemented effectively, allowing full participation. Parents provided excellent feedback regarding the experience. The young people also developed important life skills, including budgeting and money management on the pier, as well as navigating public transport. When an issue arose on the return journey, staff implemented a contingency plan swiftly, maintaining communication with parents and ensuring all young people remained calm and supported through an unexpected situation. All handled this exceptionally well. The week concluded with a military-style bootcamp session on Friday, during which young people were awarded certificates in recognition of their participation and effort.



Our new youth club sign
– thanks to our graffiti group!



Brighton Pier visit



Visit to the Old Police Cells, Brighton

We were particularly amazed that (L) wanted to attend the three-day Easter break activities, marking a significant milestone for him, as he has never spent time away from us outside of school. This positive experience has not only boosted his confidence but has also rekindled his ability to make friends—something he has struggled with, especially given his lack of local connections. The youth club has become a vital support system for Leo, facilitating his social development in a way that other activities could not and we have tried a number of these.

Mum to Youth Club Member aged 10





	Primary Youth	Sports Club	Junior Youth	Teens
16/17 April	5	4	26	2
23/24 April	7	5	25	5
30 April/01 May	6	1	31	5

Primary Youth Club 6-11 yrs

We have continued to see strong and positive growth within our Primary Youth Club this month, with attendance increasing to 12 registered young people, including 2 new starters. Word is clearly spreading.

With improved weather, we have begun regular use of Fletcher's Croft park, which has been very well received and has supported increased physical activity, social interaction, and confidence in community settings.

Feedback from families has been highly positive, with two parents describing the club as a "lifeline". Both reported that their families are now socialising outside of sessions, strengthening wider community connections.

Looking ahead, we are planning a PADI 'Bubble Maker' scuba diving experience on a Saturday to build confidence, resilience, and aquatic skills, with potential progression routes towards further structured diving awards.



Primary Youth Club

Teen Youth Club 13yrs+

We continue to see that our Teen Youth Club remains more challenging to grow in numbers; however, those who do attend are extremely loyal and gain significant benefit from the provision.

Attendance is consistent among regular participants, and relationships with youth workers are strong, with young people particularly valuing the opportunity to chat, relax, and engage in games and informal activities.

This month we have welcomed one new teenager to the group, which is a very positive development. The family recently moved to Steyning and made contact after seeing the club advertised.

The young person is autistic, and mum initially visited the club independently to ensure it was a suitable environment for her daughter. This careful introduction was positive, and the placement has proven to be a very good fit, with the young person settling in well and engaging comfortably with both staff and peers.

Sports Club

Following its launch last month, the Sports Club has proven challenging to sustain, with numbers steadily declining. This has coincided with our increased ability to open up wider outdoor opportunities within the Junior Youth Club, including access to outside space and more active play.

As a result, dedicated sports sessions are no longer viable as a separate offer at this time. However, with ball games and physical activities now able to take place within the main Junior Youth Club provision, young people are still accessing the same benefits in a more integrated and flexible way. We will therefore be pausing the standalone Sports Club for now and shelving it for potential reintroduction during the winter months, when indoor structured activity may once again be more appropriate and in demand.

In other news

- We now have a Booker's membership, allowing us to run a more consistent tuck shop provision and monitor income and expenditure more effectively.
- We are currently on the lookout for a replacement pool table.
- We have applied to The Steyning Society for a grant to purchase iPads for our Primary Youth Club, helping support homework, learning, and digital access.
- New flyers have been designed to help recruit additional youth workers and volunteers as we continue to grow.
- Two members of staff are currently undertaking autism training to further strengthen our support for young people with additional needs.

Goals for May 2026

Youth Development

Prepare to launch online youth sessions and explore ID membership options for club members. Obtain approval from Joint Parish Youth Committee for our new name: *The Hangout*.

Quality and Safety

Deliver First Aid training to ensure staff preparedness and safety standards (rolled over from March) Staff sign to confirm they understand our policies.

Community & Engagement

Evaluate impact of our input at the Steyning Festival Family Fun Day, in collaboration with Wardens.

Engagement Growth

Increase attendance at Teens Youth Club through targeted activities and outreach – focus on introductions at Steyning Grammar School.

Junior Youth Club

Our Junior Youth Club continues to grow positively, with attendance now reaching up to 31 young people. Since opening up outdoor space, we have noticed a much calmer and more relaxed atmosphere within sessions. Young people have particularly enjoyed using both our outdoor areas and the park in Upper Beeding for active play and socialising.

We welcomed another new member this month through word of mouth, reflecting the club's growing positive reputation within the community.

We have also received fantastic community support, including a parent assisting with grant applications for hall soundproofing and a large donation of comics for the young people to enjoy.

To further support wellbeing, we created a dedicated calming zone with sensory squishies, a bubble lamp, and a quiet low-stimulation space for young people who need time to regulate. The response from young people has been extremely positive.



No Stress zone at Junior Youth Club

