



# 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 34 13.06.25** Our overall attendance for the year is at **96.4%** this week.

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

## Hooray, we are finally using our swimming pool!

With a sudden spell of warmer weather, our pool is finally up to temperature and in use. Year 4 were the first swimmers of 2025 at the Big Camp evening, followed by every child in the school throughout the day today. Summer is definitely here now!



**Year 4 Big Camp** was a great success yesterday and today. We're all feeling a little tired though due to the midnight road resurfacing that kept us awake (of course there was nothing else noisy!). Consequently, we provide a more full report next week when we've



Chichester District  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

**Foodbank Friday—20.06.25**

Please support our Foodbank Friday next week, if you are able to make a donation. <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/> for further information

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## Sports Afternoon



We all enjoyed a fantastic sports afternoon in glorious sunshine on Wednesday and it was a rare treat to run a successful event on the first attempt, with the weather on our side. Our aim is always to strike the right balance of making this event really inclusive and involving everyone, whilst also providing a chance to shine to children with particular sporting talent. It was great to see the children embracing this ethos, celebrating each other's achievement and cheering everyone on regardless of their finishing position. Well done to Hawk, the winning house in this year's event, triumphing with a narrow margin of just two points.



We are working hard on preparations for what promises to be a magical school summer production on the evening of **Monday 14th July at 6.00pm. Please read the important letter**

also attached to the newsletter email this week, as it contains lots of key information about the show.

## Community Speedwatch Group for West Dean and YOUR SCHOOL

As you will be aware speeding through our beautiful village, particularly outside the school, is an ongoing issue. We have been running a Speedwatch Group for some time now and have recorded some very alarming speeds, one being 58 mph at 8.30 am just as your children are crossing the road to go to school. We wish to make an application to WSCC for a traffic calming scheme outside your school, but we need YOUR HELP as the more opportunity we have to collect data in support the better chance of success we will have. If you can join the group, which will initially involve a 30-minute online training session, then please contact me direct via email, [helencourt71@yahoo.com](mailto:helencourt71@yahoo.com).

I do hope you are able to join the group as the more volunteers I can recruit the quicker we can make a difference.

I look forward to hearing from you. **Helen Court**

## Bookfest

We're excited to share two fantastic family events on Sunday 22nd June, organised by **Children's BookFest (CBF)**, a local charity dedicated to inspiring a love of reading.

**CBF** brings authors, poets and illustrators into local schools, providing an inclusive experience designed to spark children's imagination. Every year during Children's BookFest, children from across the district – including our pupils – meet and hear from a professional author and receive a signed, dedicated book to keep. For some, it may be the first book they've ever owned.

The events in June form a vital part of the charity's fundraising and we'd love to see as many of our pupils there as possible!

### Supertato Silliness with Paul Linnet at 10:30am on Sunday 22 June

A riotous morning of stories, songs and laughs with the co-creator of *Supertato*.

Ages 4+ | £7 per ticket | [More Info & Tickets »](#)

### Maz Evans' World of Adventures at 2:00pm on Sunday 22 June

An energetic, interactive adventure through myths, history and imagination with bestselling author Maz Evans.

Ages 8+ | £7 per ticket | [More Info & Tickets »](#)

**2PM**

**10.30 AM**

**MAZ EVANS**

**PAUL LINNET**

**CHICHESTER  
FREE  
SCHOOL**

**22ND  
JUNE**

**WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/CHILDRENS-BOOK-FEST-CHICHESTER**

In partnership with  
**westsussexwest**  
School Sport Partnership



**ARENA**  
SPORTS CENTRE

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# Summer holiday camps

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

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

*Please note activities may vary daily*

Bookings open **Monday 26th May** (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 21st July - Thursday 24th July  
& Monday 4th August - Thursday 7th August**

(individual day bookings available)

**£19.75 or £74 for all 4 days! - Includes Lunch!**

All Free school meal pupils can access this provision 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](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf)**

Booking deadline week 1: Wednesday 16th July

Booking deadline week 2: Wednesday 30th July



Please contact us for booking:

**Tel 01243 870000 [www.arenasportscentre.com](http://www.arenasportscentre.com)**

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



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## 2024/25 INSET Days

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



**Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July**  
**Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May**

### Summer Term 2025

Monday 16th June	Chichester Library Reading Challenge (Assembly)
Tuesday 17th June	Apple and Maple Drama for All, Jungle Rumble (in school)
Wednesday 18th June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants Visits Reception 2025
Friday 20th June	Foodbank Friday
Friday 20th June	NHS Healthy Child Programme—Year R (in school)
Monday 23rd June	1.00, Year 6 Leavers' Service—Chichester Cathedral. (details to follow)
Monday 24th June	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Wednesday 25th June	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Visits Reception 2025
Thursday 26th June	GAS Sports at Boxgrove (tbc—details to follow)
Tuesday 1st July	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Wednesday 2nd July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Visits Reception 2025
Thursday 3rd July	5.30, Governing Body Meeting
Monday 14th July	West Dean School presents 'The Lion King' (Evening) — Save the Date
Tuesday 15th –17th July	Year 6 Bikeability (details to follow)
Friday 18th July	1.00pm End of Term & Leaver's' Assembly
Friday 18th July	Last day of summer term.
Monday 21st July	School Closed—Inset Day
Tuesday 22nd July	School Closed—Inset Day



Don't forget, we love to share special events and learning highlights wherever possible on Instagram. Follow us **@westdeanceprimary**

