



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 32 23.05.25 Our overall attendance for the year is at **96.4%** this week.

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



Marvellous Maples' Week of Food and Farming Fun!

It has been quite a busy week for Maple Class, as they rounded off their 'Come Dine with Me' learning journey with two special events. In very well-timed glorious sunshine on Tuesday morning, the children took a trip to Lordington Lavender, not to focus on the lavender as such this time, but to learn all about growing crops and maintaining the farmland to encourage successful crops. Then yesterday, it was time to put their food knowledge into practice, as the children played host to their parents and families, inviting them into Maple Class for a two-course meal, which they had cooked, in part using ingredients they have grown at school. What a scrumptious way to round off the half term!



Cormorants Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our Swim Team for a fantastic 4th place finish at the Cormorants Schools Gala.

So many amazing swims and swimmers - well done to the whole team for a great year of training. Mrs Johnson, Mrs Goacher and the whole school community are incredibly proud of you all!

Thank you to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Goacher for their enthusiasm and dedication through all of the months of training and preparation at swim club. Much appreciated by everyone and the progress, particularly of our younger, newer swimmers, has been exceptional!

A prayer for the half term break

"Let's go off by ourselves
to a quiet place and rest
awhile." ~ Jesus

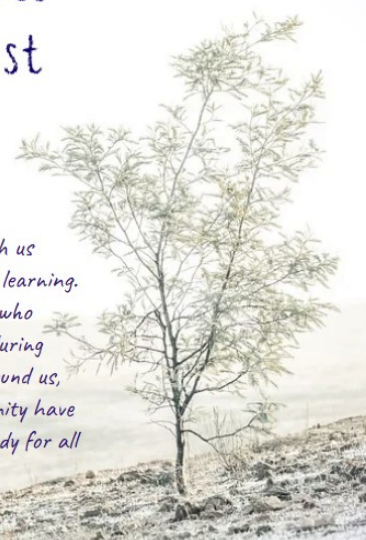
Mark 6:31

Dear Lord,

We thank you for another successful half term - for being with us through the challenges and for the joy you bring us in exciting learning.

We thank you for the hard work and dedication of the adults who support us, and we ask that you bring peace and joy to them during this holiday. Help us to show kindness and love to all those around us, as we enjoy ourselves this holiday. May everyone in our community have a safe, healthy and happy week, and return refreshed and ready for all that the final half term of our school year brings.

Amen



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 holiday, the children all enjoyed some extra cake treats.



GAZEBO We would like some help to erect our Gazebo so that the children can enjoy the lovely weather and eat their lunch outside. The tables have all been pressure washed and we are ready to go. If you are available on **Monday morning after half term, 2nd June**, to help with the Gazebo we will be putting it up straight after drop off, 8.30am, please do come along and join in.

Community Speedwatch Group for West Dean and YOUR SCHOOL

As you will be aware speeding through our beautiful village, particularly outside the school, is an ongoing issue. We have been running a Speedwatch Group for some time now and have recorded some very alarming speeds, one being 58 mph at 8.30 am just as your children are crossing the road to go to school.

We wish to make an application to WSCC for a traffic calming scheme outside your school, but we need YOUR HELP as the more opportunity we have to collect data in support the better chance of success we will have.

If you can join the group, which will initially involve a 30-minute online training session, then please contact me direct via email, helencourt71@yahoo.com.

I do hope you are able to join the group as the more volunteers I can recruit the quicker we can make a difference.

I look forward to hearing from you. **Helen Court**

After School Provision for Summer Term:

We are offering the following after school clubs next half term:

Dance Club—Open to all children in Yr 2—6, X 5 weeks, Thursday 5th, 19th 26th June, 3rd & 10th July. Schoolmoney.co.uk.

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

Cricket & Rounders Club—for children in Key Stage Two. Come along and develop your skills with Mr Williams through practice activities and game play. 3.00pm—4.00pm on Monday afternoons starting Monday 9th June (except 23rd June and 14th July). Spaces limited—first come first served basis. A form to sign up will be sent in the first week back.

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. schoolmoney.co.uk

Bookings for Dance and Breakfast Bears will be live on schoolmoney.co.uk, Friday 23rd May, 4.00pm.

Well
done
to...



**The top scoring house
again this week!**

Lost Property

Please do check the lost property bin on the pavilion decking, anything left will be put into Pre-School clothing bank soon!



It's nearly swimming pool time!

We plan to open the swimming pool for curriculum and after school use after the half term break and require some support in supervising some of these sessions.

Information has been sent out, please do respond and sign up to help if you are available.

Please contact Abbie Williamson to chat about your availability and to be added to the rota.

We aim to swim everyday in school, weather permitting. Children will need to have their swimming kit, named and in a bag, in school everyday, ready to swim.

No nuts or nut products please!

There have been some lunches spotted recently which contained nut based products, including Nutella.

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** and we must adhere to this to ensure that all children, especially those with allergies, remain safe.





Calling all parents, your PTA needs you!

After a successful AGM meeting last half term, during which some positive ideas for future PTA work was suggested, we now need to meet to put a plan of action together for the second half of the summer term and beyond. There will be a meeting with Mr Williams in the school hall at **7pm on Tuesday 10th June**. Please attend if you are able; it would be good to have as many as parents, family members and friends as possible.

Further details of PTA roles required and a proposal for a potential new structure will be sent out after the half term break.

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 half term break on **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June**. Details of how to book your appointment have been sent out this week. Please check your inbox.

MAY HALF TERM at Haslemere Museum



Museum Explorers Pond Dipping

Tue 27 May
10.30am-12pm

For ages 5-11 -
Discover the amazing
unseen creatures living in
the Museum's pond and
look at them under a
microscope.



Family activity The Herds

27, 28 & 29 May
See website for times

Help us create a life size
baby hippo puppet to
raise awareness about
climate change. Also have
a go at making your own
finger puppet.



Family event Mill Cottage Farm

Thu 29 May
11am-3pm

A selection of friendly
farm animals to feed,
groom and stroke in the
museum's beautiful
garden, along with art
activities inside.

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK AT
haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson



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ORCHESTRAS INC.
SEND MUSIC GROUP
SATURDAYS



JOIN US

Orchestras Inc. is our incredible SEND music group, open to children and young people with additional needs in Key Stage 2 and above (up to 25 years). No previous experience required. The aim of this group is to have fun exploring music together through a range of instruments, and it's **free** to attend.

FIND OUT MORE AT
www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/orchestras-inc

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Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers aged 14+ to help us run
the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries:



- Help families sign up online to take part.
- Listen to children talk about books they have read.
- Hand out rewards and encourage children to keep reading.

If you're interested, we'd love to hear from you!

Find out more and apply online at

arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src



**THE
READING
AGENCY**

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk>



- Yr R** *Olivia B* - for your passion and enthusiasm during singing. Well done!
- Yr 1** *William* - for consistently applying yourself in your learning. Keep it up!
- Yr 2** *Alice* - for your fantastic collaborative approach to our 'Come Dine With Me' event. You worked brilliantly as part of a team to grow, prepare and make some delicious food.
- Yr 3** *Viva* - for being a shining star. You are a wonderful role model, always trying your best in everything you do.
- Yr 4** *Frank* - for the terrific African artwork you created using repeated patterns.
- Yr 5** *Tilly* - for always trying to do that little bit more and finding the positive even when things are a bit tricky or not what you expected.
- Yr 6** *Iris* - for your inclusive, supportive attitude to everyone... you are a true friend to us all.



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

Half Term Holiday

Monday 2nd June	Swimming—please have kits in school every day.
Monday 2nd June	8.30, Gazebo up—please help if you can!
Monday 2nd June	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Tuesday 3rd June	3.00-5.30, Parent Consultation Meetings (incl SENCO)
Wednesday 4th June	3.00-6.00, Parent Consultation Meetings (Incl Zoom)
Monday 9th June	9.00, Yellow School Photos, Classes & Year 6 Leavers.
Tuesday 10th June	7.00pm, PTA Meeting in School with Mr Williams
Wednesday 11th June	1.00, Sports Afternoon
Thursday 12th June	Year 4 Big Camp
Friday 13th June	Year 3 Adventure Day
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
Thursday 26th June	GAS Sports at Boxgrove (tbc—details to follow)
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



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



Dear Parent,
We would like your feedback about ordering school meals,
whether you are a service user or not, you can enter into a
prize draw to win £100 shopping voucher.
Please click the link to complete the short survey.
<https://forms.office.com/e/7PCa7SZ0SF>

Thank you
Chartwells West Sussex



**For meal ordering on ParentPay, please visit
parentpay.com or scan the QR code to take you
straight there.**



The menu can be found on the Chartwells website:

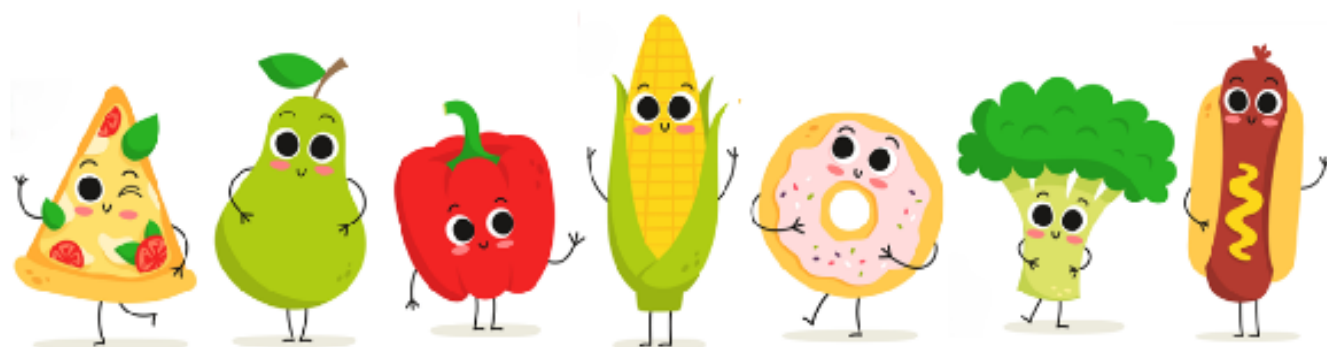
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Food, Glorious Food!

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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