



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 21 14.02.25 Our overall attendance is at **96.8%** this week.

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

First Aid Club

This week was the last session in our First Aid Club that has been run this half term by Katie Pennicott on behalf of MB Medical Solutions.

This has been a valuable opportunity for the children to learn about what to do in an emergency, basic wound care, CPR and what an ambulance looks like inside! The children were presented with their certificates inside the ambulance.

Look out for details of when this club will be running in the future if your child would like to join in next time.



Running Club

It was also the last of this half term's Running Club sessions on Tuesday afternoon. Over the past five weeks, the children have been working up to the challenge of running from school all the way up to the top of The Trundle.

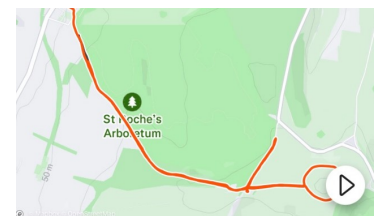
It was fantastic to see everyone rise to this challenge, putting in a brilliant run up to the top, around the remains of the iron-age fort and back down to the car park.

Their brilliant achieving was rewarded by raising a cup of very welcome hot chocolate in celebration!

If the efforts of the running club members have left you feeling inspired, don't forget that Year 5 and 6 children have the opportunity to

participate in the Chichester Corporate Challenge races, over three Wednesday evenings next half term. Mr Williams and other West Dean supporters will certainly be there to cheer on our runners at each event. Please see the Corporate Challenge website for more details:

<https://www.chichester-runners.org.uk/corporate-challenge/>



Congrats! You just set your 2nd fastest time in the 5K!

Distance **7.17 km** Elevation Gain **179 m**



Well done to our Lunch Time Star Table

Eight children got the 'Star' treatment at lunchtime today. They were rewarded for their impeccable manners and good behaviour throughout this half term during lunch times.

Being the final lunch before the half term break and also Valentine's Day, the children all enjoyed some extra 'heart' themed treats.



West Dean & Lavant

TED Team-up

Continuing their brilliant project on creating, developing and delivering their own TED Talks, Chestnut Class welcomed our friends from Pheasant Class at Lavant Primary this morning, to share some examples of their work.

The school hall was transformed into a very professional looking TED conference auditorium, with the representative (a very brave) speakers from West Dean and Lavant even equipped with roaming microphones!

Not only was it lovely to be working in partnership with our neighbours, it was also a real privilege to witness the exceptional job that the children did. They were all very well prepared, articulate, engaging and spoke with tremendous confidence about a widely varied and extremely interesting range of subjects from 'The Power of Smile' and 'The Superpower of Autism', to 'The Superhero in your Garden (hedgehogs)'.

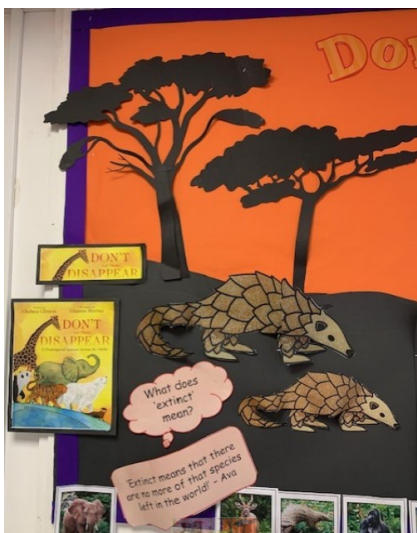
The children were also commended for how well they engaged as an audience, showing real support for their peers and genuine interest in all they had to say. As teachers, a privilege of the job is that we get to experience many of these proud 'achievement moments', but we have to say, this was up there with the best of them!

The next stage of the project will be next half term, when Chestnut Class will join groups from Lavant, Fishbourne and Rumboldswyke back at Bishop Luffa School for the final TED sharing and celebration event.



Don't Let Them Disappear!

Maple Class have been busy writing very persuasive letters to Sir Keir Starmer this week, in a bid to raise his awareness of the plight of animals in danger of extinction. Using the extensive and expert knowledge they have acquired this term, including the insight they gained on their trip to Marwell Zoo, the children have crafted some really well-considered letters, which we do intend to send to the Prime Minister. Well done Maple Class, great work and courageous action!



Continuing this theme, the children have also been looking closely at the incredibly beautiful patterns on many animals, something which sadly leads to further danger of extinction.

Finally, the children have begun to consider what wildlife is endangered in our own local area, and what we can do to help.



Apple Class get into gear!

Those incredible Apple Class engineers have been fine-tuning their machines this week, adding axles and wheels to their incredible creations.

We definitely have some automotive designers of the future, or possibly some mechanical engineers that will come up with the transport of the future - who knows!

The children are getting really excited about showing of their achievements to their families in the Apple Class transport exhibition which will take place next half term.

Awesome work Apples!



After School Provision

As a result of your feedback our after school provision and club timetable looks slightly different for this coming half term and we are going to trial a different approach.

We are offering the following after school clubs:

Westbourne House Swim—for selected children in preparation for the SSP Arun Gala and Chichester Cormorants Gala.

Dance Club—for the children who took part this half term, in preparation for the Dance House performance in Worthing on Wednesday 30th April.

SCS Sports Club—for children in Yr 1—Yr 6. A multisport club with the opportunity to try a variety of different sports activities. Bookable through SCS <https://southcoastsports.ipalbookings.com>

Year 1 and 2 Art Club with Mr Williams

Please note, this club will run for 5 weeks, starting the second Monday back after half term (3rd March).

We are keen to ensure that there is some extra-curricular opportunity for our younger children. In this club, the children will work with Mr Williams, exploring a range of art techniques and hopefully developing their creative skills. There will be a maximum of 12 places available and there will not be a charge for this club. Please follow the link to secure a place, spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

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Activ8 will be offering wraparound care between 3.00 and 6.00pm. Booking for wraparound care should be made directly with Activ8.

Our **Breakfast Bears Club** is also available, Monday to Friday, 8.00 – 8.30, £4 per child (including breakfast) Please make sure that you book at least 24hrs in advance.

Bookings for our Breakfast Bears, Westbourne House Swim Club and Dance Club can be made on schoolmoney.co.uk.

Thank you to those who completed our survey regarding Activ8 holiday provision. Unfortunately there was insufficient response to make this a viable option at West Dean at the moment. Activ8 do run holiday provision at Chichester Free School, please contact Activ8 for further information: debbie@activ8forkids.co.uk

Or visit their website <https://www.activ8forkids.co.uk/>

Dates for your diary in the Chichester Area!

Chichester District Council has arranged a series of **FREE laser light shows** choreographed to music during February half-term – starting with a brand new location: **Petworth House on Saturday 15 February** with shows at **5.30pm and 6.45pm**.

Petworth House will also be **opening the beautiful house for free from 10.30am until 3.30pm on 15 February** and will be hosting **activities for the whole family to enjoy from 11am** – so why not make a day of it and explore what Petworth House and the town have to offer before the shows begin!

On **Friday 21 February** and **Saturday 22 February** laser lights return to the **Canal Basin in Chichester** with shows at **6pm and 7.30pm!**

The Chichester laser show, which is now in its third year, will be more exciting and better than ever – with a new **immersive water screen** with film clips projected onto it!

The two shows each evening are different – so make sure that you stay around to watch both! The **6pm** showing is **Disney themed**, and the **7.30pm** showing will feature on **movie blockbusters**. And there will be lots of **food, drink and entertainment at each location**.

You can access the media release at: <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/39533/First-laser-light-show-coming-to-Petworth-plus-exciting-new-shows-announced-for-Chichester>.





- Yr R **Zephyrn** - for your kindness that you show to others.
- Yr 1 **Hugo O** - for your brilliant manners to both children and adults. Super!
- Yr 2 **Alfie** - for consistently contributing in class discussions all week. Keep up the amazing work!
- Yr 3 **Matilda** - for your very persuasive piece of writing. It made us all want to buy Fishbourne Roman Palace.
- Yr 4 **Indigo** - for amazing listening during swimming. You take it all on board and we can really see your strokes improving!
- Yr 5 **Amelie** - for showing resilience and, despite your nerves, sharing your fantastic TED about the 'power of a smile' - such an important message for us all.
- Yr 6 **Iris** - for coming to school every day with a smile, a sense of humour and a positive attitude. Thank you!



2024/25 INSET Days

Tuesday 22nd April

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



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

Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 25th February	Hugo Van Driel Assembly
Wednesday 26th February	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 26th February	SSP Bronze Ambassadors (selected Yr 5, details to follow)
Thursday 27th February	9.00-11.00, GAS Drama Enrichment at Singleton (selected children)
Thursday 27th February	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers at Westgate (selected Chestnut)
Wednesday 5th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—dress as book character and bring favourite book
Thursday 6th March	Bishop Luffa Worship (in school)
Wednesday 12th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 12th March	SSP Arun Swim Gala
Thursday 13th March	3.00, Beech Class Showcase (details to follow)
Wednesday 19th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 19th March	Apple Class visit to Goodwood Motor Circuit
Thursday 20th March	Bishop Luffa Worship (in school)
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Wednesday 26th March	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Wednesday 26th March	2.15, Apple Class Exhibition
Thursday 27th March	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers at Westgate (selected)
Thursday 27th March	5.30pm, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 28th March	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 1st April	Hugo Van Driel Assembly (in school)
Wednesday 2nd April	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Tuesday 22nd April	INSET—school closed
Thursday 24th April	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers at Westgate (selected Chestnut)
Wednesday 30th April	Dance House, rehearsal and performance (details to follow)



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



Chichester
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DRAW 950

Saturday 15 February (10.00 - 3.00)

WORKSHOP



Children, families and caregivers are invited to take part in creating a **monumental artwork** that brings the Cathedral's incredible **950 year history** to life.

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY (10:00 - 3:00)
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Chorister Open Day

Saturday
8 March
2025

Be a chorister for the day!



The experience of being a Chorister is exciting and fun, and develops valuable skills that will last a lifetime. Choristers spend about 18 hours each week rehearsing and singing services, as well studying two instruments and following a full school curriculum of academic work, sport and drama. They make recordings, feature on broadcasts, and give concert performances at home and abroad.

Choristers receive an excellent academic education at the Prebendal School, a co-ed, independent prep school immediately adjacent to the

Cathedral. Following an inspection, the School has recently received the highest possible grading.

The musical and academic experience we offer is a springboard for future success. Many choristers go on to win scholarships at prestigious secondary schools, where their choral training, discipline and team skills are highly valued.

Scholarships are awarded to all Choristers, and with additional funding according to need. We want to recruit promising young musicians regardless of financial circumstances.

WHO IS THIS EVENT FOR?

This event is suitable for girls and boys in Years 2, 3 and 4, as well as their parent/guardians. We do not expect candidates to have any musical experience when they join the choir. We look for energy, enthusiasm and good reading skills.

BOOKING

The event will take place on Saturday 8th March 2025 from 1.30 - 4.30pm. To book your space, or ask further questions, please contact:

T: 01243 812 488 | **E:** chris.george@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE *home!* 15 – 23 FEBRUARY



Join us this February half term to
celebrate houses and homes

Have a go at hands on activities and follow the
house hunting trail around our 40 acres site.



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