



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 2 12.09.25 Our overall attendance so far this year is **97.6%** Keep it up everyone!

Don't forget, Rev Sarah's 'Rector's Rambling' available by [CLICKING HERE](#) Always an interesting and inspiring read.

Beech Class Sponsored Sing-a-long To raise money for a new 'carpet' for the children to sit on in their classroom, Beech Class are holding a sponsored Sing-a-Long next Thursday 18th September.



Mrs Anstee will be leading the children and they will be singing for 180 minutes throughout the day and finishing on the playground at the end of the day.

If you would like to sponsor them and make a donation you can do this on Arbor, it will appear as a shop item for £5, you can 'purchase' more than one if you wish. There will also be collection buckets on the playground at the end of the day for cash.

The cost of the new carpet is £350 and we are really hoping to be able to cover the cost of this with our lovely voices and super singing.

Car Park Safety

It is that time of year again when a polite reminder is required about the use of our school car park. For those new to the school and those in need of a nudge, our car park is reserved for parents of Apple Class children and those with pre-school siblings during drop off and pick up times at either end of the school day. Other parents are asked to make use of the continued kind offer of parking at The Selsey Arms Pub (and perhaps return the favour by frequenting the pub for a meal or a drink sometime). Where the pub car park is clearly full, please find alternative parking in the village—there are other spaces within a short walking distance. Please watch your speed as you enter the school car park, remaining mindful that young children will be on their way between their car and the playground. Whilst we know that the parking bays are in need of remarking, they are still visible. Please use these bays and park considerably, in a manner that does not restrict the movement of others, particularly if you choose to drive a larger vehicle. Whilst we will never have enough parking for all, we are actually very fortunate to have far more onsite parking than many other local schools. Let's all use it sensibly and politely, for everyone's wellbeing. **Thank you.**



A huge well done to our new Reception children, who have all settled in so quickly, calmly and confidently this week. We know how daunting starting school can feel, so we are super proud of you all for doing so well. As always, we are super proud of our older children too, for showing such genuine West Dean love and care for the little ones, to help them feel at home.



Grounds Morning — The combination of a warm summer holiday period and recent heavy rain has resulted in us returning to a school surrounded by particularly lush greenery this week. Lovely as this is, it isn't all the type of greenery we want and there is suddenly quite a bit of pruning, weeding and general tidying to do to make our grounds fully usable for learning and ready for autumn and winter. Please help us get some of these gardening jobs done by coming along to **Grounds Morning on Saturday 27th September** from 9.30am. These events have a really fun family feel to them.



Egyptian Exploration

A budding team of archaeologists channelled their inner Howard Carter this week to



reach the central chamber of a mysterious never before discovered Ancient Egyptian tomb! Fascinating discoveries and intriguing hieroglyphic code awaited the Beech Class children—a clue to the learning that awaits this term no doubt.



- Yr R** *Jonah* - for amazing balance and co-ordination in gymnastics.
- Yr 1** *Sofia* - for having a super start in your new school. You have been polite and respectful to everyone.
- Yr 2** *Margot* - for your enthusiasm towards all your learning. Keep it up!
- Yr 3** *Theo* - for a terrific start to Year 3 in Beech Class. You have been a wonderful role model, always ready to learn.
- Yr 4** *Holly* - for the confidence and kindness you have shown in Beech Class. What a super start to the year!
- Yr 5** *Alfie* - for a fantastic first week in chestnut; you have been polite, helpful and organised. What a superstar and role model.
- Yr 6** *Amelie* - for a confident, happy start to Year 6, with lots of hard work too! Good job Amelie!



2025/26 INSET Days



Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026



Autumn Term 2025 - Wednesday 3rd September—Friday 19th December

INSET - Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025



Autumn Term 2025

Monday 15th September	'Open Book' Assembly by visitors from Chichester church communities
Wednesday 17th September	8.30, 'Friends' Meeting in the Pavilion
Thursday 18th September	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 25th September	Apple Class bring in baked goods for Harvest Bake Sale
Friday 26th September	8.45-9.45, Harvest Service in WD Church (details to follow)
Friday 26th September	3.00, 'Friends' Harvest Bake Sale
Saturday 27th September	9.30 'Friends' Grounds Morning
Monday 29th September	'Open Book' Assembly
Tuesday 30th September	Hugo Van Driel Assembly in school
Thursday 2nd October	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Wednesday 8th October	Bookfest Author Visit—Beech & Chestnut
Thursday 9th October	No Dance Club
Thursday 9th October	Bookfest Author Visit—Beech & Chestnut
Monday 13th October	Open Book Assembly in school
Thursday 16th October	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Friday 17th October	Foodbank Friday
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term
Friday 24th October	INSET—School Closed



Exciting news coming soon...

Many of you have been asking when the film of our wonderful summer production of The Lion King will be available. We are so grateful for the time and expertise of Dom Archer, who not only filmed on the production day itself, but has been busy editing over the summer break, to produce the final film.

As The Lion King copyright is owned by Disney, it was necessary to buy a special license to film the show, in addition to the license to put on the show itself. The cost of this was kindly covered by a group of supportive donors (Thank you!). The license strictly limits us to distributing no more than 100 copies of the film — but please be assured that every school family will be able to access the film. Details of how to do this will be released soon, we promise!



West Dean CE Primary School Friends

Please come along to the first Friends meeting of the school year, next Wednesday, 17th September, at 08.45 in the Pavilion.

Harvest Bake Sale

Our next Friends event is our **Harvest Bake Sale** on **Friday 26th September at 3pm**. Apple Class and their Friends reps are leading this, look out for their poster coming soon with full details of the event. We look forward to welcoming you.

Wireless Headphones Help!

We are in need of some wireless headphones to support reading and independent learning. If anyone has a set that they no longer use and would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Just the type that are worn outside the ear please (as pictured). Thank you.



Piano Lessons



Spaces available at West Dean Primary

with Donna Morley

To register your child, or to find out more, visit:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-lessons/>

Help with costs is available to some families, including 100% bursaries:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/help-with-costs/>

01403 286330 or 08452 082182

music@westsussexmusic.co.uk



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quality coaching

WEST DEAN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



**MULTI SPORTS | Y2 - Y6
FRIDAYS 3PM - 4PM**

BOOK ONLINE: www.southcoastsports.org.uk OR via iPAL



**Boots on, game on.
Chi City U11 Girls' team wants YOU!**



Are you ready to be part of something exciting? We're looking for enthusiastic girls to join our Under 11s football team for the new season beginning in September 2025.

Is your daughter sporty, heading into Y6 in Sept 25r and inspired by the England' Women's Euro Win?

We are looking to grow our U11 girls team.

Girls are being invited into a open training sessions for a try out in August and September on Tuesdays 6-7pm at Chichester City FC.

The team play in the Hampshire Girls League on Saturdays. We train on Tuesday evenings at Chichester City grounds.

Ready to join our squad? Get in touch now to secure your place for September 2025.

Contact Steve:
07393 283740
Contact Ian:
07384 844429



Census Day

Thursday 2nd October 2025

The number of children who eat a school meal on Census Day helps decide how much funding your school receives from the government.

More school meals = more funding for your school!



Don't miss out on the delicious waffle dessert!

Special diet? We have a gluten free shortbread or your child's usual menu.



DEADLINE

Book by Wednesday 18th September

BOOK NOW

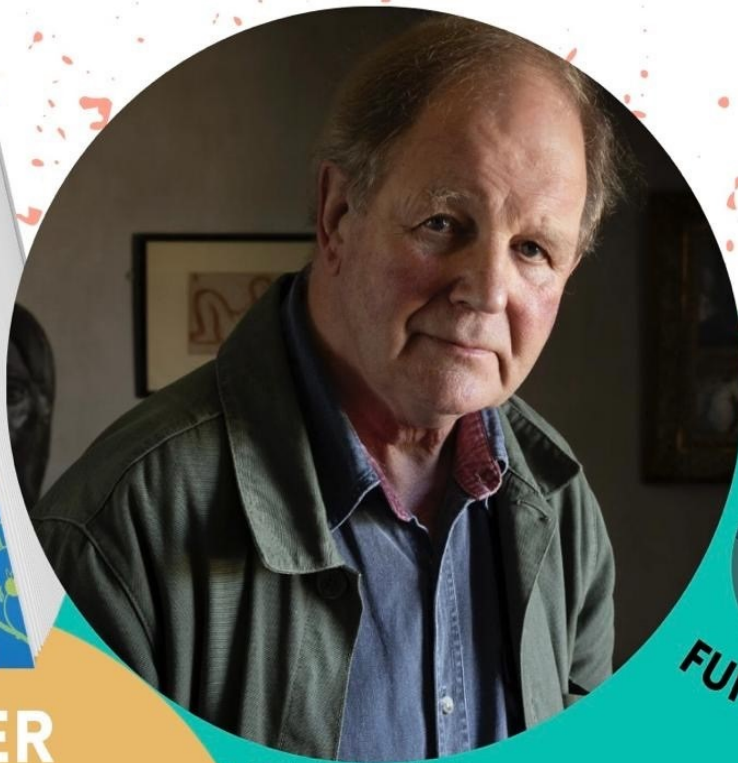
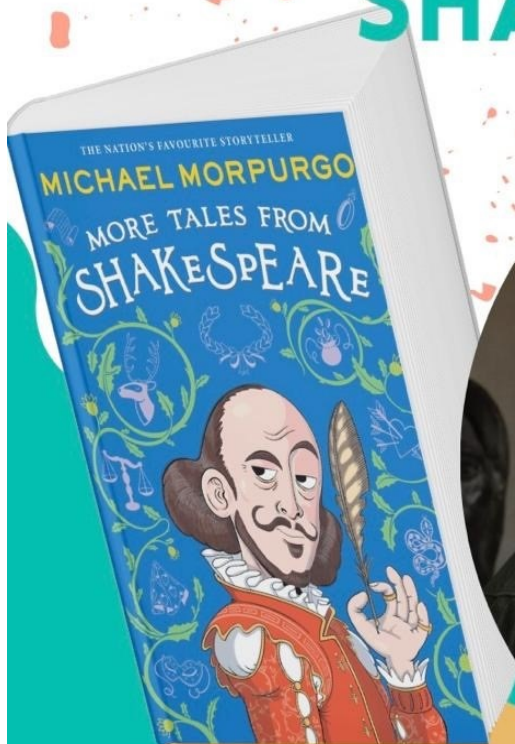


Using your parent pay login

Let's make this meal count and order today!



MORE TALES FROM SHAKESPEARE



FUNDRAISER

CHICHESTER
CATHEDRAL

9TH OCT 2025

DOORS 7PM,
TALK 7.30PM

WITH
**MICHAEL
MORPURGO**

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