



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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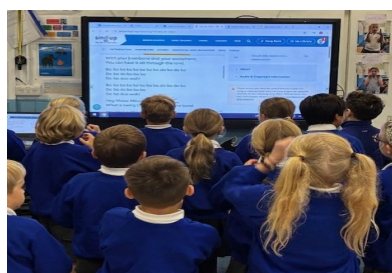
*We do our best in all we do, with God's love.*

*'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.'* **John 13**

**Newsletter 4 26.09.25** Our overall attendance so far this year has dropped slightly this week **97.4%** Let's get back to at least 98%

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

...and this week Rev Sarah's 'Rambling' is inspired by her visit to West Dean School!



**Beech Class Sponsored Sing-a-long —**  
**The children have raised the phenomenal, fantastic amount of £700.05** Thank you so much for your generous donations, Beech Class children are very much looking forward to shopping for their carpet and perhaps some extra resources now too.

**Grounds Morning - Thank you** to the elite team of parent volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to help keep the school grounds in fantastic condition for your children. Lots of important jobs were completed, included clearing around the pond so that access is improved for learning. The team definitely earned their coffee and doughnuts!

**Thank you** to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival in West Dean Church this morning and for all of your generous donations this week. Some of the children will be taking all of the produce to the Foodbank in Chichester next week.



It was really lovely to be joined in worship at our village church by so many parents. Both Rev Sarah and Mr Williams were very impressed by the quality of the children's contributions and the careful thought they had put into writing prayers, poetry and letters of thanks to farmers. Not to mention of course Apple Class' superb vegetable superheroes, which rather stole the show!



**Thank you** to everyone who supported our Apple Harvest Bake Sale today, we will let you know how we did.

**Friends Film Night**, Weds 5th November, 3.00pm.

Apple & Maple—Lilo & Stitch

Beech & Chestnut - How to Train Your Dragon (Live Action). Available to book on Arbor, £5 per child.



**Coming Soon:** our poster with details of our **'Friends' Wreath Making Evening at Farbridge** on Monday 1st December.

**Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership Update** I am often asked by parents what difference being a member of the partnership is making, since our academy conversion last May. This is an understandable question, as there's probably not much that has changed in any observable sense, but I can assure you there is a lot going on in the background. One really positive development that happened for the first time this week, was a shared teaching staff meeting. All of our teachers met in their respective year groups, with colleagues from the same year group in each of the partnership primary schools. They spent a very useful hour planning all manner of joint learning experiences for your children for the coming year.





### West Dean Wellbeing Walk

After watching the weather carefully for a few weeks, luck was on our side on Thursday, as our first Wellbeing walk of the year took place under blue sky and warm sunshine.

Much as it is lovely to walk together sometimes, each class decided to go their own way this time, with some enjoying some familiar well-trodden paths and some exploring some new areas of our community. Apple Class reached the depths of the West Dean jungle, whilst Chestnut Class steamed along the old railway line, aka. Centurion Way, to the newly opened section of path through the old Singleton Station. A beautiful, restorative time was enjoyed by all.

### Open The Book

We had the second Open The Book assembly of the term on Monday and learned a lot about the story of Joseph from the book of Genesis. The Open The Book assemblies are led by a really lovely, enthusiastic group of volunteers from church communities around Chichester, including Chichester Baptist Church. The children are really enjoying these dramatised stories, especially when they are asked to take part themselves and get dressed up in character. It is really wonderful to welcome a new group of worship leaders into school and we look forward to the next instalment of the story of Joseph in a few weeks' time.





**WEST DEAN FRIENDS PRESENTS**



**KS2: HOW TO TRAIN  
YOUR DRAGON**

# **Movie Night**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

**TIME: 3PM - 5PM**

**£5 PER CHILD**

**INCLUDES A DRINK  
POPCORN AND A SNACK**

**CHILDREN CAN BRING EITHER A  
SMALL CUSHION OR BLANKET**

**PLEASE BOOK BEFORE  
MONDAY 3RD 12NOON**

**KS1: LILO & STITCH**





### 2025/26 INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025  
Friday 24th October 2025  
Monday 5th January 2026  
Monday 23rd February 2026  
Wednesday 22nd July 2026



### Autumn Term 2025 - Wednesday 3rd September—Friday 19th December

INSET - Wednesday 3rd September 2025  
Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025



### Autumn Term 2025

Monday 29th September	'Open Book' Assembly
Tuesday 30th September	Hugo Van Driel Assembly in school
Thursday 2nd October	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Wednesday 8th October	Bookfest Author Visit—Apple & Maple at Lavant
Thursday 9th October	No Dance Club
Thursday 9th October	Bookfest Author Visit—Beech & Chestnut at Lavant
Monday 13th October	Open Book Assembly in school
Thursday 16th October	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Friday 17th October	Foodbank Friday
Tuesday 21st October	Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 22nd October	8.30-9.00 'Friends' Meeting (Year Group Reps only please)
Wednesday 22nd October	Parent Consultation Evening (details to follow)
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term
Friday 24th October	INSET—School Closed
Wednesday 5th November	'Friends' Film Night now available to book on Arbor
Friday 7th November	West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks (details to follow shortly)
Wednesday 12th November	Yellow School Photographs (Individuals and Siblings)
Friday 21st November	Children in Need
Monday 24th November	Flu Vaccinations in School
Saturday 29th November	West Dean Christmas Market Event (details to follow)
Monday 1st December	1.00 & 6.00 'Friends' Wreath Making at Farbridge





# October Half Term Tech Camps **NOW ON SALE!**



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