



# 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 39 18.07.25 Our overall attendance for the year is holding at **96.4%** Well done everyone!

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



## THANK YOU!



We love our job—no, honestly we do, but every now and then there are occasions that stand out as being overwhelmingly special. Thank you so much for the many ways all of you supported our production of The Lion King Jr. I have run out of superlatives to describe my immense pride as headteacher, at the exceptional performances of the children and at the truly wonderful way our community of staff and families came together to make this most magical of experiences happen. Well done to everyone and heartfelt thanks. It was a wonderful way to round off our school year together. Special thanks to Dom Archer for filming the show. Details of how to obtain a copy will follow, soon (but possibly September) and don't worry, we'll be sure to contact leaving Y6 families!

Please do check the lost property bin for any items of clothing that you may be missing. This bin will be emptied at the end of term.



The final day of the school year is always full of mixed emotion. Another year is over and children and adults alike are more than ready for a

good rest, so in that respect it's a mix of exhaustion and excitement. The day is also a sad time, as we wave farewell to our current Year 6 children, sending them off with our love, prayers and best wishes, for the bright futures they have ahead of them as they embark on their secondary school journey.

Their leaving is officially marked with their Leavers' service on Friday afternoon, with presentations, the traditional 'tearjerker' Year 6 film and the also traditional Year 6 song, which this year was their own personalised version of 'Shotgun' by George Ezra. The afternoon is capped off with a wonderful farewell tea kindly organised by the Year 5 parents before the children are 'rung out' by the rest of the school at 3pm.

We are once again delighted by the results the children have achieved in their recent SATs assessment, but more importantly, we are overjoyed by the exceptional young people they have grown into, in so many ways, during their time with us. They will be sorely missed, but we know that they are all equipped to embrace every opportunity that comes their way in the future, and the memory of our small school with a big heart will remain with them. Good luck Year 6—dream big, you can do anything!

### Well done to...

Kestrel House, who by the narrowest of margins (just 34 points across the whole year) have won the House competition this year with 3376 points.



### School Money:

We would kindly ask that you please make sure school money accounts are cleared by the end of the summer term.

### Swimming:

The swimming pool will be open on **Monday afternoon (21st July)** if you would like to come along for a last swim. There **will be 2 sessions, 1.00-2.30 and 2.30-4.00**, £5 per child per session, booking on [schoolmoeny.co.uk](http://schoolmoeny.co.uk).

Thank you to Abbie for volunteering to be our first aider for the afternoon.





**Bikeability**  
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century

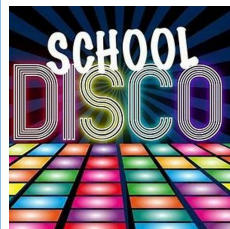


**Well done** to all of the children in Year 6 for working hard and passing their Bikeability cycling proficiency course this week. You are now all officially safe to be on two wheels!



#### West Dean CE Primary School Friends

Since we launched our new West Dean Friends this term, we have raised approximately £1,000 from our plant sale, pre-loved uniform and the Lion King Bar. Thank you to everyone for your support



We hope you all enjoyed the fun at the disco this week, we had some amazing displays of fabulous dancing and air guitar action! Thank you to Maria at Monster Moves for a fantastic evening.

#### Dance Club

Well done to our Dance Club children for an amazing performance in our Lion King production.

Thank you to Ellie Holder for her dedication and hard work in running our Dance Club and leading the children in the Dance House event.



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## HOLIDAY CLUB

### "MORE THAN JUST CHILDCARE"

Every children's activity we run aims to stimulate the children physically, intellectually and socially. The children will have access to our outstanding college, all within a safe and secure private facility. We are OFSTED registered and with more than 11 years' experience, you can leave your children knowing they are in good hands.

23 JULY - 29 AUGUST 2025

#### WHY CHOOSE US

Our popular children's holiday club caters for children aged 8-14 years, offering an abundance of great activities which are guaranteed to keep your children entertained and active over the holidays. We also offer Gymnastics & Trampolining (for children aged 5-16) and specialist camps ranging from Rock Climbing, Tennis, Football and Netball.

We run trips to local attractions throughout the year, including Skiing & Snowboarding, New Forest Aqua Park, Swimming, Paultons Park and many more. You can rest assured that if your children attends our holiday club they will have FUN!



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- Yr R** *Harry* - for being so kind and helpful to all the children and adults in school. A real West Deanie!
- Yr 1** *Raffy* - for your super swimming! Fantastic technique and very determined and confident. Well done.
- Yr 2** *Ivy O* - for your enthusiasm towards all of school life. You have been a joy to teach in Maple this year!
- Yr 3** *Luna* for the enthusiasm you have brought to Beech Class. You always give things your 'all'!
- Yr 4** *Ned* - for your thoughtful contributions to our PSHCE lessons. You always have kind and considerate ideas to share.
- Yr 5** *Max* - you are a true role model and can always be relied on to do the right thing, with respect and kindness.
- Yr 6** *Seb* - for stepping up to all the challenges of Year 6. You have gone from strength to strength in your learning - keep it up!







### **2024/25 INSET Days**

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



### **2025/26 INSET Days**

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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

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

### **Summer Term 2025**

Monday 21st July

School Closed—Inset Day

Tuesday 22nd July

School Closed—Inset Day

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

INSET - Wednesday 3rd September 2025

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

### **Autumn Term 2025**

Thursday 4th September

First Day of Autumn Term for Children Yr 1—Yr 6

Wednesday 10th September

First Day of School for Year R (Tea & Tissues in the pavilion for parents)

Friday 12th September

SCS After School Sports Club starts

Wednesday 17th September

8.30, 'Friends' Meeting in the Pavilion

Thursday 18th September

5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 26th September

8.45-9.45, Harvest Service in WD Church (details to follow)

Friday 26th September

3.00, 'Friends' Harvest Bake Sale

Tuesday 30th September

Hugo Van Driel Assembly in school