



# 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 10 14.11.25** Our overall attendance has risen again to **97.9%** this week. Well done everyone!

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



## Children in Need—Challenge 25

Firstly, my apologies that we confused everyone with the date of Children in Need this year. Hands up, we got confused ourselves, despite our best efforts to keep you up to date with accurate calendar information. Thank you for working with us at short notice to support your children in fundraising today.

The theme for Children in Need this year is Challenge 25. Be inspired to challenge yourself to do 25 of something, be it baking, hoola hooping, swimming lengths or something else!

Children were invited to wear home clothes today for a donation of £2.50 which you can make on Arbor. The children have been doing a variety of '25' challenges in school, mainly with Sean, our sports coach.

In Acorn worship this morning, we thought carefully about the type of challenge and hardship that some children face in the UK and wider world, and how charities supported by Children in Need work hard to help young people overcome their challenges.

We sang a song that is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child, which reminds us of the need to strive for a world in which each and every child enjoys their right to love and a nurturing, stimulating environment, as well as basic needs such as shelter.

I also talked about Radio 2 DJ, Sara Cox's incredible 135 mile, 5-day marathon challenge, which some of you may have been following this week. I explained to the children that whilst listening to this coverage, I was struck by Sara's stoicism and drive as she battled through awful weather with terribly aching limbs, simply claiming 'My pain is temporary, whereas these children live with pain as part of their daily life, so I will get through this for them'.

Thank you again, for your support of this year's Children in Need appeal. We look forward to hearing all about any challenges in which the children are involved over the weekend.

**Chris Williams**

## Act of Remembrance

Thank you to Mia, Eadie, Ettie and Ivy for attending the morning service and Act of Remembrance at West Dean Church last Sunday. The girls laid our school wreath at the memorial in church and Ivy bravely played her part by reading the Kohima epitaph,

*'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.'*

Back in school, Chestnut Class children created some very emotive poppy artwork, using mixed media of watercolour and bizarrely, coffee filter papers apparently. What a stunning result!







### Booking for Activ8

If you need a space in Activ8 for your child/ren, please make sure that you book in advance.

Booking is open on-line until 12 noon on the day, we cannot guarantee places requested beyond this as staffing needs to be arranged in advance, so that appropriate and safe ratios are in place. Thank you for your understanding.

### Car Parking in The Selsey Arms Car Park and on-site

Once again, we ask for your consideration when using The Selsey Arms Pub for school car parking. We are **only permitted** to use this facility for drop off and pick up **before and after school, 8.30 and 3pm**. It is **not an expectation** that we can use the car park at other times without prior agreement.

On the school site, please use the parking bays in a manner that does not restrict the safe movement of others (including your children). If the spaces are full, please seek alternative off-site parking. Whilst it is lovely to welcome families on the playground, you may 'drop and go' once adult supervision is in place.





## Christmas holiday camps



Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers, coaches & School Games Organisers. Activities include:

**Football, Tag rugby, Golf, Athletics, Striking & Fielding, Arts & Crafts and much more!**

*Please note activities may vary daily*

Bookings open **Monday 10th November** (limited places available)

**Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00**

**School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 24-25)**

Dates **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th December & Monday 5th January**

*(Individual day bookings available)*

**£19.75 or £74 for all 4 days! - Includes a hot meal!**

All children accessing benefits related free school meals can access for free via HAF, check with West Sussex County Council for more information.

**HAF places please book via the WSCC website:**

**www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf**

Booking deadline for all dates above:  
**Friday 12th December**

Please contact us for booking:  
**Tel 01243 870000** **www.arenasportscentre.com**

Email [bookings@arenasportscentre.com](mailto:bookings@arenasportscentre.com)

Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD





## Christmas Lunch

Serving on Wednesday 17th December

**MAINS**  
Roast Turkey  
Or  
Quorn Roast

**SIDES**  
Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,  
Mini Sausage, Gravy,  
Broccoli & Carrots

**DESSERTS**  
Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on [ParentPay.com](https://www.parentpay.com) **no later than Thursday 4th December.**  
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



[www.parentpay.com](https://www.parentpay.com)

**Chartwells**  
<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>

## Early Help Service

### SEND Event

**Chichester Family Hub**  
St James Road, Chichester, PO19 7AB

Join us for lots of winter themed fun including sensory and messy play

**Monday 22nd December**  
**10.00 – 11.30am**  
**1.30 – 3.00pm**

Open to all families with a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) up to age 11, and their siblings

**BOOKING ADVISABLE**  
**PLEASE CALL 01243 642950**  
[Chichesterfamilyhub@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Chichesterfamilyhub@westsussex.gov.uk)








### News from West Dean 'Friends'

You will have received separate notifications with details of our Christmas Market event. Save the Date - Saturday 29th November.

We are happy to accept donations for our Christmas Hampers but we would like all donations to be in by Friday 14th November latest please. This will allow us time to make up the hampers. Thank you to everyone for all the super donations so far.

If anyone has any suitable baskets that we could use to present our hampers that would be really helpful too, thank you.

We already have bookings for our Wreath Making events and would like to ask for some help with foraging. Ideally, this will be over the weekend of 29th and 30th November, all foraged materials can be brought into school on Monday morning, 1st

December, and left on the pavilion decking for our organisers to collect and sort, thank you. We need as much as possible, greenery, moss, cones etc, thank you.

**Pre-loved Uniform:** [westdeanuniform@gmail.com](mailto:westdeanuniform@gmail.com). If you have any specific requirements from our pre-loved uniform, don't wait for the next sale, you can email us to see if we have what you need!

The date of our next 'Friends' meeting is Thursday 20th November, 8.30am—this will be for Year Group Reps only please, information will then be communicated out through their 'Whatsapp' groups.

Our **Christmas Jumper Day** will be on **Wednesday 17th December**. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers in exchange for a £1 donation to school, available on Arbor.

Our **Christmas Disco** will be **Wednesday 17th December, 5.00-7.00pm**. There will be a staggered time, 5.00-6.30 for KS1 and 5.30-7.00pm for KS2. Bookings can be made on Arbor, the cost of £6.25 includes a drink and a snack during the evening.

Thank you to everyone for all that you do to help and support our 'Friends'.

### Gifts Galore!

The children have worked hard and designed a range of bespoke bags and tea towels. These will be available at our Christmas Market but are also available to purchase from school. They are a shop item on Arbor, Tea Towels £5 each and bags £6.50. These will make wonderful gifts for friends and family and also a lovely keepsake of your child's time at West Dean.



Event hosted by Registered Charity West Dean Friends  
to raise funds for West Dean CE Primary School

## CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

*Monday 1st December*

*11am session & 7pm session*

FARBRIDGE, WEST DEAN  
CHICHESTER PO18 0JT

**£45** EACH

Includes Prosecco, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Nibbles

To book please email Merrill: [office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk) or use Arbor and select your session

## 'BRAKE - Road Safety Week' (16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November)

"Safe vehicles (by this, we mean all motorised vehicles) are designed to prevent road crashes and protect people inside and outside the vehicle if a crash does happen".

BRAKE (The Road Safety Charity) is launching Road Safety Week from 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November. The theme this year is 'Safe Vehicles Save Lives' and will focus on the role of vehicle safety technology, such as automated driver assistance systems and seat belts, in reducing road deaths and injuries. The campaign highlights the importance of mandatory safety technology for all new vehicles and how to ensure vehicles are roadworthy. Here is more of an insight into the key aspects of the "Safe Vehicles Save Lives" theme: -

### **Vehicle Safety Technology:**

The campaign will raise awareness of how modern safety features (such as 'Automated Driver Assistance' systems) save lives by helping drivers maintain speed, brake in emergencies, and protect occupants.

### **Roadworthiness:**

There is an emphasis on raising awareness about the importance of ensuring vehicles are maintained to the highest standards, and always in a roadworthy condition before every journey. 'FLOWER' is a simple, yet effective reminder when checking your car: -

**F = FUEL** – do you have enough for your journey?

**L = LIGHTS** – check headlights, brake lights, indicators are in working order

**O = OIL** – check oil levels when engine is cold

**W = WATER** – check lubricants, coolants, washer fluid

**E = ELECTRICS** – ensure battery is present and secure

**R = RUBBER** – check tyre pressure, uneven wear, side wall damage, tread

### **Preventing Crashes & Reducing Harm by:**

Educating the public on how vehicles themselves can be designed to prevent crashes and minimize injuries when collisions do occur.

Automated driver assistance systems keep vehicles in the right lane and below speed limits, detect hazards and brake in an emergency.

Protect people inside and outside the vehicle - Seatbelts, airbags and 'forgiving' vehicle parts protect people inside and outside the vehicle in a crash. Vehicles must pass stringent crash tests.

Manage driver safety - Vehicle technology detects unsafe driving behaviour (e.g. due to tiredness) and informs authorities.

### **Support for Victims:**

The campaign will also share the stories of road crash victims, demonstrating the devastating impact of collisions and how safe vehicles can help prevent them.

In 2024, there were 19 fatalities and 504 serious injuries in West Sussex, resulting from a Road Traffic Crash (RTC). By sharing this campaign with our residents, it helps to support our Road Safety Strategy and aspiration to make a difference. For further information: - <https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>

County Road Safety Team,  
West Sussex County Council



- Yr R** *Winnie* - for your brilliant art printing using everyday objects, well done.
- Yr 1** *Harry H* - for your endless enthusiasm in your learning. You are always ready to learn!
- Yr 2** *Eva* - for always been conscientious and working hard on everything you do. Your Boxton diary plan was brilliant, well done!
- Yr 3** *Ivy O* - for being a fantastic role model. You make the most of all your learning and always put in 100% to everything you do.
- Yr 4** *Ettie* - for wonderful vocabulary choices in our Egyptian Cinderella story. You show such confidence in your writing!
- Yr 5** *Indigo* - for your stunning poppy artwork. You used the inspiration carefully and then created your own masterpiece.
- Yr 6** *Khloe* - for your all round amazing attitude. Your supportive and caring attention to others as well as your beautiful presentation of your work—well done!





### 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**

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

Monday 17th November	Maple Class visit by West Sussex Fire Service
Thursday 20th November	8.30, 'Friends' Meeting, Year Group Reps only please
Thursday 20th November	Bishop Luffa Worship in School
Thursday 20th November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 24th November	Flu Vaccinations in School
Monday 24th November	Open Book Assembly in school
Wednesday 26th November	Beech Class Egyptian Day and Exhibition (2.00-3.00pm)
Saturday 29th November	10.30-7.00, West Dean Christmas Market Event <a href="https://www.westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events/christmas-market">https://www.westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events/christmas-market</a>
Saturday 29th November	'Friends' Foraging Weekend for Wreath Making Events
Sunday 30th November	Collections to school on Monday morning please
Monday 1st December	11.00am & 7.00pm 'Friends' Wreath Making at Farbridge
Tuesday 2nd December	Music Assembly, children invited to play (contact Janstee@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk or office@)
Thursday 4th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch—cut-off for ordering
Friday 5th December	8.45, Christingle Service in School
Monday 8th December	Chestnut 3 Peaks sponsored challenge (details to follow)
Tuesday 9th December	Hugo Van Driel Assembly in School
Wednesday 10th December	9.15 & 1.30, KS1 Nativity (details to follow shortly)
Monday 15th December	9.30, CYE Assembly in school
Tuesday 16th December	Visit to West Dean College
Tuesday 16th December	6.00-7.00pm, Carol Service in Church
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation on Arbor
Wednesday 17th December	12.00, Chartwell's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17th December	5-7, Friends Christmas Disco ( book on Arbor)
Wednesday 17th December	6pm, Rev Sarah Carol Singing, meet Singleton Village Green.
Thursday 18th December	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Friday 19th December	Final Day of Autumn Term

