



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 3 20.09.24 Our overall attendance rate is up again to 97.2% this week. Well done everyone!

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



Reception Parents, don't forget that priority use of our car park is given to families of our youngest children. We've seen a few of you braving the busy road crossing from the pub car park—please do come and use our car park with your little ones.

Foodbank Friday 27th September

We will be holding our first Foodbank Friday of the Autumn term next Friday, 27th September. Chichester District Foodbank rely on the support of the local community for food donations and our Foodbank Donation Station will be open in the pavilion at drop-off on Friday morning. Here is the link to their website for further information and for their list of urgently needed items: <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



Children's Church

**Sunday 22nd Sept 11am
at St Andrew's West Dean**

Join us for songs, activities, and fun. Coffee, squash and cake available before the service

Our little owl has flown back to school to settle on its 'forever perch' in the entrance hall, following the farewell event of the 'Big Hoot' art trail last weekend. All 60 large and small owls were displayed together at Arundel Cathedral Centre and looked stunning!



The fundraising Justgiving page for this project is now closed—thank you so much to all who donated. If you missed this and would still like to donate towards the invaluable work of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice, please contact the school office.



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



PTA Fall Fiesta—Friday 27th September, 3.00-5.00 pm

Save the Date

Sadly, largely due to the weather not being kind for us, our planned 'Summer Sizzler' event had to be cancelled.

This has now been reinvented as our 'Fall Fiesta'.

Further details will follow very soon but please do put the date in your diaries to come along and join in the fun.

We are also looking for some willing volunteers to join our band of helpers, so if you have any time to spare or can help on the day please do let us know.

office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk and we can put you in touch.

We very much look forward to seeing you all there and spread the word among grannies, grandpas and friends.

Please could we ask that you do not park in The Selsey Arms car park during this event, as this is during their busy trading hours.

Cakes and Bakes for Fall Fiesta

Our refreshment stall is relying on your delicious cakes and bakes to sell. Please do support us by bringing in your cakes to school on Friday morning, 27th September. Anything delicious that will go nicely with a cup of tea will be very much appreciated. If you are unable to join us but would still like to support us you can make a donation to our Fall Fiesta on schoolmoney.



After School Clubs and Wraparound Care

Booking is now live for our after school clubs, Care Bears and Breakfast Bears.

Spaces are available and can be booked on schoolmoney.co.uk, at least 24 hours in advance please.

Bookings for SCS sports club can be made following the link:

<https://southcoastsports.org.uk/product/wdmultisportsy2-6/>



2024/25 INSET Days



Monday 2nd September 2024

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 24th September	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 26th September	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 27th September	Food Bank Friday
Friday 27th September	3.00-5.00, 'Fall Fiesta' (in place of Summer Sizzler)
Thursday 3rd October	10.00, Bishop Luffa Worship
Wednesday 9th October	Bookfest Author Visit for Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 17th October	Chestnut Class visit to London (Details to follow)
Wednesday 23rd October	3.15, PTA Movie Night
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Year 6 secondary applications
Tuesday 5th November	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Wednesday 13th November	8.30, Yellow School Photographs—individuals
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 19th November	Flu Vaccination Programme
Thursday 21st November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 29th November	Food Bank Friday
Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship



- Yr R** *Olivia B* - for a brilliant start in Apple Class. You are kind and polite to everyone. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Hugo O* - for your amazing approach to your writing! You are focused and take real pride and joy in your work!
- Yr 2** *Willow* - for the brilliant curiosity and teamwork you showed during our science experiment. You were keen to share your ideas, well done!
- Yr 3** *Sophia* - for making some super choices this week. We love having you in Beech Class.
- Yr 4** *Florence* - for the kindness you show to everyone. You are a friend to us all.
- Yr 5** *Henrietta A* - for being an adaptable team player who is able to compromise and carry on with a smile!!
- Yr 6** *Finley* - you have shown quiet determination with your approach to learning and continue to be a super role model to us all.

