



# 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 33 07.06.24** Our whole school attendance rate has risen to **95.6%** this week. **Nearly at 96% Well done!**

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

**D-Day Commemoration & Flag** - No doubt many of you will have seen the very poignant scenes from Normandy this week, of events commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. There was a very special element to our commemorations in school too. Symbolising the journey taken by allied forces on D-Day, Chestnut Class took the commemorative flag purchased by West Dean Parish Council on their trip to France and visited the British Normandy Memorial at Ver sur Mer. This incredible place was the venue for the main remembrance event yesterday, attended by King Charles and surviving veterans of D-Day. During this period of commemoration, there is also a very powerful installation called 'Standing with Giants' at the memorial, with 1475 soldier silhouettes representing the British lives lost on 6th June 1944.

The flag returned to West Dean with Chestnut Class and was raised on the new flagpole, during a special D-Day period of reflection yesterday.



### Chestnut Class France Residential

The children in Chestnut Class enjoyed an absolutely brilliant four days in France, on their residential trip just before half term.

With a range of history learning, adventurous and cultural activities, the children really embraced every opportunity and rose to every challenge. We are so proud of them and all adults on the trip agreed that the children were a pleasure to take away. Particularly impressive was how successfully they spoke French at the market, and purchased a delicious lunch! Well done and thank you Chestnut Class and thank you adults who supported the trip and gave your time so generously.



**Swimming Pool** — The swimming pool is now open. Weather permitting, children will be swimming everyday, please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school, named. Booking can be made for after school swim sessions on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk), places are **limited to 12 per session** each day, **£3.50 per child**. **Parents/carers must remain** with their children during afterschool swim sessions.



**West Dean children are achieving great things at Chichester Rugby Club!**

**Best Attitude of the Year—Humphrey Forbes**

**Best Player of the Year—Keanu Stamp**



### SSP Quad Kids Event—Bishop Luffa

Well done to our brilliant team of Year 5 & 6 children who took part in the Quad Kids Athletics event at Bishop Luffa School on Wednesday. They supported each other brilliantly throughout each of the 4 events: the Vortex throw, the long jump, the 75m sprint and the 600m run. There were some fantastic individual performances including several 2nd place results and a great sense of team spirit.







# Sports Sizzler

**Friday 14th June**

**The children's sports event will be during the afternoon and the Sizzler will start at the end of the school day.**

- ◆ **Parisian Olympic Bake-Off — £2 per entry on School Money from 24-05-24 (please remember your entry will be sold to raise funds after the judging)**
- ◆ **Bottle & Teddy Tombola**
- ◆ **Stalls & Games**
- ◆ **BBQ & Bar**
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**Please come along, join the fun and support West Dean PTA fundraising**





The formal consultation on whether West Dean CE Primary School should convert to an academy and join the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership ended on the **6th June**. Sixteen responses were received; 13 people were in complete agreement with the proposal to convert, two were unsure and one person said no to the proposal. Stakeholders were given the opportunity to submit questions to the school governors and / or attend one of two consultation meetings with Mr Williams, our school governors and senior leadership members from the Bishop Luffa Partnership. On the basis of the information received through consultation, the school is proceeding with the process of conversion and has now submitted its formal application for an academy order to the Department for Education. We will keep you fully informed of the next stages of the process as and when they happen. Thank you for your support of this important process.

### Chestnut Tree House Owl Project

Our owlet has been collected and we cannot wait to see it on the art trail, which will run in the Chichester and Arundel area throughout July and August (more details to follow soon).

**Don't forget, the purpose of the project is to raise funds to support the incredibly valuable work of Chestnut Tree House children's Hospice. You can make a donation on our JustGiving page at:**

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/westdean-1710949606324?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fwestdean-1710949606324&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/westdean-1710949606324?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwestdean-1710949606324&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)



**West Dean PTA are running several fundraisers in the next few months to raise vital funds for West Dean Primary School and we need your help!**

**We are looking for any donations of Wine, Beer, Spirits or Bottles please.**

All donations need to be brand new, sealed and in date.  
Thank you for your support!


Please leave all donations before 1pm June 13th at West Dean School Reception



### SOS—Save our Sunflowers - Plea for egg shells :

Please could you save any egg shells that you may have and bring them in, washed, for our school gardens.

We're trying to keep the slugs at bay and crushed egg shells seem to be a good, environmentally friendly way of doing this.

**AA COACHING**


# West Dean Primary sport & activities club

Football, Hockey, Bowling, Jail Break  
Dodgeball, Tag Games, Archery, Lego,  
Bubble Making, Basketball, Hot Wheels,  
Mini Golf and so much more...

**£20 per day**

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, CONTACT BEN JOHNSON  
[BEN@AAACOACHING.CO.UK](mailto:BEN@AAACOACHING.CO.UK)

Inset day sessions  
9am - 4pm  
Monday 22 July and  
Tuesday 23 July 2024






**@ the BARN on  
SUN 30TH JUNE**

10 AM to 4PM  
**#thepigletcco**  
[thepiglettcompany.co.uk](http://thepiglettcompany.co.uk)

Rectory Farm Barn  
Bosham, West Sussex  
PO18 8QB

WEST DEAN PTA



INDIAN  
SUPPER  
CLUB

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE, 7PM

A GLASS OF WINE ON ARRIVAL | 3 COURSE MEAL  
£25 PP AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL MONEY



**CARDAMUM COOK**  
TRADITIONAL INDIAN CUISINE







West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 7th June 2024



- Yr R** *Bodhi* - for reading with enthusiasm. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Alice* - for your amazing positive attitude to all your learning! Well done!
- Yr 2** *Todd* - for being so engaged during our 'sing along with Shostakovich' music. You sang and danced in time with the song brilliantly. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Teddy* - for some AMAZING independent writing with real care taken to make your handwriting neat.
- Yr 4** *Ivy* - for settling into life in Beech Class so brilliantly. We are thrilled to have you with us at West Dean!
- Yr 5** *Seb* - for amazing writing this week and for being a superb lunchtime helper to Miss Scott.
- Yr 6** *Felix* - for your research about ancient Greece, you were really focussed, worked hard and found some interesting information.



# Diary Dates 2024



## 2023/24 INSET Days

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024



### Summer Term 2024 - Monday 15th April - Friday 19th July 2024

Monday 10th June	Yellow School Photographs, Classes and Year 6 Leavers
Friday 14th June	Sports Afternoon followed by PTA Olympic themed event Opening Ceremony 12.30, event 1.00—3.00.
Wednesday 19th June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants Day 1 Stay & Play
Saturday 22nd June	7.00, PTA Indian Supper Club ( <b>book on <a href="http://schoolmoney.co.uk">schoolmoney.co.uk</a>, deadline 7th June.</b> ) <b>If we don't have enough bookings this event will not go ahead.</b>
Monday 24th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers' Service, Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 26th June	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Day 2, Parents meet The Team
Thursday 27th June	GAS Sports at Boxgrove (Details to follow)
Thursday 27th June	Beech Class Yr 4 Big Camp &
Friday 28th June	Yr 3 Adventure Days
Monday 1st July	Apple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Tuesday 2nd July	Maple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Wednesday 3rd July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Day 3, Drop and Go
Thursday 4th July	Election Day—school open as normal
Thursday 4th July	Chichester Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Thursday 4th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 8th July	Paris Olympics Showcase Exhibition (details to follow)
Tuesday 9th July	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Friday 12th July	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 16th July	Leavers' Service in school (details tbc)
Wednesday 17th July	End of Term Disco (details to follow)
Thursday 18th July	2.30, Pre-School Leavers' Festival
Monday 22nd July	9.00—4.00, AAA Coaching (School closed, Inset)
Tuesday 23rd July	9.00—4.00, AAA Coaching (School closed, Inset)