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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 8 25.10.24 Our overall attendance rate is back to **97.2%** this week. Brilliant job everyone!

Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>



Well done everybody for a fabulous half term of learning. We cannot believe that 8 weeks has flown by since we returned from the summer break. Thank you, as ever, for the support of our school families. You have been a tremendous help in all manner of ways this half term. **Have a happy, healthy and safe break** and we'll see you for more fun in November.

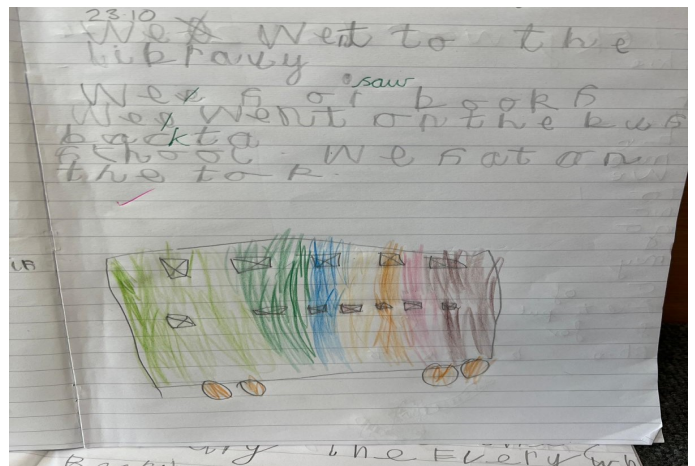
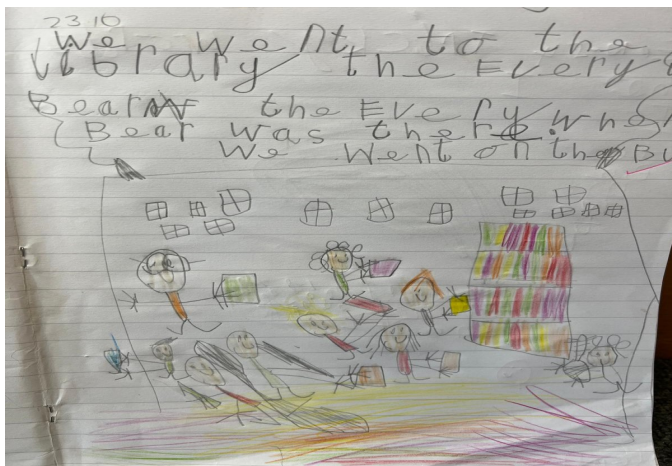
Apple Class visit to Chichester Library

Apple Class visited Chichester Library this week where they explored lots of books, They learnt all about how the library works if they want to borrow some books and they had a story time. The excitement continued with a bus journey back to school. Their 'Anywhere Bear' enjoyed the trip out of school with the children too.

Darcey said, "The everywhere Bear was there reading a book."

Barnaby said, "I found a really good book."

Beatrix said, "We chose lots of books."





We're on a mission this Christmas!

Please join us in supporting @ChiDistrictFoodbank **Christmas Kids Lunch Packs** initiative. We're collecting donations to ensure no child in the Chichester District community goes hungry during the Christmas holidays.

We're looking for: A Tin of Soup or a Packet of Biscuits

They need 1000 of each item, so a lot to collect. Any amount you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your kind donations at our Donation Station between Friday 18th October and Friday 22nd November and make a difference. The collection of the donation bin will coincide with our usual Foodbank Friday on Friday 22nd November when we will collect all donations.

Together, we can fill every lunch pack with love and nutrition!

If you need more inspiration, check out the Foodbank's most wanted list:

Maple Class visit to Selsey Lifeboat Station

On Tuesday Maples visited RNLI Selsey. We had a fantastic day led by volunteers Colin and Sue where we learnt about the 5 different all weather lifeboats and got to see a Shannon lifeboat. We found out that the Shannon lifeboat can stop within 3 seconds when out at sea and that it if gets knocked over it can right itself! Maples also got to dress up as a lifeguard and wear a lifeguard helmet, it was lots of fun! Huge thanks to RNLI Selsey for giving us such an interesting and entertaining morning.



West Dean PTA Presents
LUXURY CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP
AT THE BEAUTIFUL FARBRIDGE

Wednesday 4th December
7pm-9pm

★

£35 on School Money
 Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Book now to secure your spot before we offer the event to the wider community!




School Uniform

Please could we ask that your child comes to school with a coat for outside play at lunch and break. Could you also ensure that they are wearing appropriate school uniform and have their clean PE kit in school with them every day. Thank you for helping us to enable all children have access to outdoor play and PE and sport in school.



Well done to our Lunch Time Star Table

The children were rewarded for their impeccable manners and good behaviour throughout this half term during lunch times.

They were the 'Star Table' and enjoyed some gold encrusted butterfly buns.



Don't forget...

Our local constituency MP, Jess Brown Fuller is keen to receive entries to her Christmas card design competition. The winning design will probably be sent to all manner of people in government and in the public eye.

The closing date is the last day of the half term break, so why not spend a bit of time next week creating your festive competition entry.



Jess Brown-Fuller MP's Christmas Card competition

I have a lot of Christmas Cards to send this year and I need your help. I would love your creative designs for my official Christmas Card.

The competition is open to all children in Year 3 to Year 6. Please send me your designs by email or post by Sunday 3 November.

Email: jess.brownfuller.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Jess Brown Fuller MP
 House of Commons
 London SW1A 0AA



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WEST DEAN BONFIRE NIGHT

1st November 6pm - 8pm

Fireworks display at 7:15pm

Free entry to all West Dean staff,
students and local tenants

Drinks & food available to purchase

Please register (free) if you wish to attend by clicking on [this link](#)

Where: Entry from gardens car park, please lift share where possible







Enquiries: meetings@westdean.ac.uk

* Please bring a torch for travel between the car park and event

Autumn 2 Clubs

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2024

Autumn 2
Second half of Autumn term X5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group	Description
Monday	Mr Williams 	16	Computer Animation	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	Do you like making models and using iPad technology? Are you a future film director or Pixar animator? Come along to animation club and have fun learning how to create a short animated film
Tuesday	Miss Scott 	10	Christmas Craft	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	Get in the festive spirit by making your own Christmas decorations.
Wednesday	Mrs Pearmaine 	10	Lego	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3	Come along and explore all things Lego, with a different theme each week. Children will have the opportunity to design and build Lego structures.
Thursday	Mrs E Holder 	16	Dance	£25.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6	A structured dance club for children to explore music and movement in a variety of dance styles.
Friday	South Coast Sports 	20	Multi-sports	Details on website	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	This club needs to be booked and paid directly with SCS Details: https://southcoastsports.org.uk/find-book-sessions
	Mrs Anstee 	16	Christmas Choir	£25.00	Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Come along and let's sing ourselves into the weekend. We shall be learning to sing Christmas tunes and carols, getting ourselves into the festive mood!

We are delighted to be able to offer a varied programme of after school clubs for our children again this half term. We are also pleased to be able to offer this provision with no increase to the cost. The cost of our clubs will remain at £5 per child, per session. All of our clubs run between 3.00 – 4.00.

Dates: W/C 4th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd, 9th December. (No school clubs W/C 11th November – Parent Evening Meetings but SCS will run as normal)

In addition to our after school club programme our **Care Bear** provision is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this term, 3.00-4.00pm, £5 per child per session. Our **Breakfast Bears** Club is also available, Monday to Friday, 8.00 – 8.30, £4 per child (including breakfast) Please make sure that you book at least 24hrs in advance.

For all clubs, breakfast and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk. Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If there are insufficient numbers to make the club viable, we reserve the right to cancel this provision and make a full refund of any monies paid. Clubs will go 'live' on schoolmoney.co.uk on Friday 25th October at approximately 3.30pm.

2024/25 INSET Days



Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The final INSET day is still TBC, pending training availability.



Autumn Term 2024 - Monday 2nd September (INSET) - Friday 20th December 2024

Half Term - Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024

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

Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 secondary applications
Tuesday 5th November	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 7th November	1.00-3.30, SSP Girls Football (selected Year 5&6—Chichester University)
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly in school
Tuesday 12th November	Parent Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 12th November	7.15-8.30, Valley Voices
Wednesday 13th November	8.30, Yellow School Photographs—individuals and siblings
Wednesday 13th November	Parent Evening (details to follow)
Friday 15th November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Friday 15th November	Year 6 NHS Measurement Programme
Tuesday 19th November	Flu Vaccination Programme
Thursday 21st November	1.00—3.30, SSP Football (selected Yr 3&4, details to follow)
Thursday 21st November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 22nd November	Food Bank Friday and collection of Christmas Kids Lunch Pack donations
Thursday 28th November	GAS Maths Investigation Morning (x3 Chestnut children)
Tuesday 3rd December	1.00-3.30, SSP Small Schools Football (details to follow)
Wednesday 4th December	PTA Wreath Making Evening (see attached poster for details)
Friday 6th December	Christingle Service in School
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Event (details tbc)
Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 12th December	1.00, CYE Assembly
Tuesday 17th December	Whole School visit to West Dean College
Tuesday 17th December	6.00pm, Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, West Dean
Wednesday 18th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	5.00—7.00, PTA Christmas Disco (staggered start, details to follow)



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





- Yr R** *Beatrix* - for such an amazing, positive approach to everything. Keep it up!
- Yr 1** *Bodhi* - for your perseverance with your reading. You are working hard and it shows. Well done.
- Yr 2** *Alice* - for your consistent positive attitude, resilience and hard work. You returned to school with a huge smile and we are thrilled to have you back.
- Yr 3** *Etta* - for the kindness and respect you show to everyone. Your positivity and enthusiasm make you an excellent role model.
- Yr 4** *Miles* - for your determination in your work. This hard work is paying off, especially in maths! Well done!
- Yr 5** *Martha* - for always bringing joy and enthusiasm to everything you do.
- Yr 6** *Matilda* - for the enthusiasm and love you showed in the art gallery last week. Your passion for horses shone through!





- Yr R** *Harry* - for being a brilliant role model on our trip to the Library. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Raffy* - for being such a kind, polite boy with superb manners and attitude to learning!
- Yr 2** *Barney* - for the determination you showed in gymnastics. You demonstrated brilliant strength on the apparatus sequencing your movements.
- Yr 3** *Viva* - for bringing joy and enthusiasm to everything you do.
- Yr 4** *Conran* - for stepping up to the new challenge of Year 4. You have taken ownership of being ready to learn.
- Yr 5** *Lilly* - for working hard at those things you find challenging like handwriting and guided reading questions. A really good week, well done!
- Yr 6** *Bea* - for 'laughing a lot' at yourself encouraging others and generally bringing an air of positivity into school.



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FESTIVE MOMENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A collection of handpicked stallholders that will be showcasing the best in arts, craft and food at West Dean College.

Dates 28th Nov | 4-8pm
Tickets FREE



SANTA'S GROTTTO

Come and meet Santa this Christmas at West Dean's Christmas Grotto! Complete with arts & crafts, face painting & Christmas treats.

Dates 30th Nov - 1st Dec, 8th Dec
Tickets £8 children, garden entry adults



CHRISTMAS BANQUETING

Visit West Dean at Christmas & enjoy a festive banquet. Feast like a king in the West Dean staterooms.

Menus From £30pp includes a glass of fizz on arrival, mince pie with tea & coffee.



Book online today westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events



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**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

28th November 2024 | 4-8pm

Join us at the West Dean Christmas Market, where a collection of handpicked stallholders will be showcasing the best in Arts, craft and food.

Enjoy an array of festive delights as you shop for the perfect Christmas gifts.

The market will take place in the college offering a unique shopping experience set within our grand state rooms.

Take advantage of the house opening and book your free event tickets now to avoid disappointment to an event that will be sure to be full of festive cheer!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS HERE
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Entrance: West Deans Gardens