



# 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 11 22.11.24 Our overall attendance rate rose to 97% this week. Very well done everyone!**

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



There was great excitement when it began snowing yesterday morning. The children all had an opportunity to play outside and enjoy some very rare fun in the snow. In Forest School, the children added special colours to the snow covered tree trunks and designed some beautiful snowy artwork!



### Head lice

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Unfortunately we have had a case of head lice in school this

week. We advise checking your child's hair regularly and being vigilant to this. Further advice on treatment of head lice can be found by [following this link to the NHS website.](#)

**This week we** welcomed Mr Nick Matthews, headteacher of West Wittering, to collective worship, to share his experience of visiting St Paul's School, Bo, Sierra Leone. Together with the church in West Wittering, Mr Matthews and the school have been involved in a long term project to build and support the school in Bo. The children were really interested to hear about school life for the children in Bo and all that Mr Matthews learnt from his experience.



### Election week in school this week.



The children cast their votes to elect the new members of our Pupil Parliament (MPPs) today. Candidates have delivered their campaign speeches and eagerly await the results, which will be announced early next week. Exit polls suggest a very tight result!

# Christmas Lunch

Join our festive lunch by ordering on ParentPay for  
**Monday 9th-Thursday 19th December**

**MAINS**  
 Roast Turkey in Gravy,  
 or  
 Quorn Roast in Gravy

**SIDES**  
 Roast Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn  
 Mini Sausage & Stuffing

**DESSERT**  
 Festive Cupcake



Order on ParentPay, ask your school which day they have booked.

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



***We're on a mission this Christmas!***

Look what we've done, thank you!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in supporting @ChiDistrictFoodbank

**Christmas Kids Lunch Packs** initiative.

We've collected an amazing amount of donations to ensure no child in the Chichester District community goes hungry during the Christmas holidays.



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

*Wednesday 4th December*  
*7pm-9pm*

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£35 on School Money  
 Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

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

**Closing date for Wreath Workshop bookings — Wednesday 27th November - book your place now!**

**CHRISTMAS**  
**EVENING OF SONG**

Wednesday  
**6th** Dec

**5pm - 6pm**

**West Dean school grounds**

**£3 per Adult**      **£1.50 per Child**  
 under 1 year free

Includes a drink and mince pie for adults, and a cookie for the children  
 Available on school money now

**EVERYBODY WELCOME**

An evening of song from the whole school and the wider community. Grandparents, siblings and all extended family and friends are welcome to join us for a fantastic evening of Christmas carols and festive cheer. Please wrap up warm, and feel free to dress in festive jumpers and hats.



- Yr R **Marley** - for your quiet determination in your approach to learning. Well done!
- Yr 1 **Dora** - for your endless enthusiasm towards your learning. Keep it up!
- Yr 2 **Ava** - for your brilliant attitude towards your writing. Your contributions to our diary writing have been superb. Well done!
- Yr 3 **Elsie** - for showing a determined attitude and a willingness to share your ideas with your class.
- Yr 4 **Indigo** - for the joy you bring through your creative writing. You have carefully chosen some amazing vocabulary to upgrade your writing this week.
- Yr 5 **Ivy** - for some really 'deep thinking' about improper fractions, you persevered until that light bulb moment happened. Well done!
- Yr 6 **Jake** - for your continued amazing readiness to learn. You are a superb role model!



## 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**

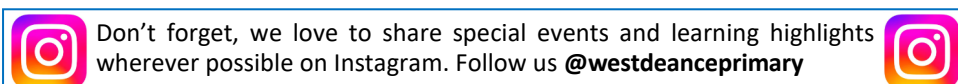
**Spring Term 2025 - Monday 6th January (INSET) - Friday 4th April**

**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 28th November	GAS Maths Investigation Morning at N Mundham (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	Whole School Christmas STEM Challenge (in school)
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)
Monday 6th January	INSET—School Closed
Tuesday 7th January	Start of the Spring Term



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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](https://westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events)



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**CHRISTMAS  
MARKET**

**28<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**[westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events](https://westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events)**

Entrance: West Deans Gardens