



West Dean Church of England Primary School



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

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There has been quite a bit of absence recently in addition to illness, so our overall attendance level for the year has remained at **96%**.

Don't forget to check out Rev Sarah's Rector's Rambling this week, which can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Apple Class Visitor—Mr Porter

Apple Class had a special visitor on Wednesday 10th June.
"Mr. Porter gave up some of his time to come in and play the piano for us.
He told us about how the piano works and how the hammer hits the strings.
He talked about the composer Mozart and about his music. He also played us a piece of music that he had composed himself.
He gave the school a wooden treble clef which is usually the right hand sign in music." Beatrix Year 1



Apple Class would like to put out a plea for any kind of tape for their art creations please. They use copious amounts of cellotape, masking tape and brown packing tape. If you have anything at home that you would be able to donate then we would be very grateful.

Thank you.

Beech Class have enjoyed seeing and hearing Mrs Anstee's double bass this week. They were inspired to sketch it whilst listening to songs famous for their double bass parts, like Nancy Sinatra's 'These boots were made for walking'!



Chestnut Class have been away in Medway, Kent this week, on their residential visit.

They have been to Rochester Castle and Cathedral, Chatham Dockyard and Chatham Snow Sports Centre.

Today they had a visit to Capstone Alpaca Farm.

Look out for news next week of their exciting adventures.



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 15th July (late afternoon / early evening, timings TBC)

Whole School Exhibition & Showcase of our summer learning journey 'There's a Power in the Music'

Following the success of our Olympic themed combined learning journey two summers ago, this year all of the children in the school will be working on a music inspired cross-curricular learning journey. The culmination of this half term of work will be celebrated at an exhibition event on 15th July, in school. We would love to see every family joining us to celebrate their child's achievements, so please save the date and further details of precise timings will be coming soon.



News from West Dean 'Friends' Spring Term Events: Save the Dates!

'Friends are busy planning for our Summer Sizzler event,

Friday 19th June - Save the Date.

Further information has been sent in a separate email.

Please do let us know if you are able to help in any way, run a stall, donate your expertise, organise etc, we would love to hear from you. Look out for your **raffle tickets** which have been sent home. Each family has been allocated x2 books to sell, please do your best.

Plea for raffle prizes please, if you have anything that you would like to donate or you have a contact that might be happy to donate a prize, please do let us know.

We would like to start collecting things for the event and would like to invite you to bring in items for our Tombolas.

Bottles of any kind, size, variety for the adult tombola, and Teddies/soft toys for the children's tombola. Please bring any items either to the office or to the pavilion.

We are also asking for donations for our preloved homeware, good quality children's clothes on hangers and children's books stall .

We are also having a 'Jumble' stall, so any clothes, toys etc, please do bring them in for us.

Our plant stall has been confirmed so we will have lots of plants for sale on the day, ready for your tubs and baskets!

We need your delicious **cakes and bakes** to sell on the day, please bring these into school on the day, morning would be preferable, thank you, nut free please.



SUMMER SIZZLER



**WEST DEAN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Everyone welcome
Please come and have fun!

Friday 19th June

3pm-6pm

*Bouncy Castle *Food & Drink
*Fun Games & Stalls
*Live Music *Children Performances

FREE ENTRY!

Event organised by West Dean Primary School Friends
to raise important funds for West Dean Primary School



Final 2025/26 INSET Day: Wednesday 22nd July 2026

All 2026/27 INSET Days:

Autumn: Tues 1st September 2026 (school closure), Weds 2nd September

Spring: Mon 4th January 2027, Friday 5th February 2027 (NB: not aligned with the half term break)

Mon 22nd February 2027 (aligned with half term break)



Summer Term 2026: Monday 13th April — Tuesday 21st July.

Monday 15th June	1.00, Sports Afternoon (all welcome)
Tuesday 16th June	Maple Class visit to Goodwood Farm
Wednesday 17th June	Open The Book Worship in School
Wednesday 17th June	2.00-2.45, New Entrants, first visit
Wednesday 17th June	BLLP Cricket Sessions in school for all classes
Thursday 18th June	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Friday 19th June	3.00-6.00pm, 'Friends' Summer Sizzler Event (No SCS after school sports club)
Monday 22nd June	Open The Book Worship in School
Monday 22nd June	1.30, Year 6 Leavers' Service—Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday 24th June	1.45-2.45, New Entrants, second visit
Wednesday 24th June	BLLP Cricket Sessions in school for all classes
Thursday 25th June	Beech Class Big Camp (Year 4 camping)
Friday 26th June	Beech Class Activity Day (Year 3 & 4)
Monday 29th June	Sports Afternoon (Reserve date in case of bad weather on the 15th June)
Wednesday 1st July	1.45-2.45, New Entrants, third visit
Wednesday 1st July	BLLP Cricket Sessions in school for all classes
Thursday 2nd July	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Thursday 2nd July	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday 7th July	Hugo Van Driel Assembly in school
Wednesday 8th July	BLLP Cricket Sessions in school for all classes
Wednesday 15th July	BLLP Cricket Sessions in school for all classes
Wednesday 15th July	Whole School Music Event—Save the Date (details to follow)
Thursday 16th July	End of Term Disco (details to follow)
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Bikeability at West Dean
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Bikeability at Singleton
Tuesday 21st July	2.45, Mrs Chilton's Afternoon Tea (all welcome)



- Yr R *Hettie* - for your amazing attitude to your learning! You always try your best.
- Yr 1 *Sofia* - for your determination at doing your best in all your learning.
- Yr 2 *Hugo O* - for your enthusiasm for learning, positive attitude, and hard work in phonics. You are becoming a confident reader. Well done!
- Yr 3 *Charlie* - for your brilliant sketch of a double bass. Your attention to detail was wonderful.
- Yr 4 *Paddy* - for the huge effort you are making with your writing. We have spotted you, keep it up!
- Yr 5 *Chestnut Class* are away on residential
- Yr 6 *Chestnut Class* are away on residential



Hopefully you will have heard of West's Wood Fair, but if you haven't it's an event we put on every year. This year it is taking place on the 19th, 20th & 21st June and we would love for you to join us in celebrating all things wood.

There is lots to see and do, like displays by the Dorset Axemen, Hamble & Hound Gundog Club or heavy horses. You can take a tractor & trailer ride into the depths of the forest, or have a game of crazy croquet. Or why not have a go at one of our free to enter competitions, like the Sussex Scrumpy Stakes or timber identification challenge. We have a busy kids corner with lots of things for the children, plus the log roll which is always popular. Or enjoy a stroll round the exhibitors stands, where you'll see a wide variety of products and some exhibitors will be carrying out demonstrations, some will even let you have a go yourself.

Not everything takes place on Friday, as we invite several schools to attend free of charge, so entry is half price (£7), see our website for more details. Entry on the Saturday or Sunday is £15 but if you head over to the website you can still buy early bird tickets for £13.50 until 11pm tomorrow night.

If you do come we hope you have a great day and we'd love to hear what you thought and see any photos you took.

Kind regards, Peter West & all at L West & Son



Pick up the tempo and *Read to the Beat* at a library near you

West Sussex Library Service's popular Summer Reading Challenge is back! This year's theme is ***Read to the Beat***, a celebration of reading and music.

Pre-registration is open from **Monday 15 June** and the Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local West Sussex library on **Saturday 4 July**, running until **Saturday 12 September**. It's free for families to take part and a great way to encourage reading for pleasure during the long summer holiday.




Once registered online for the Challenge at libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src, children reveal a special code word to staff at their local library to get a *Read to the Beat* sticker booklet. The main Challenge is aimed at children aged 4-11 years, whilst under-4s can take part in the Mini Challenge.

Children will have access to a wide range of books – both physical and downloadable! They will have all summer to enjoy books and achieve personalised reading goals, returning to the library several times to discuss the books they have been reading with Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers, collecting stickers and other exciting rewards along the way.

[For anyone interested in volunteering in this role, full details and the application form are available at libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src, with a closing date of **Friday 3 July**.] – *optional depending on space; won't be relevant past start of July*

Sing from the rooftops – it's nearly Summer Reading Challenge time!

Summer Term 2 Club Provision

Day	Adult Lead	Club	Year Group	Description
Monday	Mr C Williams	Cricket (20)	3, 4, 5, 6	Develop cricket skills in a fun, safe environment learning bowling, batting, fielding and teamwork through engaging games and activities.
Tuesday	Mrs J Anstee 	Choir (Lunch time)	Yr 2,3,4,5,6	A chance to practice and improve your singing and have fun
	Mrs K Chesshire	Lego (15)	Yr 1,2,3	Explore fun building challenges and imaginative projects, children can design, build and experiment with Lego models.
Wednesday				
Thursday	Mrs E Holder 	Dance (Hall)	Yr 3,4,5,6	A structured dance club for children to explore music and movement in a variety of dance styles.
Friday	South Coast Sports 	Multi-sports	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	This club needs to be booked and paid directly with SCS. Details: https://southcoastsports.ipalbookings.com/

For our after school provision this half term we are offering a range of after school clubs, which our teaching staff will be leading (with the exception of Dance Club, led by Ellie Holder and our usual SCS sports club).

The cost of our Dance club will be £5 per child, per session. SCS is booked and paid directly through their booking system. (details above. Other clubs will be free of charge to join and all of our clubs run between 3.00 – 4.00.

After School Club Dates: W/C 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th June, 6th and 13th July.- x6 weeks

With just 7 children signed up so far, there are still lots of spaces left in Mr Williams' Monday afternoon cricket club. Come along and enjoy a game—the more the merrier!

Mrs Goacher will be running a lunch time **Gardening Club** on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, children are invited to sign up to this.

SCS Please check their website for details: <https://southcoastsports.ipalbookings.com/> No after school club on Friday 19th June, our 'Friends' Summer Sizzler event.

In addition to our after school club programme, Activ8 will be offering wraparound care between 3.00 and 6.00pm. Booking for wraparound care should be made directly with Activ8. <https://activ8forkids.ipalbookings.com>. Bookings must be made in advance, up to 12 noon on the day of care. Email: Josh at westdeanmanager@activ8forkids.co.uk.

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.

After School Clubs and Breakfast Bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Arbor. Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

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WAC NEWSLETTER



April - May 2026

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! Last term, the children enjoyed a wide range of fun indoor and outdoor activities.

Boggle was a popular choice, with children racing the timer to form words from letter grids, supporting spelling, vocabulary and quick thinking.

Football was a big hit outdoors, with mini-games, passing drills and goalkeeping activities that encouraged teamwork and energy.

On wetter days, Snakes and Ladders provided a calm, social option, full of laughter and turn-taking.

We also enjoyed making and flying paper planes, designing different styles and testing whose flew the furthest.



Other creative and active experiences have included dinosaur hand drawings, where the children carefully sketched and decorated their own prehistoric designs, and turbo javelin throwing, which gave them a chance to practise aim, coordination and safe throwing techniques outdoors.

To celebrate springtime and May Day, the children made beautiful May flower crowns, carefully selecting and arranging flowers to create colourful headpieces.

We have also enjoyed crochet sessions with Maddy, where the children began learning basic stitches and practising patience and fine motor skills while creating simple handmade pieces.



BISHOP LUFFA PFA PRESENTS



BIG BAND *& Cocktails Night*

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026 • DOORS OPEN: 7:00 PM
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Dress Code: Party Ready
Parking available on site

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TICKETS HERE**



Dance **THE NIGHT AWAY**
AND SUPPORT OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

**OR SCAN QR
CODE**

We can't wait to see you there - invite friends and family!

PETWORTH FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN

SUNDAY 26 JULY, 2.30PM
PETWORTH HOUSE STABLE YARD

With Family Theatre Magic from
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
& Foot-tapping Musical Theatre from the Fabulous
Bowjangles!

Music **Family Fun** **Balloon Modelling** **Face Painting**
Ice Creams **Pizza Bar & Street Food** **Family Theatre**

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Tickets at
petworthfestival.org.uk

