



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

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Our overall attendance is at **96.2%** this week.

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



Thank you to everyone who came to support the West Dean community VE Day Celebration at West Dean College yesterday evening. The children sang brilliantly (as did the parents, I must say!), getting us all 'in the mood' with their rendition of 'Hey Mr Miller' - we have all agreed that the tune has proved to be quite an ear worm and we've been humming it all day—have you? Thank you so much to the Parish Council and to West Dean Estate for hosting this very special event and involving our school. If anyone has any better photos than the only one we have (above) then we would love a copy for our school archive. All of the school staff were so engrossed in the singing that we forget to take any photos ourselves!

Welcome to Mrs Sessions!

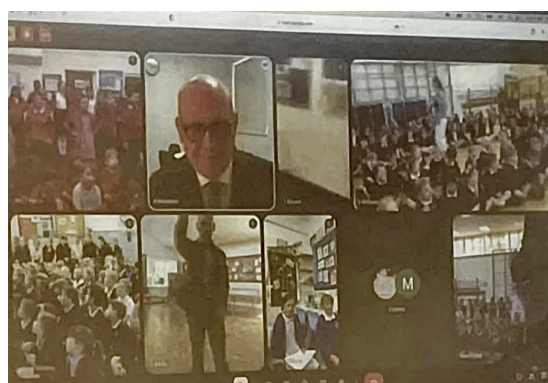
I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new teaching assistant to join Team West Dean. Mrs Siobhan Sessions will be starting with us next week and will be working Tuesday to Friday every week, mainly, but not exclusively, in Key Stage Two.

Siobhan and her family are fairly new to this area and excited to be joining our community. Siobhan brings a wealth of experience from a similar role in a slightly larger school where she used to live.

I am sure you will join me in giving Siobhan a very warm West Dean welcome.

A warm welcome from the Bishop Luffa Partnership Schools

We had a wonderful 'virtual' assembly on Tuesday morning, as all the BLLP schools joined together on a Google Meet to welcome West Dean Primary into the partnership. Led by Mr Hindman from Bishop Luffa,



children from each school offered readings, prayers and thoughts in welcoming worship before we all joined together to sing 'My Lighthouse?'. It was really lovely and great to see the children's excitement.

SATs Week Please hold our Year 6 children in your thoughts and prayers as they take their SATs assessments on Monday to Thursday next week. They have all worked so hard and we know they will give it their absolute best. **You've got this Year 6!**

Summer Term Parent Meetings As indicated when we sent parents their child's written school report to just before Easter, there will be an opportunity for a follow-up meeting with class teachers this term. We have had to plan this in slightly later in the term than initially indicated, in the week straight after the half term break on **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June**. Further details of how to book your appointment will be sent out soon, but please save the date.

Well done to Kestrel, this week's top scoring house.



OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025

9:30-11AM & 2-3:30PM

Join us for the opportunity to meet our Committee, explore the setting and speak to our enthusiastic and dedicated team. We look forward to welcoming you.



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WEST DEAN
PRE-SCHOOL

spaces available - working family & universal funding accepted



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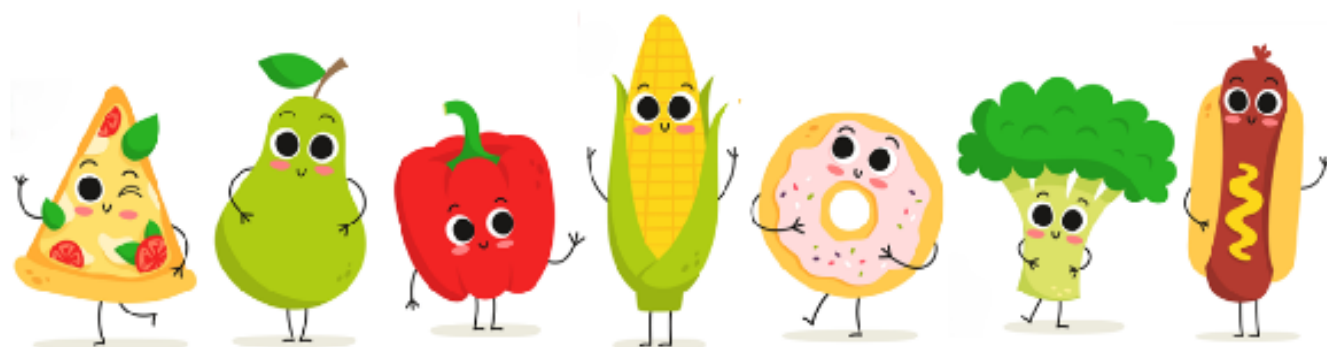
AT GOODWOOD
RACECOURSE

15-17 AUGUST 2025



Food, Glorious Food!

Join us for some scrumptious stories to tantalise your tastebuds, plus some soup-er craft activities!



Thursday 29 May
10.00-11.00am

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.



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- Yr R** *Leo* - for being a fantastic all-rounder and a brilliant role model to others. :)
- Yr 1** *Bodhi* - for the huge effort you have made this week in your learning. Keep it up! :)
- Yr 2** *Theo* - for brilliant fraction work in maths. You confidently explained how to find halves and quarters, well done!
- Yr 3** *Sophia* - for being a wonderful friend and showing such kindness to others.
- Yr 4** *Florence* - for the positive approach to your learning. You give everything your all. Well done.
- Yr 5** *Hetty J* - for your mature, considered and thought provoking contributions during our PSHCE lesson.
- Yr 6** *Seb* - for going over and above in your SATs preparation; super focus in class and even asking for extra to do at home! Great work Seb—we know you're going to smash your SATs!



2024/25 INSET Days

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



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

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

Summer Term 2025

Monday 12th May	Apple and Maple Class walk to West Dean Gardens
Wednesday 14th May	Apple Class visit to Arundel Castle
Wednesday 14th May	7.00, Pupil Parliament to attend Parish Council Meeting (details to follow)
Thursday 15th May	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Thursday 15th May	1.00—3.00, Chestnut Class Chichester Falcons Session in School
Saturday 17th May	Chichester Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (selected)
Monday 19th May	1.00—3.00, Poolside First Aid Refresher Training (selected)
Tuesday 20th May	Maple Class visit to Lordington Lavender
Thursday 22nd May	2.30-3.30, Maple Class 'Come Dine with Me' (details to follow)
Monday 2nd June	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Tuesday 3rd June	3.00-5.00, Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 4th June	3.00-6.00, Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 9th June	9.00, Yellow School Photos, Classes & Year 6 Leavers.
Wednesday 11th June	1.00, Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 17th June	Apple and Maple Drama for All, Jungle Rumble (in school)
Wednesday 18th June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants Visits Reception 2025
Friday 20th June	Foodbank Friday
Friday 20th June	NHS Healthy Child Programme—Year R (in school)
Monday 23rd June	1.00, Year 6 Leavers' Service—Chichester Cathedral. (details to follow)
Monday 24th June	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Wednesday 25th June	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Visits Reception 2025
Wednesday 2nd July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Visits Reception 2025
Thursday 3rd July	5.30, Governing Body Meeting
Monday 14th July	West Dean School presents 'The Lion King' (Evening) — Save the Date
Tuesday 15th July	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Tuesday 15th—17th July	Year 6 Bikeability (details to follow)
Friday 18th July	Last day of summer term.
Monday 21st July	School Closed—Inset Day
Tuesday 22nd July	School Closed—Inset Day



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