



# West Dean Church of England Primary School

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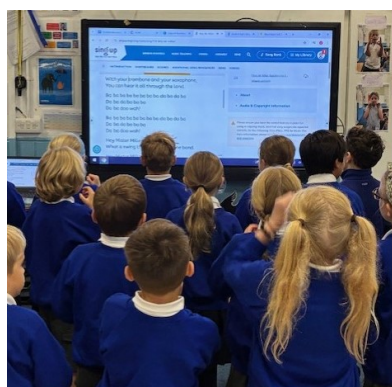
*We do our best in all we do, with God's love.*

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

**Newsletter 3 19.09.25 Our overall attendance so far this year is 98.2% Keep it up everyone!**

**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** To raise money for a new, colourful rug for the children to sit on in their classroom, Beech Class held a sponsored Sing-a-Long yesterday. Led by Mrs Anstee, the aim was for the children to sing for 180 minutes throughout the day, but such was their enthusiasm that by the time they performed a few numbers on the playground at the end of the day, they had been singing for over 200 minutes! With half the sponsorship forms and money in so far, donations online in Arbor, and the cash collected in buckets on the playground at the end of the day, the children have raised well over £400 so far—and we know there is more to come! 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.

If you would like to sponsor them and make a donation you can do this on Arbor, it will appear as a shop item for £5, you can 'purchase' more than one if you wish.

## Grounds Morning

**Saturday 27th September from 9.30am**

We are privileged to have beautiful, expansive school grounds, which enrich the experience for the children at West Dean. However our outside spaces do need looking after and this can be a time-consuming task, particularly after the rain-fuelled growth spurt that has happened recently. Please help us get some much-needed gardening jobs done by coming along to **Grounds Morning next Saturday** from 9.30am. These events have a really fun family feel to them.



We will be holding our school Harvest Festival Service in **St Andrew's Church, West Dean** at **8.45 next Friday morning, 26th September**.

Your child(ren) will need to be dropped off directly at the church at 8.30, ready for an 8.45 start. A reminder of the drop off routine and a map can be found on the next page. We will again be supporting the work of Chichester Foodbank through our harvest collection and

would be very grateful of your donations of food and grocery items. Currently, the most urgently needed items are: **Treats (Kit Kat Snack Bars etc), Tinned Tomatoes or Passata, Kitchen Roll, Tinned or Packet Soup, Rice Pudding or Custard, Deodorant and Shampoo, Tinned Meat or Vegetarian Meals, Instant Mashed Potato, Washing Up Liquid, Jam, Honey, Spreads etc, Dried Lentils and Pulses, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fish, Long Life Milk and Fruit Juice.**

It would be helpful if children could bring these in earlier in the week, from **Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th September**.

## School Communication

We are now using Arbor for all of our school communications and payments. It has been reported to us that some emails have not been received but have then been found in spam/junk. Please do check to ensure that you are receiving all our communication. We had some teething troubles initially, thank you for your patience. We are learning too, so any feedback would be greatly appreciated to help us to improve.

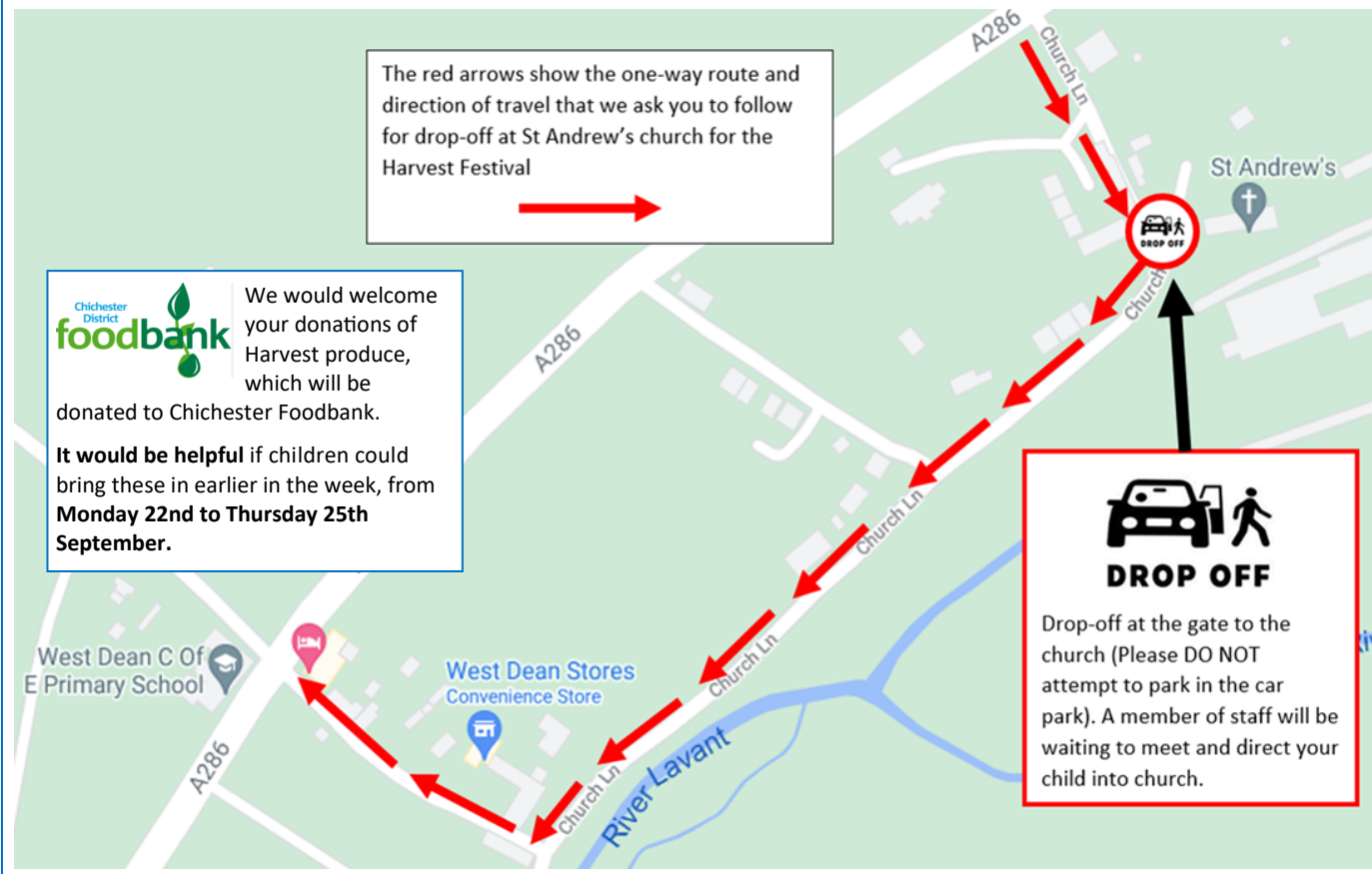


The class WhatsApp groups are not monitored or used by school staff. These are set up by parents for the sharing of information such as, reminders about trips or specific items that children need to bring into school on a given day, as well as to facilitate and organise class 'Friends' events. If you have queries, comments or feedback about any aspect of school, it is always best to contact us directly, via the school office or teacher emails. As well intentioned as advice on WhatsApp usually is, for most queries aside from the aforementioned 'reminders', it is school our school staff who can give you the most accurate answer.



We are delighted to be holding our School Harvest Festival Service in St Andrew's Church, West Dean, next **Friday 26th September at 8.45am**. We ask parents and carers to bring children **directly to the church** for the service **by 8.30am**, ready for an 8.45 start, rather than coming to school first.

Staff will be on hand to welcome the children from 8.25 and we ask that you access Church Lane from the A285, operating a **one-way system**, dropping off at the Church and exiting through the village. Parents, carers and relatives are welcome to join us for the service, which will last for approximately half an hour. If you intend to do so, please drop your child off first, as described above, before finding parking elsewhere in the village.





- Yr R** *Harry* - for a brilliant start in Reception! You are kind and polite to everyone, a superstar :)
- Yr 1** *Beatrix* - for your determination and always doing your best. Keep it up!
- Yr 2** *Dora* - for the kindness you show to everyone. Your caring and positive attitude is wonderful to see! Well done!
- Yr 3** *Alice* - for the brilliant poster you made in science about staying safe in the dark. You are a star!
- Yr 4** *Todd* - for the wonderful enthusiasm you showed during our sponsored sing song. What a role model you were!
- Yr 5** *Finlay* - for an excellent start to Y5, you have demonstrated hard work, determination and resilience, giving everything your best effort.
- Yr 6** *Jack* - for amazing ultimate Frisbee skills and super teamwork & kills







Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Friends' meeting this week, lots of great ideas and progress with event planning.

Please use the email below to enquire about pre-loved uniform. This is being run by our 'Friends' and they will be able to let you know if they have anything suitable. [westdeanuniform@gmail.com](mailto:westdeanuniform@gmail.com)

Apple Bake Sale

Friday 26th September

Zephyr

3pm



### 'Friends' Harvest Bake Sale



We are holding a **Harvest Bake Sale on Friday 26th September at 3.00pm**. There will be lots of lovely cakes and bakes to buy. We are raising funds for the replacement of our Trim Trail on our school field. Do come along and have a look, we're sure we can tempt you with something delicious! Your support is greatly appreciated.





### 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

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| Thursday 25th September | Apple Class bring in baked goods for Harvest Bake Sale               |
| Friday 26th September   | 8.45-9.45, Harvest Service in WD Church (details to follow)          |
| Friday 26th September   | 3.00, 'Friends' Harvest Bake Sale                                    |
| Saturday 27th September | 9.30—12.00 'Friends' Grounds Morning                                 |
| 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 (details to follow)    |
| Thursday 9th October    | No Dance Club  |
| Thursday 9th October    | Bookfest Author Visit—Beech & Chestnut at Lavant (details to follow) |
| 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 (details to follow) Save the Date               |
| Friday 7th November     | West Dean Bonfire and Fireworks (details to follow shortly)          |





## Junior Parkrun Here's what it's all about:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/chichester-juniors/>

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). Every Sunday in Priory Park, 9.00am, free to enter.

## Wireless Headphones Help!



We are in need of some wireless headphones to support reading and independent learning. If anyone has a set that they no longer use and would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Just the type that are worn outside the ear please (as pictured). Thank you.



## Piano Lessons



**Spaces available at West Dean Primary**

**with Donna Morley**

**To register your child, or to find out more, visit:**

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/music-lessons/>

**Help with costs is available to some families, including 100% bursaries:**

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music@westsussexmusic.co.uk



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## WEST DEAN CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



**MULTI SPORTS | Y2 - Y6  
FRIDAYS 3PM - 4PM**

**BOOK ONLINE:** [www.southcoastsports.org.uk](http://www.southcoastsports.org.uk) OR via iPAL



## Boots on, game on. Chi City U11 Girls' team wants YOU!



Are you ready to be part of something exciting? We're looking for enthusiastic girls to join our Under 11s football team for the new season beginning in September 2025.

Is your daughter sporty, heading into Y6 in Sept 25r and inspired by the England Women's Euro Win?

We are looking to grow our U11 girls team.

Girls are being invited into a open training sessions for a try out in August and September on Tuesdays 6-7pm at Chichester City FC.

The team play in the Hampshire Girls League on Saturdays. We train on Tuesday evenings at Chichester City grounds.

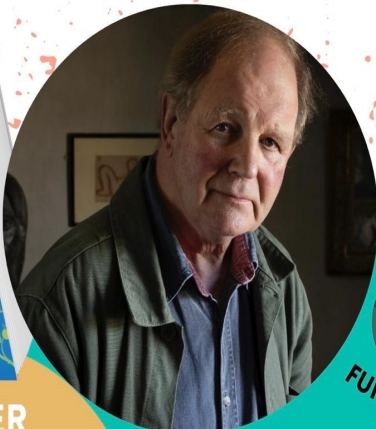
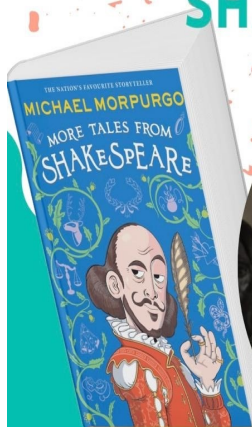
Ready to join our squad? Get in touch now to secure your place for September 2025.

Contact Steve:  
07393 283740  
Contact Ian:  
07384 844429





# MORE TALES FROM SHAKESPEARE



CHICHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

9<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2025

DOORS 7PM,  
TALK 7.30PM



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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1183937



teamwork | respect | enjoyment  
discipline | sportsmanship

## Join the club....

New and returning players  
welcome at all ages

### Minis, Juniors and Colts

Boys and Girls  
Sundays 10am

### Adult Men

Harvey's Sussex Counties League  
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To support this: Join on A Direct Membership this May and SAVE £39 on the joining fee or Join on an ANNUAL and get 12 Months for Price of 10 and Save Up to £135: to grab this great offer speak to the team or call us on 01243 785651 Option 1 or join online at [everyoneactive.com](http://everyoneactive.com). You will have access to the Gym, Swimming and Classes as well as Sauna, Steam and Jacuzzi as well as we will also give you a FREE 30 MIN PT session to help set you up to achieve your goals! DID YOU KNOW TEACHERS NOW GET BLUE LIGHT CARD DISCOUNT so saving you even more! (\*this is our You+ Membership)

### Already a Member? Did you know you can get FREE MONTHS!

All you have to do is refer a friend to join and you will get a free month! It is that simple just ask your friend to use your name when you join and you can claim your free month!!!

For more membership information call one of the team who are happy to help!

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