



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 36 27.06.25 Our overall attendance for the year is holding at 96.4% Well done everyone!

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



Chichester Diocese Year 6 Leavers Service

It was a pleasure to join our Year 6 children, Mrs Johnson, Rev Sarah and a huge number of Year 6s from across the Diocese of Chichester, at their Leavers Service in Chichester cathedral on Monday afternoon. It is tradition for some of the children to contribute to parts of the service each year and our children did us proud on Monday, with a clear and beautifully read rendition of a piece of poetry, written to mark the Diocese 'Year of Faith'.

Well done to all the children who took part in the **GAS Sports Afternoon at Boxgrove School**. There was a great mix of fun events for all to take part in, as well as competitive races. Team West Dean were relay champions!



Big Camp and Beech Adventure Day

As promised, here is a report on the Year 4 Big Camp & Beech Class Adventure Day, from some of our Beech roving reporters!

On the 13th June, we had the most exciting day ever! As Big Camp started, the Year 4s rushed out excitedly to set up their tents. Our tent was so spacious and comfortable. We got to be the first people to swim in the school pool before making a wooden camp ID badge using a saw. Later on, we all enjoyed delicious campfire pizzas and smores. More games were played afterwards and we ended the night with some songs from Aflie and Finlay on the guitar. As it got dark, we headed to our tents and went to bed.

The next day, Year 3 headed to Stick Wood for Stick Tap then more games, like Eagle Eye. After that, I did some Nordic weaving before using chalk to put some face paint on. Then after a refreshing swim, we all set off for West Dean Gardens for a lovely walk and picnic lunch. We were so excited when we spotted some duckling cooling off in the river. Lots of fun was had playing in the gardens and enjoying all the beautiful flowers and plants while we ate our picnic lunch. What a lovely end to the week!

Goodwood Festival of Speed—Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July. We have our Breakfast Bears available from 8.00 if you would like to avoid the traffic and bring your children in early. Please do ensure that you book in on schoolmoney, £4 from 8.00-8.30 to include breakfast.

Well done to...
The highest scoring House for the second week in a row!



The Lion King

Tickets are available to purchase on schoolmoney.co.uk @ £7 per ticket, maximum x4 per family initially. Additional tickets will be on sale from 1st July.

Thank you to all who helped to make our PTA Pop-up Plant Sale such a success and to all of you who have supported by buying a splash of colour for your garden. Donations can be made on SchoolMoney, if you still need to make a payment. So far we have raised an incredible £320. Plants are still available, do come and have a look.

PLANTSALE

THANK YOU!



Management Information System (MIS) - Arbor

Since becoming an Academy under the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership some of our system have changed.

We will shortly be introducing Arbor to our school community ready for action in September.

Arbor is our new management information system which holds all of our staff, student, guardian data etc. We will also be using this for our communications to families, in place of our current e-Schools and this will be our booking and payment platform for trips, clubs etc in place of school money.

For ease of use there is a parent 'App' Watch this space for further details and your welcome message to follow shortly.

We would kindly ask that you please make sure school money accounts are cleared by the end of the summer term.



West Dean Friends News:

You will have received information about our plans to re-imagine our current PTA to West Dean 'Friends'. We held our first meeting on **Wednesday 25th June at 8.30am** in the pavilion to elect trustees & year group representatives, officially agree the resolutions to change the name of the charity and discuss plans for exciting up and coming events. Thank you to everyone who attended, we have made a really good start and have lots of plans for the Autumn term and in the future.

Our end of term summer disco is now available to book on schoolmoney.co.uk. The ticket price of £6 is for entry to the disco. A drink and a snack during the evening. **Save the Date** - Thursday 17th July, 5.00-6.30 for Year R, 1 and 2, 5.30-7.00 for Years 3,4,5 and 6.

Support Staff Vacancies at Bishop Luffa School

Dear parents and carers,

Bishop Luffa School, part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership, are currently advertising the following Support Staff roles:

- Teaching Assistant
- Pastoral Support Assistant
- Science Technician

If you are interested, or you know someone who might be interested in any of these roles, more detailed information and an application form can be found on the Bishop Luffa School website <https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/home/vacancies/>



Yellow School Photographs
School Photograph Order Closing
Date Tuesday 1 July
Please be advised if you have
NOT yet placed your School
Photograph order, **the order
closing date is Tuesday 1 July** .

Please visit www.smileYellow.com using the
passwords on the Proofcard.



School Money.co.uk

Please remember to log in to your school money account
and clear any balance by the end of term, ready for our
transition to Arbor in September.

Further details for Arbor to follow, look out for your
welcome message soon.

Swimming

The children have been able to make good use of our swimming pool this week, both during and after school. We are able to extend our after school swim time to 4.30pm, this will be £5 per child per session.

Thank you to Abbie and her team for arranging the First Aiders and supervisors for these sessions.

Please could we just remind you that booking is essential for these sessions. We cannot have more than 12 children in the pool. We kindly request that parents must accompany their own children and supervise them during these sessions. For safety, children are not permitted outside of the pool area during this time.

Both playground gates will be locked, so please alert a member of school staff when you are ready to leave. Thank you for your co-operation to ensure that everyone enjoys the pool safely.



ACTIVE KIDS. HAPPY DAYS. JOIN THE FUN THIS SUMMER IN CHICHESTER

AGES
5-11
YRS



FREE FOR
CHILDREN
WITH A
HAF ID

DATES + LOCATION

Tangmere Primary Academy, Chichester

Monday 28 July – Thursday 31 July

Monday 4 August – Thursday 7 August

Monday 11 August – Thursday 14 August

Monday 18 August – Thursday 21 August

BOOK ONLINE: www.southcoastsports.org.uk

In partnership with
westsussexwest
School Sport Partnership



ARENA
SPORTS CENTRE



Ring
reception
to book:
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870000

Summer holiday camps

Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers,
coaches & School Games Organisers. Activities include:

**Football, Tennis, Golf, Athletics, Striking &
Fielding, Arts & Crafts and much more!**

Please note activities may vary daily

Bookings open **Monday 26th May** (limited places available)

Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00

School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 24-25)

Dates **Monday 21st July - Thursday 24th July
& Monday 4th August - Thursday 7th August**

(individual day bookings available)

£19.75 or £74 for all 4 days! - Includes Lunch!

All Free school meal pupils can access this provision for FREE, via HAF,
check with West Sussex County Council for more information.

HAF places please book via the WSCC website:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf

Booking deadline week 1: Wednesday 16th July
Booking deadline week 2: Wednesday 30th July



Please contact us for booking:

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- Yr R Poppy** - for the care you take with your writing, well done.
- Yr 1 Delilah** - for your enthusiasm for your African animals facts.
- Yr 2 Barney** - for your fantastic swimming. You show such joy in the pool and always give it your all, well done!
- Yr 3 Harry** - for consistently applying yourself in your learning. You are a joy to teach.
- Yr 4 Florence** - for being a fabulous Year 4 role model; kind, hard working, reliable and so helpful.
- Yr 5 Rufus** - for making some good choices and for applying a positive attitude to your learning. Your contributions to class discussions are really valuable.
- Yr 6 Beatrix** - for being such a super role model and a fantastic all rounder. You make the most of all your learning and always put in 110%!





2024/25 INSET Days

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025



2025/26 INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

All other INSET will be published before the end of this term, once approved by our school governors.

Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July
Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May

Summer Term 2025

Monday 30th June	BLLP Worship Leader Conference (selected Parliament children)
Tuesday 1st July	Hugo Van Driel assembly in school
Wednesday 2nd July	1.30-2.30, New Entrants Visits Reception 2025
Thursday 3rd July	5.30, Governing Body Meeting
Monday 14th July	6.00, West Dean School presents 'The Lion King'
Tuesday 15th –17th July	Year 6 Bikeability (details to follow)
Thursday 17th July	End of Term Summer Disco—5.00-6.30/5.30-7.00 KS2
Friday 18th July	1.00, End of Term & Leaver's' Assembly
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)

