



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 4 24.09.24 Our overall attendance rate is up again to **97.5%** this week. Well done everyone!

Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

Car Parking

West Dean Estate have very kindly allocated a parking area that staff can use, **temporarily**. This means that there may be additional space in the school car park for a while, which will hopefully, ease congestion at the beginning and end of the day.



Foodbank Friday 27th September

This morning we held our first Foodbank Friday of the Autumn term. Thank you to everyone for supporting Chichester District Foodbank, they rely on the support of the local community for food donations. Here is the link to their website for further information

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org>



After School Hours Play

We have noticed that some families are staying after school hours, using our field and trim trail for playing. While we encourage this as a social time for grown ups and children, please could we stress that after 3pm, unless children are in after school clubs or Care Bears, this is not the responsibility of school adults. For safety and compliance, children should be supervised by their own adults during this time and be separate from school clubs and care bears where a school adult is responsible for the children and knows who is in their care.



We are delighted to be holding our School Harvest Festival Service in St Andrew's Church, West Dean, next **Friday 4th October at 8.45am**. We ask parents and carers to bring children **directly to the church** for the service **by 8.35am**, ready for an 8.45 start, rather than coming to school first.

Staff will be on hand to welcome the children between 8.25 and 8.35 and we ask that you access Church Lane from the A285, operating a **one-way system**, dropping off at the Church and exiting through the village. Parents, carers and relatives are welcome to join us for the service, which will last for approximately half an hour. If you intend to do so, please drop your child off first, as described above, before finding parking elsewhere in the village.

The red arrows show the one-way route and direction of travel that we ask you to follow for drop-off at St Andrew's church for the Harvest Festival



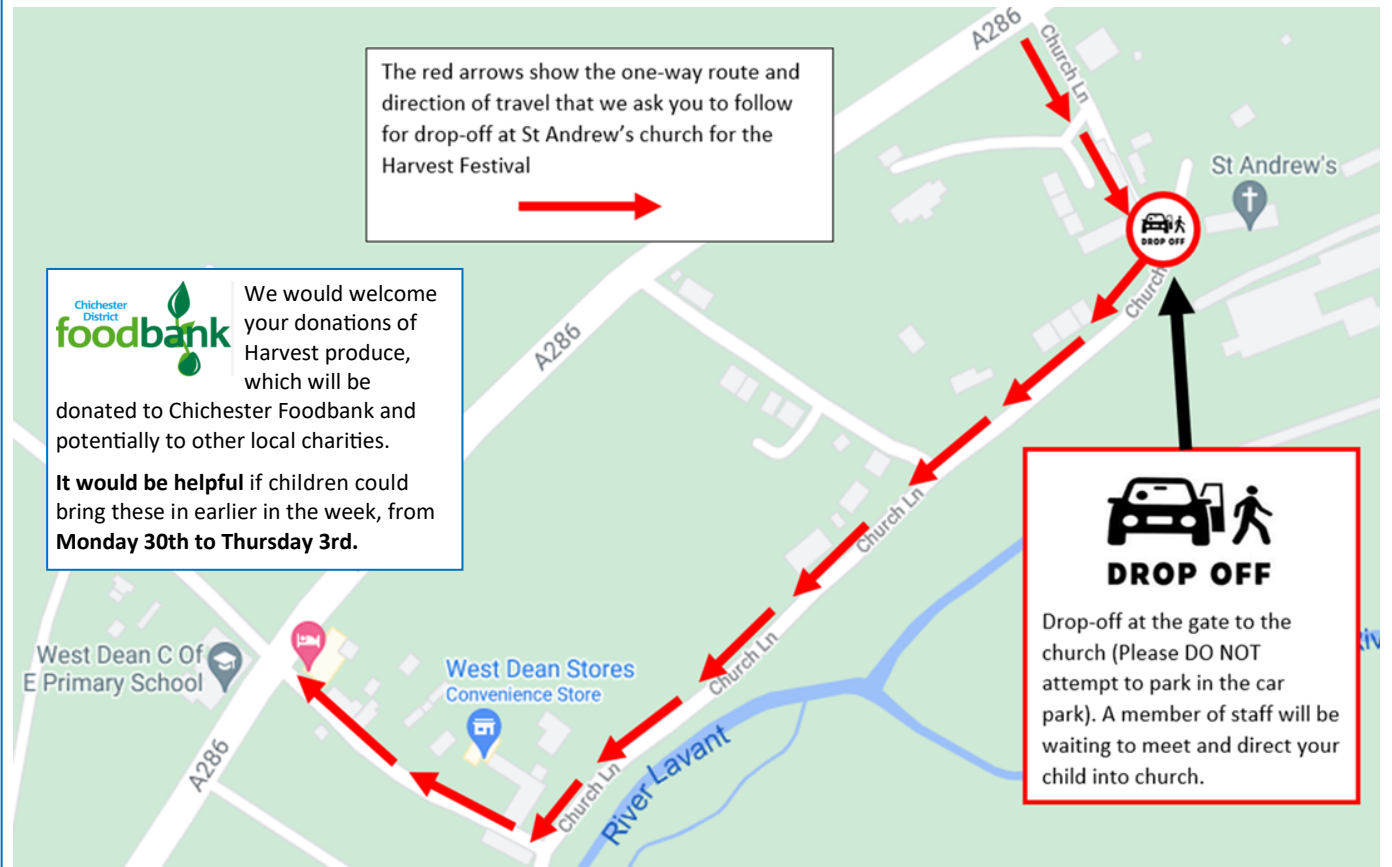
We would welcome your donations of Harvest produce, which will be donated to Chichester Foodbank and potentially to other local charities.

It would be helpful if children could bring these in earlier in the week, from **Monday 30th to Thursday 3rd**.



DROP OFF

Drop-off at the gate to the church (Please DO NOT attempt to park in the car park). A member of staff will be waiting to meet and direct your child into church.





2024/25 INSET Days



Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The final INSET day is still TBC, pending training availability.

Autumn Term 2024 - Monday 2nd September (INSET) - Friday 20th December 2024

Half Term - Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024

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

Tuesday 1st October	10.00, Jon Wilburn & Steve Potter—Atlantic Rowing Assembly
Thursday 3rd October	10.00, Bishop Luffa Worship
Friday 4th October	8.45 Harvest Festival in West Dean Church
Wednesday 9th October	Bookfest Author Visit for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 17th October	Chestnut Class visit to London (Details to follow)
Wednesday 23rd October	3.15, PTA Movie Night
Friday 25th October	10.00, NHS Yr6 National Child Measurement Programme
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 secondary applications
Tuesday 5th November	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Tuesday 12th November	7.15-8.30, Valley Voices
Wednesday 13th November	8.30, Yellow School Photographs—individuals
Friday 15th November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Tuesday 19th November	Flu Vaccination Programme
Thursday 21st November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 29th November	Food Bank Friday
Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship



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





- Yr R** *Harrison* - for coming into Apple Class with such enthusiasm and positivity! Well done!
- Yr 1** *Eva* - for the respect you show to everyone with your kind and caring attitude!
- Yr 2** *Jack* - for your determination in maths this week. You did some super investigating and we loved watching your confidence grow!
- Yr 3** *Matilda* - for the kindness you show to others both in the classroom and out at play.
- Yr 4** *Hettie* - for being a wonderful friend at playtime and always being ready to learn in Beech Class.
- Yr 5** *Reuben* - for being such a kind, polite boy with amazing manners; you have been noticed by adults all around the school as well as in Chestnut Class.
- Yr 6** *Ollie* - for being a super referee, fair, strong and demonstrating good sportsmanship—good job Ollie!



Drama, Dance and Singing Workshop

Calling all 4-8 year olds!



Chichester Library
Tuesday 29 October
10.00–10.30am or 10.45–11.15am

Each 25 minute workshop is led by an experienced, DBS actor/drama teacher appearing in the role as the Little Green Alien. Using drama, dance and singing, they'll take the children on a fascinating, improvisational exploration through outer space.

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity