



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 12 29.11.24 Our overall attendance rate rose to 97.1% 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>

SSP Small Schools Y3 & 4 Football Tournament — Eight of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the SSP Small Schools Football Tournament at the University of Chichester yesterday. This is a great event which gives the children the chance to compete against similar sized schools from across our local area, many like us with mixed year group classes.

The team came up against some stiff competition and had to summon up all of their perseverance and teamwork.

Well done West Dean footballers—great job.

Next week it will be the turn of the Y5/6 team.



Welcome back Mrs Moss!

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Moss into school today to reconnect with her West Dean School family, whilst she is in the UK visiting her own family. All of our Year 4—6 children looked slightly puzzled to see not one, but two West Dean headteachers in our Acorn Assembly this morning.

We were quick to put Mrs Moss' skills to use, as she taught an impromptu French lesson in Chestnut Class!

Really great to see you Mrs Moss, thank you for visiting



Yellow Photographs

Closing date for ordering Yellow Photographs is **3rd December**, on-line orders only.

<http://www.smileyellow.com/>

PTA Wreath Making Event:

We would love people to forage what they can and drop this to the school on Monday where we will collect it up.

We are looking for foliage such as Conifer, Yew, evergreen fir etc, anything you can find to donate towards our wreath making.

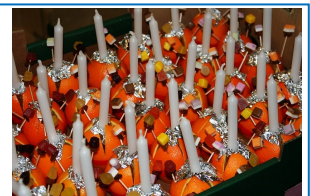
Donations can be brought to the pavilion and placed on the decking ready for collection.

Thank you for your help.



Christingle Making in School—Thursday 5th December at 1.00pm.

We would love some offers to help the children with making their Christingles, please do let us know if you are available to come in on Thursday afternoon next week. The children will be making their Christingles in their classes this year, rather than in the hall, so some additional adult support would be much appreciated.



Closing Date for ordering Chartwells, Thursday 5th December via Parentpay.

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/>



CHRISTMAS

EVENING OF SONG

Friday
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.

Christmas Raffle

£1 a ticket!

Draw **5.45pm Friday**
6th December

Tickets available
Wednesday and
Friday after school,
from West Dean village stores,
& on school money.

Fantastic Prizes Include:

- Goodwood spa tickets. Goodwood Revival tickets.
- Goodwood racecourse tickets.
- West Dean gardens family entry.
- £30 Fox Goes Free voucher. Sky Park Farm membership.
- Four walls wine, Makers Barn voucher,
- Bespoke illustration from Hark, cookery class, reflexology session, Milk Hut bottles & many many more!

West Dean PTA raising funds for West Dean Primary School

Dear Parents, carers and school community

Your children have been very busy practising their Christmas music. Please come and join us for our festive evening of song on **Friday 6th December, 5.00-6.00pm** at West Dean CE Primary School. Our PTA will be providing tea, coffee and mince pies / cookies, which in order to cater for the correct numbers, should be pre-booked and paid for on Schoolmoney (available now). Adult refreshments are £3.00 and any children are £1.50.

Please note: We hope that all West Dean pupils will come to join in the singing and their refreshments will be free of charge, so you do not need to pre-book these.

We would like children to arrive, wearing Christmas jumpers if possible, from 4.45pm ready for a prompt 5pm start. Children should arrive on the playground and be with their adults until they are called to their group for singing. Parents and carers are responsible for their own children outside of the singing times.

Parking: Please do not park in the pub car park unless you are visiting the pub and/or eating and utilising their very generous offer of 'Kids eat for £1 when buying a main course'. See information on this offer, below.

Christmas Raffle:

One book of raffle tickets has come home in your child's book bag this week. Please return your ticket stubs, with payment, to the school office or payment can be made on schoolmoney.co.uk. Please return any unwanted tickets to the school office. Additional books of tickets can be purchased on school money and these will be sent home to you. Tickets will also be on sale on the playground after school on Wednesday and Friday both this week and next. Tickets are also available to purchase at West Dean Stores.

We have some amazing raffle prizes (as detailed above). We look forward to seeing you for this lovely PTA Christmas evening.



KIDS EAT FOR £1

1 Kids main course just £1 when purchasing any adult main course.

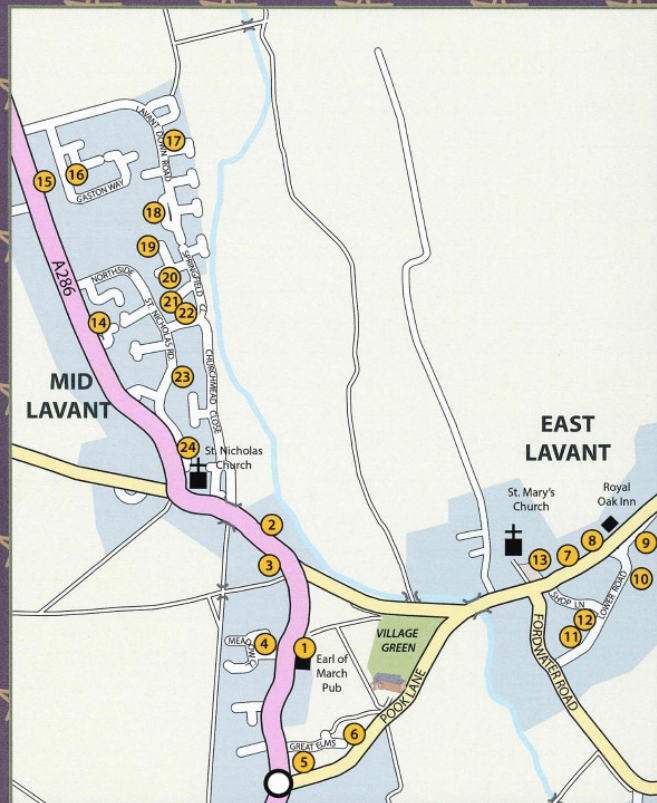
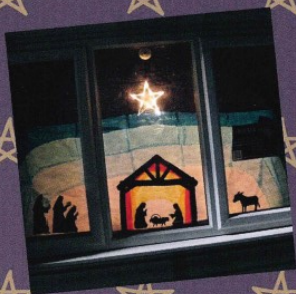
OFFER VALID MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM THE 2nd TO THE 23rd OF DECEMBER

The Selsey Arms have very kindly put together an offer of 'Kids Eat for £1' and have asked us to share this with you. Also, on the **19th December**, which is our Disco evening, there is a special offer for West Dean parents and carers of 1 half price mulled or hot chocolate.

Please do support The Selsey Arms in our community, particularly on the evenings of **6th December** when it is our Christmas Song Evening and **19th December**, our Christmas Disco, when the children will be at school in the evening.

Offer valid Monday to Friday, from the 2nd to the 23rd December 2024.

The Lavant Advent Window Trail 2024



Name:

Telephone:

Again, the village will be building another trail of Advent Windows throughout the month of December, to brighten up our wintry days!

Each day a different house will light up a new window for you to discover, as you walk around the streets and paths of the village. (Note: they are all obvious windows on the roadside) Each one will have both the day number and a seasonal theme for you to find e.g bells.

Over the page is a pull-out sheet for you to use to record the windows which you find. The 24 windows will remain in place until 29th December so you have lots of time to find them all. You can then return your form to one of these doors for a chance to win a box of biscuits for your family or friends:

Jenny Quest at 34 Lavant Down Road, or Sara Pickford, Harpers, Lower Road, East Lavant.

The trail begins at The Earl of March on Sunday December 1st. Families are welcome between 4 and 5pm where festive food will be available. The grand opening/lighting up time will be at 5pm.

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry, especially at Christmas, so we are hoping to raise money for the local Foodbank. Each house with an Advent window will have a collection box for donations. Thank you!

Map included to help you on your way!

Enjoy!

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Complete this form and return by 29th December to have a chance of winning.



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- Yr R Barnaby** - for being so positive and resilient! You are a superstar!
- Yr 1 Rory** - for your enthusiastic and joyful approach to learning! Well done!
- Yr 2 Ivy S** - for the creativity you showed during our etching art lesson. You were focussed and produced a brilliant phoenix. Well done!
- Yr 3 Barney** - for being an enthusiastic thinker who is always making links in his learning.
- Yr 4 Lucas** - for showing a real maturity this week and giving 100% in your learning. Keep it up!
- Yr 5 Hetty J** - for showing maturity in your work, ensuring you're organised and having a brilliant Chestnut Class attitude.
- Yr 6 Blaise** - for consistently showing our school values and having a fantastic work ethic—we've even spotted you singing!!



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

Tuesday 3rd December	1.00-3.30, SSP Small Schools Football (selected Yr 5 & 6)
Wednesday 4th December	PTA Wreath Making Evening (see attached poster for details)
Thursday 5th December	1.00, Christingle making in school.
Friday 6th December	Christingle Service in School
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Event (details attached)
Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 12th December	Whole School Christmas STEM Challenge (in school)
Thursday 12th December	1.00, CYE Assembly
Thursday 12th December	4.00, Dance Club Performance (for Dance Club only)
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



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



WEST  DEAN

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