



# 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 29 02.05.25** Our overall attendance is at **96.1%** this week.

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



## Welcome to the partnership!

Did you know that your children started attending a new school yesterday? Do not panic, not much has changed, but we are officially, in the eyes of the Department for Education at least, a new academy school, with a new unique school number as of 1st May. We are still West Dean CE Primary

School, but are an academy school member of Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership multi academy trust, rather than being maintained by West Sussex County Council Local Authority. So, although there were no fanfares, party poppers or the cutting of any ribbons, this Thursday did mark the official start of a new and exciting future for our school. We were joined in assembly by Bishop Luffa Student Worship Leaders yesterday, as well as by Austen Hindman, CEO of the trust and head teacher of Bishop Luffa School, all of whom gave us a really warm welcome to the partnership. You won't have noticed hopefully, but there have been a number of people working very hard in the background for about two years now to make the academy conversion process happen. Sincere thanks to all involved, both at West Dean and Bishop Luffa School.



## Dance House 2025

Congratulations the children in Dance Club who took part in the annual Dance House event this week at Worthing Pavilion Theatre. They worked so hard to give an amazing performance of their version of a number from the musical 'Cats', also rising to the challenge of being the opening act of the whole show. Keen to show everyone else in school who was unable to be at the theatre on Wednesday evening, the children had a second chance to perform today when the whole school watched them dance in a special 'outside assembly' in the glorious

morning sunshine on the school field. We are super proud of the amazing performance the Dance Club children gave and incredibly grateful to Ellie Holder for her creativity, choreography and care for our Dance Club children.



## Selsey Arms Parking

The Selsey Arms car park will be closed for a private function on **Wednesday 7th May**, in the afternoon.

We ask please that you respect this and find alternative parking for school pick-up

Thank you for your support.

## Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

A second hand uniform sale will be held on Wednesday 7th May between 2.45pm and 3.15pm in the pavilion.

Cash or card accepted, proceeds to the PTA.

If you are unable to attend the sale, but need uniform, please email [westdeanuniform@gmail.com](mailto:westdeanuniform@gmail.com) with details of the items you are looking for and we will check for you. If we have those items then we will leave them in a named bag in the uniform collection box in the school office. Payment for these items can be made via School Money.



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

## 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.

## Some lovely moments from the Beech Wellbeing Walk this week...



## PE was quackers today!

OK, sorry, bad dad joke as your children are often reminding me, but in all seriousness we have some very brave visitors at the moment, who seem keen to sample what learning is like at West Dean.

Our two duck friends, totally at ease in the presence of 27 screaming Chestnuts, were doing their best to join in on PE lessons this afternoon. Only at West Dean!



**DON'T FORGET,  
THIS WEEKEND**

# **Local History and Flower Display**

## **To Commemorate VE DAY 80**

In conjunction with West Dean School, come and find out the story of the Valley Parish during WWII.

Find out what life was like for children as bombs dropped and bullets flew, and learn the stories behind the names on our three WWII War Memorials.

**The Church of St Andrew**

**West Dean**

**Bank Holiday Weekend**

**Saturday 3rd May - Monday 5th May**

**10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Free Entry – Donations Appreciated**

**Refreshments Available**

***To raise essential funds for***

**Valley Parish Buildings Appeal**

**Standing the Test of Time**



Join us in Commemorating 80 Years of VE Day

To honour this day we are inviting our residents of West Dean, Binderton, Chilgrove and families of West Dean Primary School to come together for an evening of remembrance, reflection and celebration

at West Dean College Gardens

(green in front of the College)

**FREE ENTRY**

- 5.00 pm – St Andrew’s Church bells to be rung to mark the start of the celebrations
- 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm - Fish and Chips available (free of charge/pre-orders only)
- Bar available to purchase drinks together with tea and coffee
- Tombola and games – please drop off your tombola donations to West Dean Stores by 5 May
- Singing from the children of West Dean Primary School
- Lighting of the beacon and time for reflection and remembrance

Kindly supported by West Dean Parish Council and  
special thanks to West Dean Estate

to assist with catering it is imperative that you please **RSVP no later than 5 May 2025**  
by completing the attached slip with your menu choice for your family  
and returning to West Dean Stores or by emailing [clerk@westdeanparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westdeanparishcouncil.gov.uk)

please bring your own chairs/picnic blankets and park in the gardens car park

**Please choose your meals for your whole family**  
and return slip to West Dean Stores or email: [clerk@westdeanparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westdeanparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**RSVP 5 MAY 2025**

Name: ..... Number attending: .....

Contact Number: .....

<b>Menu</b>	<b>Number of meals</b>
Cod	
Scampi (8)	
Jumbo Sausage – battered	
Jumbo Sausage – plain	
Veggie Burger	

<b>Children's Menu</b>	<b>Number of meals</b>
Cod bites (2)	
Small Sausage	
Chicken Nuggets (4)	

All meals are served with chips

# 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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PRE-SCHOOL

spaces available - working family & universal funding accepted



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- Yr R** *Wilf* - For working so hard with your blending, helping you to read.
- Yr 1** *Margot* - for demonstrating your scientific knowledge of plants
- Yr 2** *Ivy S* - for your enthusiasm and focus when planting your beans for our bean diaries, well done!
- Yr 3** *Viva* - for your brilliant effort and confidence when telling the time in maths.
- Yr 4** *Finlay* - for a fantastic start to a new term. You have already shown resilience and determination to try new things :)
- Yr 5** *Fynn* - for a super start to the summer term, you have brought so much enthusiasm and energy to your learning. Well done!
- Yr 6** *Poppy* - for coming back after Easter full of confidence, especially when talking to adults around the school.





- Yr R** *Olivia HC* - for always doing your best! What a great role model.
- Yr 1** *Hugo Y* - for working so hard and having a positive attitude to your learning.
- Yr 2** *Mila* - for your brilliant contributions to class discussion this week. It's wonderful to see your confidence growing when sharing your ideas. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Paddy* - for the terrific effort you've put into your maths this week. We are very proud of you.
- Yr 4** *Nella* - for the determination and positive attitude you bring to Beech Class! We have spotted you Nella!
- Yr 5** *Max* - for your perseverance and determination with your learning, it's great to see you asking so many questions!
- Yr 6** *Imogen* - for applying yourself so well in this important term of Year 6. You are really setting the example and making the most of every minute of learning.





## 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 5th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Wednesday 7th May	2.45, Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Wednesday 7th May	Selsey Arms Car Park Closed (pm)
Thursday 8th May	VE Day Celebration (details attached)
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	1.00—3.00, Chestnut Class Chichester Falcons Session in School
Saturday 17th May	Chichester Cormorants Swim Gala at Westgate (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
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)
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 Production (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)

