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

## Welcome back

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Easter break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the Summer term. There is a great deal going on during these final months of the school year, so please do keep an especially close eye on newsletters and emails from school. Thank you.



### Staffing News

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Prudence has decided that this will be her last term with us at West Dean and she will be moving on to new adventures at the end of July.

There will of course be an opportunity to thank Mrs Prudence for her huge contribution to this school and to wish her well for the future, later this term.

The process of appointing a new teacher to join the team will now begin, with an advert going out shortly.

The staffing structure and class teachers for next year will not be finalised and communicated to parents and children until after this new appointment.



A Children's Church service is being launched this Sunday at **11am in West Dean Church**, with refreshments including donuts available from 10.45am!

Rev Sarah and the church family would love to see you there.

### Well done Maple Class—Great job!

Maple Class did a very important job this week, and did it very well and very sensibly.

We were asked to participate in an assessment trial by NFER, the National Foundation for Educational Research, one of several assessment providers for schools.

The activity was not testing the children, but rather that the children were testing the test questions (if that makes sense?), so the Maple children were helping to ensure the quality of assessment for children nationally.

Well done children, we are proud of how well you worked.



## Breakfast Bears

Our brand new Breakfast Bears club is now open.

Come and join us for breakfast everyday from 8.00—8.35.



Available to book on  
[schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk).

£4 per child per day.



## Wellbeing Walk in West Dean Gardens

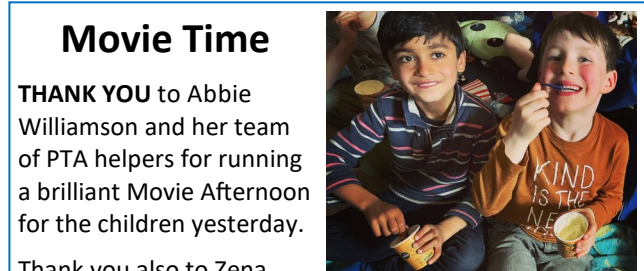
The whole school spent a wonderful morning at West Dean Gardens on Tuesday, beginning the summer term in a peaceful, calm and reflective manner, walking through the grounds and pausing to draw and sketch.



## Guitar Lessons now available in school on a Wednesday

If you would like your child to learn the guitar in school, please email Lee Ashment on:

[lee.ashment@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:lee.ashment@westsussexmusic.co.uk)



## Movie Time

**THANK YOU** to Abbie Williamson and her team of PTA helpers for running a brilliant Movie Afternoon for the children yesterday.

Thank you also to Zena Scarfe and Paul Matthey for arranging the absolutely scrumptious ice cream, kindly supplied by Caroline's Dairy in Sidlesham.



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*West Dean CE Primary School  
Acorn Awards  
Friday 21st April 2023*



- Yr R** **Eadie** - for your fantastic drawing of a castle. You looked carefully and added detail! Well done!
- Yr 1** **Arlo** - for your brilliant reading! You are focused and use all the strategies to help. Well done!
- Yr 2** **Mia** - for working brilliantly in a team and sharing lots of wonderful ideas about the good news Jesus brings in our RE lessons. Well done!
- Yr 3** **Rufus** - for coming back after the holidays with a smile and a positive attitude to learning; you approached your story writing with real oomph!!
- Yr 4** **Blaise** - for showing a deep understanding of fractions and being able to apply this to decimals and problem solving. Well done!
- Yr 5** **Aven** - for your focused and conscientious approach to your learning. You have come back to school after the holiday ready to learn. You are a super role model.
- Yr 6** **Nova** - for impressing everyone with your excellent ability to record and minute our West Dean Pupil Parliament meetings!



# Diary Dates 2022/23



## 2022/23 INSET Days

Friday 21st July 2023



### Summer Term 2023 - Monday 17th April - Thursday 20th July

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June



### Summer Term 2023

Monday 24th April	Year 6 Bikeability Session 1 at Singleton School
	Tues and Weds Session 2 at Singleton School
Tuesday 25th April	3.00-5.30, Parent Consultation Evening (Incl SEN Mrs Bowman)
Wednesday 26th April	3.00-6.00, Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 3rd May	Apple Class visit to Arundel Castle
W/C 8th May	Statutory Assessments Tests for Year 2 and Year 6
Tuesday 16th May	Maple Class visit to Pizza Express
Wednesday 17th May	1.00—3.45, SSP Tri Golf, Chichester Golf Club (selected Yr 3/4)
Thursday 18th May	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers, Westgate (selected)
Thursday 18th May	5.30 Governing Body Meeting
Saturday 20th May	7.30pm, Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (Swim Squad)
Wednesday 24th May	1.30—3.30, SSP Tennis at Bishop Luffa (selected Yr 3/4)
Tuesday 6th June	Whole School visit to West Dean Arboretum
Saturday 10th June	Cycling Club—Ditcham Park Hill Climb event
Monday 12th June	9.00, Yellow School Photographs
Wednesday 14th June	GAS singing event—rehearsal at The March (details tbc)
Thursday 15th June	1.00-3.00 Future Flyers
Wednesday 21st June	Sports Morning
Wednesday 21st June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Monday 26th June	1.15, Year 6 Leavers Service in Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 28th June	1.30 - 2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Wednesday 28th June	5.30, GAS Singing Event at St Paul's Church (details tbc)
Wednesday 5th July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants, Reception September 2023
Thursday 6th July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 10th July	Summer Production at West Dean College (details tbc)