



West Dean Church of England Primary School

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We do our best in all we do, with God's love.

'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.' John 13

Newsletter 17 17.01.25 Our overall attendance is at **96.6%** this week.

The link to Rev Sarah's 'Rector's Rambling' has **CHANGED**. It can now be found by [CLICKING HERE](#)



Singing together as the 'United Voices' of Chichester

After weeks of practice, the day finally arrived on Wednesday when Chestnut Class had the amazing opportunity of performing on the stage at Chichester Festival Theatre. Singing a range of uplifting and poignant songs, our children joined pupils from our family of primary schools across Chichester, including Lavant, Singleton and The March. The 'United Voices' choir was led by the exceptionally talented, Emily Barden, a renowned singer, songwriter and musician who works with schools across the south coast. There was also a guest conducting appearance from our own, equally talented, Mrs Johnson, who took to the stage to lead our children in their individual songs with our buddies Lavant and Singleton. Thank you Mrs J.

No doubt all who came to watch the performance will agree, it was a really special evening, not least because it was the first time we have been able to come together as a combined group of Chichester Schools since before the COVID pandemic in early 2020. Long overdue, but a wonderful event for the children, who all rose to the occasion and performed superbly.

Beech Class visit To Chichester Festival Theatre—Children's Concert.

To enrich and enhance their Science learning about sound and their termly topic 'What is success?', Beech Class took a trip to Chichester Festival Theatre on Tuesday to watch and listen to profession chamber orchestra, [Southern Pro Musica](#). Talking to the children after the concert, it sounded like they had a great time, learning about all of the different instruments, hearing some new and some familiar music and getting a chance to join in too.

'We sang along to the Wigwam song'.

'I really enjoyed the Tubby the Tuba musical story'.



PTA Treasurer **URGENTLY** Needed

Sadly, we are yet to hear from anyone who is willing to take on this important role in supporting our school. The PTA is in need of a new treasurer following the 'retirement' of the current post holder. While some basic bookkeeping skills would be helpful, this is not an onerous job and would suit someone with a bit of time who can maintain the fundraising spreadsheets and contribute to the general workings of the PTA. It is a great way to get involved with the school and influence how the PTA operates for the betterment of our children.

If you feel this could be for you and would like more details, please speak with Pasha - pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk or call in at the school office.



HALF TERM INDOOR CRICKET DAY

Mixture of Soft Ball & Hard Ball Fun Games & Skills
All Abilities Welcome

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

at Chichester Free School
10am - 2pm
Ages 8-13
£30 per person



REGISTER NOW!

witteringcricketcoaching@gmail.com



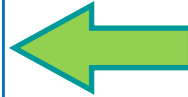
Delivered in partnership with
West Wittering Cricket Club



Indoor Cricket Fun at Half Term

In February half term, Carl Tupper the Club Captain at West Wittering Cricket Club and Sussex Cricket coach, is organising an Indoor Cricket Day at Chichester Free School. You do not need to be a member of West Wittering Cricket Club to attend, this is simply for any children who enjoy playing cricket and want to have some fun.

Full details on the attached flyer.



DRAMA FOR ALL This week, Apple and Maple children had a visit from 'Drama for All' who took them on a deep sea adventure. The children were encouraged to use their imagination and join in the interactive workshop.

Details below of further Drama for All opportunities with 'Perform', including a drama group at St Michael's Church Hall, Summerdale Road, Chichester, which meets on Mondays at 4.15pm.

Confidence Building Fun

Try a **FREE** class

Drama, dance and singing for 4-12s

Perform Chichester

Mondays at 4.15pm - St Michael's Church Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6PN

Perform Petersfield

Mondays at 4pm - St Peter's Hall, 6 St Peter's Road, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 3HZ

Perform Fittleworth

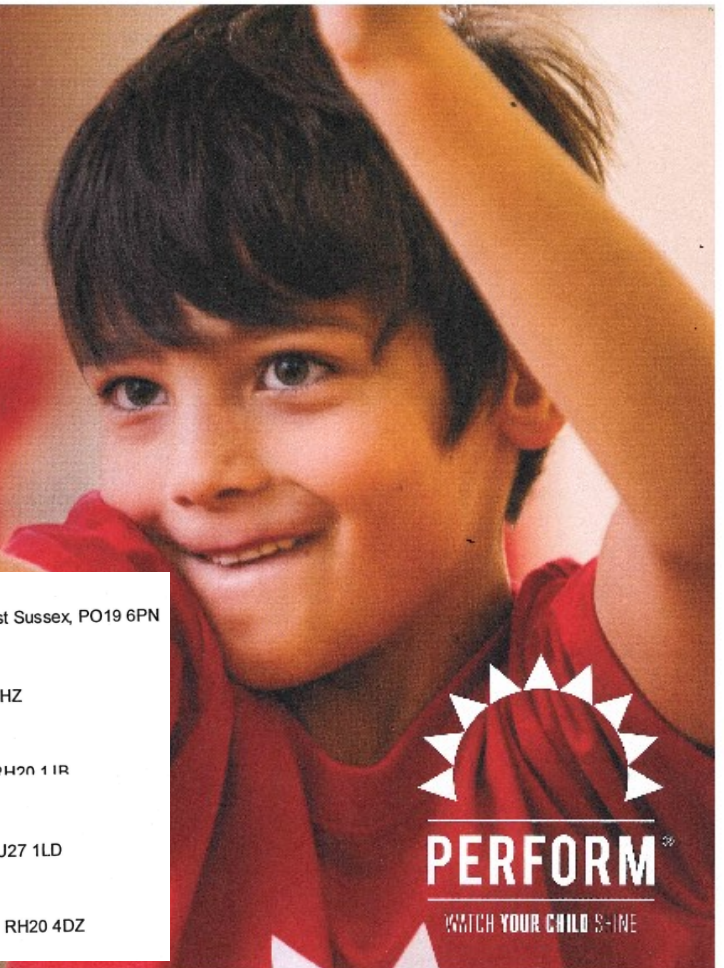
Mondays at 3.45pm - Fittleworth Village Hall, School Lane, Fittleworth, Pulborough, RH20 11R

Perform Haslemere

Tuesdays at 4pm - Haslewey Community Centre, Lion Green, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1LD

Perform Storrington

Tuesdays at 4pm - Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street, Storrington, Pulborough, RH20 4DZ



PERFORM
WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE



Yr R **Olivia B** - for being a super listener and having joy in your learning.

Yr 1 **Margot** - for always doing your best in everything you do.

Yr 2 **Jack** - for your fantastic reading and brilliant contributions to our book club, well done!

Yr 3 **Viva** - for rising to the challenges of year 3, taking everything in your stride.

Yr 4 **Hettie** - for being a brilliant role model to the year 3s at our first Westgate swim.

Yr 5 **Tilly** - for attacking this week with perseverance and a real 'can do' attitude—well done!

Yr 6 **Henry** - for bringing joy with your singing. You sang with enthusiasm, it was a pleasure to watch you on stage.



2024/25 INSET Days

Tuesday 22nd April

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



Spring Term 2025 - Monday 6th January (INSET) - Friday 4th April

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July

Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May

Spring Term 2025


Tuesday 21st January	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 22nd January	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 23rd January	Chestnut Class SSP Sportshall Athletics Event at Bishop Luffa
Thursday 23rd January	7pm, Lavant School Friends Meeting, Lavant School Hall
Monday 27th January	1.30, Chestnut Class, TED Talk at Bishop Luffa (details to follow)
Tuesday 28th January	Beech Class visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Wednesday 29th January	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 29th January	SSP Cross Country event at Bishop Luffa (selected Chestnut)
Thursday 30th January	Maple Class visit to Marwell
Thursday 30th January	SSP Future Flyers at Westgate (selected Yr 5 & 6)
Friday 31st January	Foodbank Friday
Wednesday 5th February	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Tuesday 11th February	Bishop Luffa Worship
Wednesday 12th February	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 12th February	SSP Netball event at Bishop Luffa (details to follow)
Thursday 13th February	3.00, Beech Class Showcase (details to follow)
Tuesday 25th February	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 26th February	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 26th February	SSP Bronze Ambassadors (selected Yr 5, details to follow)
Thursday 27th February	9.00-11.00, GAS Drama Enrichment at Singleton (selected children)
Thursday 27th February	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers at Westgate (selected Chestnut)
Wednesday 5th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Thursday 6th March	Bishop Luffa Worship (in school)
Wednesday 12th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut



Don't forget, we love to share special events and learning highlights wherever possible on Instagram. Follow us [@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary)




Information below from Activ8, detailing their activities for next week.


WEST DEAN WAC CLUB
STEM & exercise week

DAY	ENGINEERING	BRAIN TEASERS	PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	PROBLEM SOLVING
Monday 20th Jan	Build a house with clothes pegs and lolly sticks	Draw this shape without taking your pencil off the paper	Hands and feet coordination activity	Sorting cups
Tuesday 21st Jan	Build a bridge with lolly sticks and elastic	Solve the riddle	Human dice	Make a balance for weights
Wednesday 22nd Jan	Build a tower lolly sticks and play dough	Solve the riddle	Shape game	Sort the shapes
Thursday 23rd Jan	Use Lego and build high raised apartments	How to make a paper bird fly	Balancing exercise	Parachute making for Lego
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