



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 26 28.03.25 Our overall attendance is at 96.6% this week.

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

Maple Class Gardening Afternoon

On Tuesday afternoon, Maple Class enjoyed a very productive afternoon in the school garden. With the help of some very kind parents, we dug borders, tidied the greenhouse, and planted lots of seeds in the hope they will be ready for a banquet later in the summer term. Thank you again, to the parents and helpers for giving up their time to help us.



Foodbank Friday

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Foodbank Friday today. Your donations make such a difference and are very much appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who has made a donation towards Comic Relief. There's still time—you can donate on schoolmoney.co.uk, this is a shop item.

Chartwells—UIFSM, R, Yr 1 and Yr 2.

Please only order a meal for your child if it is going to be taken. If you have ordered meals and your child no longer wants this and brings a packed lunch, please remember to cancel your order on parent pay. School receive a charge for each meal ordered whether it is taken or not. Thank you for your help.



Apple Class Exhibition



Apple Class were very excited to share their learning this term in their exciting explorers and transport exhibition. A highlight was showing their vehicles they had made in DT. We are very proud of the children for all their hard work.



Super Sporting Success: First of all, we owe someone an apology. A few weeks ago we reported on the super efforts of our Swim gala team, and unfortunately, we didn't name the whole team. Khloe, you are a superstar too. We are so sorry that we accidentally missed you out. You are awesome and we are very proud of your achievement in the gala team.

Khloe was also a member of the cross-country team along with Max, Imogen, Beatrix and Martha, who took part in the County Championship races in Crawley this week. This was a big and brave step up for the team, following their success in the locality races earlier this term. Well done everyone, you ran superbly!



After School Provision for Summer Term:

With more clubs to be confirmed and added to the list soon, we are offering the following after school clubs next half term:

Westbourne House Swim—for selected children in preparation for the Chichester Cormorants Gala, 17.05.25. 4 weeks: 29th April, 6th, 13th & 20th May, 6-6.30pm.

Dance Club—for the children who took part this half term, in preparation for the Dance House performance in Worthing on Wednesday 30th April. X 5 weeks.

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>

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.



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



West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 28th March 2025



- Yr R **Barnaby** - for your quiet determination and perseverance in your learning.
- Yr 1 **William** - for the joy you had being an expert in our Apple Class exhibition. Well done!
- Yr 2 **Ivy O** - for the determination you give towards all your learning. You constantly push to challenge yourself further. Well done!
- Yr 3 **Elsie** - for your eye-catching and informative poster about earthquake safety.
- Yr 4 **Mia** - for giving your 'all' to everything you've done in Beech Class this week.
- Yr 5 **Reuben** - for your continued hard work and resilience, despite the added challenge when writing!
- Yr 6 **Henry** - for a particularly positive up-beat attitude this week, especially when tackling fractions and decimals!



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 1st April	Hugo Van Driel Assembly (in school)
Tuesday 1st April	2.45—3.15, Chestnut Class Open Classroom
Wednesday 2nd April	Westgate Swimming—Beech and Chestnut
Thursday 3rd April	11.00-12.00, Chestnut Class 'Coffee and Cake' - WWII

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April	INSET—school closed
Wednesday 23rd April	9.00-12.00, Chestnut Class visit to Bishop Luffa—TED Talks
Wednesday 30th April	Music Festival at Chichester Cathedral (details tbc) Beech and Yr 5
Wednesday 30th April	Dance House, rehearsal and performance
Thursday 1st May	West Dean Academy Conversion Day
Thursday 1st May	1.00-3.00, SSP Future Flyers at Westgate (selected Chestnut, date change)
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Thursday 8th May	VE Day Celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 14th may	Apple Class visit to Arundel Castle—details to follow
Saturday 17th May	Chichester Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (selected)
Thursday 22nd May	2.30-3.30, Maple Class 'Come Dine with Me' (details to follow)
Thursday 22nd May	5.30, Governing Body Meeting
Monday 9th June	9.00, Yellow School Photos, Classes & Year 6 Leavers.
Tuesday 17th June	Apple and Maple Drama for All, Jungle Rumble (in school)
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)
Thursday 10th July	5.30, Governing Body Meeting
Monday 14th July	West Dean Evening Show — Save the Date
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)





Join us for an unforgettable Easter Holidays for pre-schoolers and primary school age children. Every penny you spend goes directly towards helping the work of Aldingbourne Trust, supporting adults with learning disabilities and autism to live independent lives.



The Lovely
Bubbly Show



Knucker Dragon
Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt



First Class Falconry



Farm
Experiences

Easter Eggstravaganza!



5th - 21st April, 10am - 4pm (Closed Sunday 20th)

Aldingbourne Country Centre, PO18 0JP

PLAY ALL DAY | FREE PARKING | EVENTS ALL FREE*



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

*Animal Experiences and Educational Workshop will incur a small charge



Easter family Trip



Seal Safari



Evening / Sunset trip



Join us for one of our special Easter boat trips in Chichester Harbour

Win!
A free family trip
Go to
www.conservancy.co.uk &
search for 'Junior Artist of
the Month Competition'

Harbour Discovery



1/1.5 hours departing Emsworth / Itchenor. Kids £5.

Special Easter trips



Easter activities for kids and a chocolate treat for all.

Seal Safari



Three-hour trip to visit our special seals (age 8+).

Evening/Sunset Cruise



Experience the beauty of the harbour at this special time.

All aboard 'Solar Heritage' our solar-powered, eco-friendly tour boat