



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 31 16.05.25 Our overall attendance is at **96.3%** this week.

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

Apple Class visit to Arundel Castle The Apple Class children had a fantastic time exploring Arundel Castle and grounds in glorious sunshine on Wednesday. As part of their class learning journey this term, they found out about all of the different parts of the castle and returned with tales of spiral staircases, suits of armour and big smiles on their faces! Thank you for an amazing trip Apple Team.



Chestnut Class Softball with Chichester Falcons

It was great to welcome Chichester Falcons into school again yesterday for a fantastic softball session with Chestnut Class. They were impressed by the children's skill and teamwork and are now looking to set up a friendly match with another school soon.



GAZEBO We would like some help to erect our Gazebo so that the children can enjoy the lovely weather and eat their lunch outside. The tables have all been pressure washed and we are ready to go. If you are available on **Monday morning after half term, 2nd June**, to help with the Gazebo we will be putting it up straight after drop off, 8.30am, please do come along and join in. We would also like some help to make our swimming pool grounds look lovely ready for the pool to open after half term. If you have a little time to spare at drop off or pick up next week to do some weeding or tidying in the changing rooms, it would be very much appreciated.

It's nearly swimming pool time!

We plan to open the swimming pool for curriculum and after school use after the half term break and require some support in supervising some of these sessions. Please click on the link below to access a letter and form with more details:

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Good luck to our Swim Team at the Cormorants Gala this Saturday. Go West Dean!



A huge well done to our Year 6 children who completed their Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs) week yesterday with calmness, confidence and a thoroughly positive attitude. We are super proud of you all. I would almost go as far to say they were disappointed today—but I think that was because there was no SATs breakfast! :-)

Well done to Buzzard, this week's top scoring house.





No nuts or nut products please!

There have been some lunches spotted which contained nut based products, including Nutella, this week. Please remember that we are a nut-free school and we must adhere to this to ensure that all children, especially those with allergies, remain safe.



Goodwoof tickets can be bought online at www.goodwood.com/goodwoof/tickets-and-packages/ and collected on the day.



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15-17 AUGUST 2025





Calling all parents, your PTA needs you!

After a successful AGM meeting last half term, during which some positive ideas for future PTA work was suggested, we now need to meet to put a plan of action together for the second half of the summer term and beyond. There will be a meeting with Mr Williams in the school hall at **7pm on Tuesday 10th June**. Please attend if you are able; it would be good to have as many as parents, family members and friends as possible.

Further details of PTA roles required and a proposal for a potential new structure will be sent out to families next week.

Summer Term Parent Meetings As indicated when we sent parents their child's written school report to just before Easter, there will be an opportunity for a follow-up meeting with class teachers this term. We have had to plan this in slightly later in the term than initially indicated, in the week straight after half term break on **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June**. Further details of how to book your appointment will be sent out next week, but please save the date.

MAY HALF TERM at Haslemere Museum



Museum Explorers Pond Dipping

Tue 27 May
10.30am-12pm

For ages 5-11 -
Discover the amazing
unseen creatures living in
the Museum's pond and
look at them under a
microscope.



Family activity The Herds

27, 28 & 29 May
See website for times

Help us create a life size
baby hippo puppet to
raise awareness about
climate change. Also have
a go at making your own
finger puppet.



Family event Mill Cottage Farm

Thu 29 May
11am-3pm

A selection of friendly
farm animals to feed,
groom and stroke in the
museum's beautiful
garden, along with art
activities inside.

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK AT
haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson



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ORCHESTRAS INC.
SEND MUSIC GROUP
SATURDAYS



JOIN US

Orchestras Inc. is our incredible SEND music group, open to children and young people with additional needs in Key Stage 2 and above (up to 25 years). No previous experience required. The aim of this group is to have fun exploring music together through a range of instruments, and it's **free** to attend.

FIND OUT MORE AT
www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/orchestras-inc

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Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers aged 14+ to help us run
the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries:



- Help families sign up online to take part.
- Listen to children talk about books they have read.
- Hand out rewards and encourage children to keep reading.

If you're interested, we'd love to hear from you!

Find out more and apply online at

arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src



THE
READING
AGENCY

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk>

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025

9:30-11AM & 2-3:30PM

Join us for the opportunity to meet our Committee, explore the setting and speak to our enthusiastic and dedicated team. We look forward to welcoming you.



PLAY LEARN GROW

WEST DEAN
PRE-SCHOOL

spaces available - working family & universal funding accepted



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- Yr R *Harry* - for being a fantastic role model on our trip. You were polite and asked brilliant questions. Well done!
- Yr 1 *India* - for the joy you have with your learning. Keep it up!
- Yr 2 *Seb* - for always showing brilliant independence. Your positive approach to learning is a joy to see.
- Yr 3 *Todd* - for the kindness you have shown to your friends and the adults working in Beech Class.
- Yr 4 *Hettie* - for your super confidence in maths this week. You are absolutely flying!
- Yr 5 *Rufus* - For the mature and positive way you have approached our learning over the last few weeks.
- Yr 6 *Jake* - for consistently being a Year 6 role model; kind, hardworking, reliable and helpful. What a superstar!



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

Saturday 17th May	Chichester Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (selected)
Monday 19th May	1.00—3.00, Poolside First Aid Refresher Training (selected)
Tuesday 20th May	Maple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Thursday 22nd May	2.30-3.30, Maple Class 'Come Dine with Me'
	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2nd June	8.30, Gazebo up—please help if you can!
Monday 2nd June	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Tuesday 3rd June	3.00-5.00, Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 4th June	3.00-6.00, Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 9th June	9.00, Yellow School Photos, Classes & Year 6 Leavers.
Wednesday 11th June	1.00, Sports Afternoon
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
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 July	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Tuesday 15th –17th July	Year 6 Bikeability (details to follow)
Friday 18th July	Last day of summer term.
Monday 21st July	School Closed—Inset Day
Tuesday 22nd July	School Closed—Inset Day

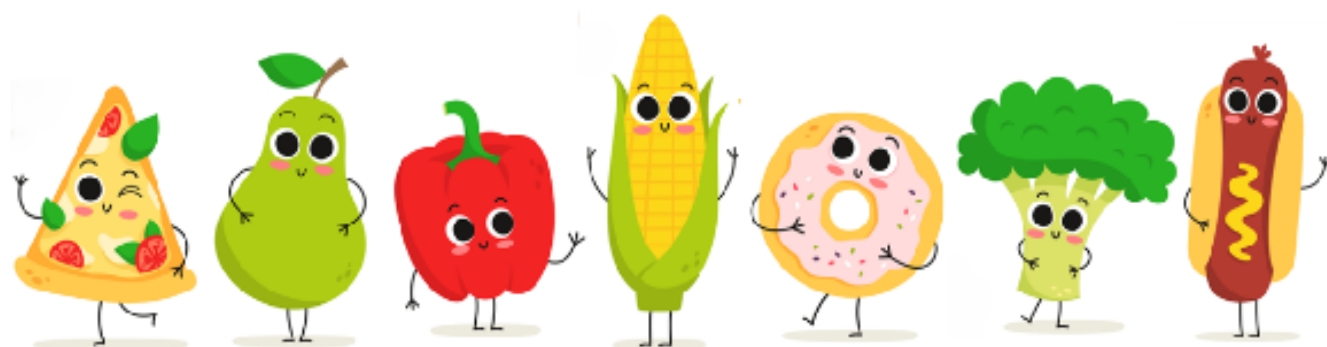


Don't forget, we love to share special events and learning highlights wherever possible on Instagram. Follow us [@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary)



Food, Glorious Food!

Join us for some scrumptious stories to tantalise your tastebuds, plus some soup-er craft activities!



Thursday 29 May
10.00-11.00am

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.



South Transept, Chichester
Cathedral

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