



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 38 11.07.25 Our overall attendance for the year is holding at **96.4%** Well done everyone!

Don't forget, Rev Sarah's 'Rector's Rambling' available by [CLICKING HERE](#) Always an interesting and inspiring read.

Dear Parents and Carers,



In one way it's a light week for news, as there haven't been any trips or special activities. However, that's because it has been all about The Lion King, as the children have been working really hard, putting the finishing touches to their show. I can promise you it is going to be a performance of epic proportions, full of humour, emotion and joyful song. We look forward to sharing the culmination of all of everyone's hard work with you on Monday evening.

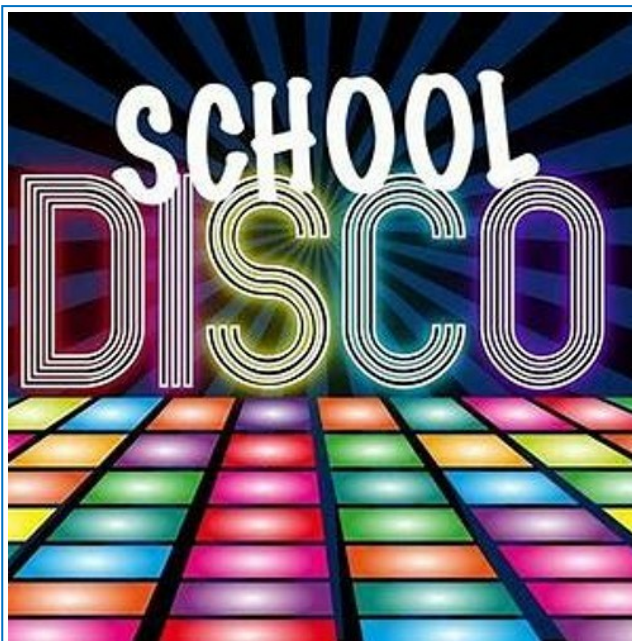
PLEASE READ the separate communication sent out on Thursday evening, containing all of the final details and important information about the show and the rehearsal day at West Dean College on Monday.

Remember—nobody will be at the primary school site on Monday. We will be waiting for your children at West Dean College.

Swimming—Come and enjoy the pool after school!

The swimming pool is open after school between 3.00-4.30. The cost is £5 per child per session. Thank you to our volunteer first aiders and supervisors for helping this to happen. Just a gentle reminder that if your child is booked to swim you must be present please. Let's enjoy the pool in the lovely sunshine while we can.

Please do check the lost property bin on the pavilion decking for any items of clothing that you may be missing. This bin will be emptied at the end of term.



End of Term Summer Disco, Thursday 17th July.

Tickets are selling fast for our end of term summer disco on

Thursday 17th July.

5.00-6.30—KS1, 5.30—7.00—KS2

£6 per ticket available on schoolmoney.co.uk to include a drink and a snack.

Come and join in the fun!

Deadline for buying tickets is Friday 11th July to allow time to plan refreshments.

Well done to...

The highest scoring House for the fourth week in a row!



Gazebo Take-down

It has been lovely to use the gazebo as a lunch space this term, especially during this really sunny weather. We need some help to take down the Gazebo next Friday afternoon after the Year 6 leavers celebrations at around 2.45pm. Please do come along and lend a hand if you are available. 2.45pm Friday 18th July.





- Yr R **Darcey** - for being such a super cheetah in our Lion King rehearsals.
- Yr 1 **Rory** - for your enthusiastic participation during aqua aerobics!
- Yr 2 **Theo** - for always being organised and ready to learn. You are a fantastic role model, well done!
- Yr 3 **Sophia** - for the joy you bring to the cheetah department in the Lion King. You sing with great enthusiasm.
- Yr 4 **Indigo** - for your attention to detail in our artwork. You have a real talent!
- Yr 5 **Martha** - for consistently good manners, being an awesome role model and embracing the role of Timone!
- Yr 6 **Finley** - for your quiet confidence and thoughtful manner—we can even see this coming through in Mufasa.



Management Information System (MIS) - Arbor

Since becoming an Academy under the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership some of our system have changed. We will shortly be introducing Arbor to our school community ready for action in September.

Arbor is our new management information system which holds all of our staff, student, guardian data etc. We will also be using this for our communications to families, in place of our current e-Schools and this will be our booking and payment platform for trips, clubs etc in place of school money. For ease of use there is a parent 'App' Watch this space for further details and your welcome message to follow shortly. We would kindly ask that you please make sure school money accounts are cleared by the end of the summer term.



Yapton Churches Holiday Club. Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August, 10 am - 12 noon on Yapton Village Green. Sign up here:

<https://yaptonfreechurch.churchsuite.com/events/axxk40p3>



**ACTIVE KIDS. HAPPY DAYS.
JOIN THE FUN THIS SUMMER IN CHICHESTER**

**AGES
5-11
YRS**



**FREE FOR
CHILDREN
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DATES + LOCATION

Tangmere Primary Academy, Chichester

Monday 28 July – Thursday 31 July

Monday 4 August – Thursday 7 August

Monday 11 August – Thursday 14 August

Monday 18 August – Thursday 21 August

BOOK ONLINE: www.southcoastsports.org.uk



2024/25 INSET Days

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



2025/26 INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July

Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May

Summer Term 2025

Monday 14th July	6.00, West Dean School presents 'The Lion King' Bar open between 5.15-6.00 and 7.15/8.15, Event close 8.30pm
Tuesday 15th –17th July	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 17th July	End of Term Summer Disco—5.00-6.30 KS1/5.30-7.00 KS2
Friday 18th July	1.00, End of Term & Leaver's' Assembly and tea party
Friday 18th July	Last day of summer term.
Monday 21st July	School Closed—Inset Day
Tuesday 22nd July	School Closed—Inset Day

Autumn Term 2025 - Wednesday 3rd September—Friday 19th December

INSET - Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 4th September	First Day of Autumn Term for Children Yr 1—Yr 6
Wednesday 10th September	First Day of School for Year R (Tea & Tissues in the pavilion for parents)
Wednesday 17th September	8.30, 'Friends' Meeting in the Pavilion
Friday 26th September	8.45-9.45, Harvest Service in WD Church (details to follow)
Friday 26th September	3.00, 'Friends' Harvest Bake Sale



Summer safety tips from Public Health

Keeping families safe over the summer holidays

By Katie Bates, Advanced Public Health Practitioner

Sun safety

UV rays are strongest when the sun is highest in the sky, which in the UK summer is between 11:00 and 15:00. The strength of UV rays will vary depending on the country, so be aware of this if you are going abroad this summer. Find out more about what to do in a heat wave on the [NHS website](#).

Anyone can get sunburnt, including people with darker skin. Generally, people with lighter skin tones are at higher risk of sunburn, but just because people with darker skin tones might have a lower risk, this doesn't mean there is no risk at all. Therefore, everyone needs to follow sun safety messages. Find out more about sun safety on the [NHS website](#). You can still get sunburnt on cloudy days. Skin-damaging UV rays can pass through clouds so check the UV index even if it's cloudy outside.

Whilst most of us welcome warmer weather, the sun and heat can pose a significant health risk, especially to vulnerable people including children. To help you and your family stay safe this summer please follow our top tips:

- **Spend time in the shade**, especially between 11:00 and 15:00 in the UK
- **Cover up** with clothes, a wide brimmed hat and UV protection sunglasses
- **Apply sunscreen** with at least SPF 30 to protect against UVB and at least four or five stars UVA protection - use it generously, reapply regularly and use together with shade and clothing
- **Keep hydrated** by drinking plenty of water, especially when playing outside
- **Keep your home cool** by closing blinds and curtains on windows exposed to direct sunlight; move to the coolest part of your home; open windows (if safe to do so) when the air feels cooler outside than in
- If you or a family member does become sunburnt, please follow the [NHS guidance](#)

How to enjoy the sun safely



Seek shade

Take a break under trees or umbrellas, especially in the middle of the day when the sun is strongest.



Cover up

Wear a top that covers your shoulders, a wide-brimmed hat and UV-protection sunglasses.



Apply sunscreen

Pick one with at least SPF 30 and 4 or 5 stars. Use it generously and regularly.

Join us for a fun packed SIX weeks, where every penny you spend goes directly towards helping the work of Aidingbourne Trust, supporting adults with learning disabilities and / or autism to live independent lives.

 Aidingbourne
Country Centre
Charity No. 211211

Super SIX weeks of Summer!



NEW EVENT!
Teddy Bears
Picnic!

Saturday 19th July to Sunday 31st August
10am - 4pm (last admission 3.30pm)
Aidingbourne Country Centre, PO18 0JP

**First Class
Falconry**



**Tom's Talking
Reptiles**



**The Lovely
Bubbly Show**



**Knucker Dragon
Knight School**



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AidingBounce**



See website for
more details



and so much more...

Play All Day | Free Parking | Events All Day

Your day pass includes entrance to our Summer events.
Visit our website for entry prices and full details of events -
aidingbournecountrycentre.org