



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



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Christmas Carol Concert at St Andrews Church.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Carol Service at West Dean Church. The children were absolutely amazing with their readings and their carol singing. Thank you also to Rev Sarah and for stepping in while Mr Williams had no voice!

Father Christmas visit to West Dean College.

We were very lucky to be invited to West Dean College where Father Christmas arrived in a helicopter! He then transferred to a decorated Rolls Royce to arrive at the front of the college to meet the children. We went into the Great Hall to sing carols by the fire and receive gifts. Thank you to West Dean College staff for their organization of this event and for the festive refreshments.



Health Concerns

You will no doubt be aware from the widespread media coverage of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS).

You will also most likely have seen news of the tragedy caused by this in a very small number of schools recently.

Please read the information about scarlet fever that we emailed out yesterday from West Sussex County Council and contact us if you did not receive this.

Whilst news such as this is desperately sad, please be reassured that there is no current cause for concern here at West Dean.

As with any form of illness, please contact a GP or other health professional if you are concerned about the symptoms that your child is presenting. Much as we sympathise, we are not qualified to make a judgement about a child's condition.

Your child should continue to attend school unless:

- They are simply too ill to do so, or
- A GP or other health professional has indicated that they should be kept at home.

In school we have a very thorough cleaning regime and regularly remind the children of all of the things they can do to help reduce the risks of spreading germs, particularly during the winter months when there seems to be more bugs going around.

Do read the information and advice sent from West Sussex County Council. We will communicate any update or change to guidance for schools, should we receive it. Thank you.

Don't forget to support the West Dean PTA with Amazon Smile when doing your Christmas Shopping this weekend!



Go online to amazon smile and set your chosen charity to 'West Dean Parent Teacher Association'. When you shop via the amazon smile home page, for every purchase you make, amazon will donate 0.5% to the West Dean PTA. There is no cost to you. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1098048-0>

Sports Partnership Small School Football

Some of our Year 5 & 6 children took part in the Sports Partnership Small Schools football event in Bognor this week. As always, they did us proud, well done team!



PTA Events:

We have had a really special time in school this week.

Our PTA have organised our Reindeer Ramble, Fayre and bake sale, they helped to set up and serve our Chartwells Christmas Lunch and, a first for us, arranged our Christmas Disco event. The children have had so much fun, thank you to our marvellous PTA and our whole school community for their support. Special thanks to The Milk Hut for donating milk for the ramble.

Remember to follow [@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary) on Instagram



Diary Dates 2022/23



2022/23 INSET Days

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

One final INSET day on a Monday/Friday in June or July — date TBC in early 2023



Autumn Term 2022 - Monday 5th September—Friday 16th December

Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October

Spring Term 2023 - Tuesday 3rd January—Thursday 30th March

Half Term—Monday 13th—Friday 17th February

Easter Holiday—Monday 3rd April— Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy start to the New Year.

From the West Dean team to our whole school community, we would like to thank you for all your help and continued support.



Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January	Return to School for Spring Term
Wednesday 11th January	Westgate Swim Programme begins for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 11th January	SSP Bronze Ambassador Programme for selected Year 5/6
Wednesday 18th January	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 18th January	SSP Netball event for selected Year 5/6
Thursday 19th January	Chestnut Class Young Voices event at O2 London
Wednesday 25th January	Westgate Swim Programme for Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 25th January	SSP Cross Country event for Year 5/6 at Bishop Luffa
Thursday 26th January	Maple Class visit to Marwell (details to follow)



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Acorn Awards

Monday 12th December



Year R – Alice, for always thinking of others and being so kind and caring

Year 1 – Etta, for being an amazing reader and speaker in our Apple Class Assembly.

Year 2 – Lucas, for your beautiful '3Kings' dancing. You used your body effectively to show how the kings would have travelled to baby Jesus.

Year 3 – Khloe, for getting more done! It is great to see you really applying yourself and ensuring we see just how much amazing work you can produce! Keep up the good work.

Year 4 – Matilda, for such hard work at learning your times tables. It is so lovely to see you recall the facts quickly and accurately.

Year 5 – Ewan, for a well thought out floor plan in our area and perimeter challenge

Year 6 – Bonnie, for super writing in response to 'Beyond the Lines'. A thoughtful and emotive piece of work.

Friday 16th December

Year R – Ivy S, for your hard work with your numbers and sounds.

Year 1 – Keanu, for your brilliant reading. You have grown in confidence and found your 'story voice'. Well done!

Year 2 – Mia, for designing and creating a beautiful Christmas card, You thought carefully about how you wanted it to look.

Year 3 – Max and Owen, for fantastic collaboration in our steady hand game project in DT. You worked well together as well as showing super design skills and a good understanding of circuits and conductors.

Year 4 – Poppy R, for being such a super role model and friend. You have a positive, mature approach to your learning as well as always being there to support others. Well done!

Year 5 – Leo, for your confident use of mathematical processes. You demonstrate fluency and accuracy. Well done!

Year 6 – Amelia, for your super learning behaviours. You listen carefully, always have a go and always make sure that you challenge yourself. Well done!

