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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 18 24.01.25 Our overall attendance is at **96.8%** this week.

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



This Thursday saw the annual SSP Sportshall Athletics Event taking place at Bishop Luffa School. This particular date on the sporting calendar is well-known for being one of the most energetic and loudly supported events, and it sounds like this year did not disappoint.

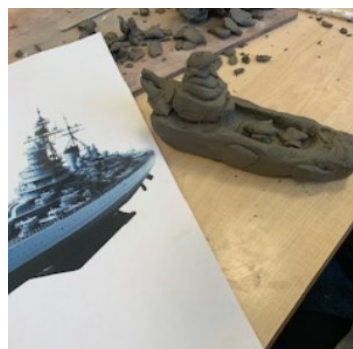
Members of each school team took part in a wide range of track and field events, such as the relay run javelin throw and long jump, all modified for competition indoors. Our mixed Y5/6 children did really well considering they were up against some stiff competition from some school teams entirely comprised of Year 6 children.

Our school staff always come back from these events full of admiration for the determination shown by our children, but on returning from Bishop Luffa this time, Mrs Johnson's and Mrs Goacher's enthusiasm was on another level!

They (and we) are super proud and impressed by the way that each and every child, gave their all, dug deep and completed every challenge with an enormous smile on their faces!

The Great Beech Class Pottery Throw Down!

Well, maybe not pottery as such, but there was some incredible creativity with clay on show in Beech Class yesterday, as each child interpreted the theme of 'What is success' by designing and creating their own clay sculpture. All manner of ideas, including trophies, gymnast, teacher portraits and musical instruments demonstrated that the children are developing a good understanding of how success can look very different for each of us. Well done Beech Class—very impressive sculpture work!



Dates for your diary in the Chichester Area!

Chichester District Council has arranged a series of **FREE laser light shows** choreographed to music during February half-term – starting with a brand new location: **Petworth House** on **Saturday 15 February** with shows at **5.30pm** and **6.45pm**.

Petworth House will also be **opening the beautiful house for free from 10.30am until 3.30pm on 15 February** and will be hosting **activities for the whole family to enjoy from 11am** – so why not make a day of it and explore what Petworth House and the town have to offer before the shows begin!



On **Friday 21 February** and **Saturday 22 February** laser lights return to the **Canal Basin in Chichester** with shows at **6pm** and **7.30pm**!

The Chichester laser show, which is now in its third year, will be more exciting and better than ever – with a new **immersive water screen** with film clips projected onto it!

The two shows each evening are different – so make sure that you stay around to watch both! The **6pm** showing is **Disney themed**, and the **7.30pm** showing will feature on **movie blockbusters**. And there will be lots of **food, drink and entertainment at each location.**

You can access the media release at: <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/39533/First-laser-light-show-coming-to-Petworth-plus-exciting-new-shows-announced-for-Chichester>.

'Oarsome' Achievement!

Jon, Steve and the **Lessons from a Boat** team have almost completed their epic row across the Atlantic to Antigua.

At the time of writing, their latest Instagram post says that they have just 59 NM to row and they are embarking on their final night at sea.

Their current ETA in Antigua is 1-3pm Antigua time tomorrow, which is 5-7pm in the UK. Look out for live coverage on YouTube.

Huge congratulations to the team. What an incredible achievement. We look forward to welcoming them back to school in the near future and hearing all about their 'oarsome' adventure.



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£ PTA Treasurer URGENTLY Needed

Thank you to the one willing volunteer that who has expressed interest in this role—it is much appreciated.

Everyone else, we still want to hear from you if you feel you could help.

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 contact office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk or call in at the school office.

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Saturday 15 February (10.00 - 3.00)

WORKSHOP



Children, families and caregivers are invited to take part in creating a **monumental artwork** that brings the Cathedral's incredible **950 year history** to life.

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY (10:00 - 3:00)
FREE, DONATIONS WELCOME

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15 – 23 FEBRUARY

Join us this February half term to
celebrate houses and homes

Have a go at hands on activities and follow the
house hunting trail around our 40 acres site.



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- Yr R **Harry** - for your super approach to learning and being a brilliant role model.
- Yr 1 **Rory** - for your creativity in DT designing a vehicle. So much enthusiasm. Well done!
- Yr 2 **Seb** - for settling so well into Maple Class and for showing such enthusiasm towards your learning, well done!
- Yr 3 **Luna** - for writing with great imagination and varying your sentence starters this week. Well done!
- Yr 4 **Casper** - for being so determined creating your cricket sculpture. You had a clear vision and executed it brilliantly.
- Yr 5 **Lilly** - for 'digging deep' and pushing yourself out of your comfort zone at Sportshall Athletics yesterday.
- Yr 6 **Ollie** - for consistently applying yourself in maths and for super springy jumping yesterday!



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

Monday 27th January	1.30, Chestnut Class, TED Talk at Bishop Luffa
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
Wednesday 19th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 19th March	Apple Class visit to Goodwood Motor Circuit (details to follow)
Thursday 20th March	Bishop Luffa Worship (in school)
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Wednesday 26th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 26th March	2.15, Apple Class Exhibition



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

