



West Dean CE 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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Unfortunately, due to absence this half term, our whole school attendance figure for the year has dropped to **95.8%** this week.

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

Fond farewell prayers - We've been saying some sad but fond farewells during worship this week as we have looked back at the amazing contributions that Mrs Chilton and Mrs Pearmaine have made to our school. I think these two prayers, used in their goodbye assemblies, capture our thoughts about them right now...



Dear Lord,

We give thanks for the many years of care and love that Mrs Chilton has given to our school community. You sent your son to show us how to love. Through her faithful service, Mrs Chilton has channelled Your love in everything she does, showing deep care, dedication and loyalty to the children in our school and to the adults who have been lucky enough to work with her. As Mrs Chilton lets her hair out of her bun and closes her school diary for the final time, hold her firm in your love O Lord, and give her the sense of satisfaction she deserves for the incredible way she has carefully and sensitively transformed so many young lives. Lord, bless Mrs Chilton and her family as they look forward to new adventures - to caring for her new baby granddaughter, Freddy, to having more time to explore Your beautiful world.

We thank you Lord, for the simply wonderful Mrs Chilton. **Amen**

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of having Mrs Pearmaine in our school community for so many years.

We thank you for the love, life and laughter she has brought to all she does everyday.

We thank you for the deep care she has for the children and staff in our school, especially when she knows someone is having a tough time.

We thank you for the extra mile she always goes.

And we thank you for schamozzle, chinwag and gobblefunk!

We ask that you hold Mrs Pearmaine in Your hands O Lord, bringing her health and happiness in her future adventures.

And we hope that our small school with a big heart will remain in her thoughts, as she will in ours, always. **Amen**.



Disco fever!

Great fun was had at the summer disco yesterday evening, with some impressive dance moves, despite the sticky temperature. In a unexpected turn of weather, it even snowed at the end of the evening, much to everyone's excitement!



Thank you for joining us for our 'There's a Power in the Music' exhibition on Wednesday - it was undoubtedly the most worthwhile viewing that evening! We are delighted by your feedback and lovely messages. It is great to hear that the strength in the children's work and creativity came across and that it enabled families to see the progression of skills developing across the school. It has been a great project this term, into which the children have thrown their enthusiasm. Thank you to our amazing staff team for nurturing the children's creativity and creating such memorable learning experiences for them.



★ SINGLETON ★

Village Fete 2026

**Saturday
8th August
1 - 4.30pm**



Fun Dog Show, Pony Rides, Punch & Judy
Old School Sports Races, Tug Of War
Cream Teas, Bar, BBQ & Live Music from
Jack Boyd & The Bold Rileys
Plus all your favourite Stalls, Bric-A-Brac,
Vintage, Plants, Local Crafts and many more
Plus our Silent Auction & Grand Raffle
Over 35 stalls and activities!

Admission £1, children & parking free
Singleton Cricket Pitch, A286, Singleton

www.singletonfete.co.uk



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Mrs Chilton's Farewell Afternoon Tea

We would like to invite our Year 6 parents and carers to share their Leavers' Service with us on Tuesday 21st July at 1.00pm. Following the service they will have tea, served by our Year 5 children. Y6 Parents are welcome to stay and join us. The children will then return to class to be 'rung out' on the playground at 2.45.

At 3.00pm, we would like to welcome our guests, families and community to our afternoon tea celebration of Mrs Chilton's time at West Dean, everyone is welcome. We will be offering tea and coffee and a selection of afternoon tea treats.

We would like to ask for donations of cakes and bakes for our afternoon tea; tray bakes, cup cakes, scones and flapjacks, all your delicious creations welcomed, thank you. Please could we ask that donations are brought into the pavilion on the morning of Tuesday 21st July.

Gazebo - Help Please!

In preparation for the summer holidays, we would like to take down the gazebo following Mrs Chilton's afternoon tea on Tuesday afternoon.

If you are able to stay and help, please do let us know - it really is a case of many hands make light (and quick) work! Thank you.





*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 17th July 2026*



- Year R - Lily - for always being willing to help others. You are a great example to others.*
- Year 1 - Beatrix - for your amazing storytelling voice. It's a joy to hear you read.*
- Year 2 - Delilah - You are always so enthusiastic to learn and help everyone. Well done for your super dancing in our music video - you shone!*
- Year 3 - Ivy S - for the super artwork you have produced this term. You are a talented artist!*
- Year 4 - Matilda - for being an all round superstar. You are always ready to learn with a great big smile on your face.*
- Year 5 - Hettie H - We have noticed a new confidence about you recently. You have really 'upped your game' and we are loving the way you are approaching your learning.*
- Year 6 - Khloe - for being you! You are so kind and thoughtful, always looking out for others. You are a wonderful role model to all.*



In addition, we say huge congratulations to our Year Six children for their impressive achievement, having received their SATs results yesterday. We are all so proud of you - you are amazing!

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

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

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

Summer: Wednesday 21st July 2027



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

Monday 20th July	Year 6 Bikeability at Singleton
Tuesday 21st July	1.00, Year 6 Leavers' Service, ring out and tea
Tuesday 21st July	2.45, Mrs Chilton's Afternoon Tea (all welcome) Gazebos down if anyone can help please?
Wednesday 22nd July	INSET - School Closed

Ahead of the summer holidays and the new school year in September, please could we ask that you log into Arbor, check your accounts and clear any outstanding balances, particularly Year 6 families. Thank you.

South Coast Sports After School Club

Please be advised that our Autumn club is now open for booking, by clicking on the following link:

<https://southcoastsports.ipalbookings.com/>



Please do check the lost property bin on the pavilion decking, it is overflowing, there might be something of yours in there that you are missing!



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Autumn Term 2027: Thursday 3rd September - Friday 18th December 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

Tuesday 1st September School Closure

Wednesday 2nd September INSET (school closed to children)

Thursday 3rd September First Day of Autumn Term for Year 1 - Year 6

Thursday 10th September First Day of Autumn Term for new Year R

Road Safety

It is coming to that time of the year again, when Year 6 are preparing for their transition to secondary school, and with that comes a lot more independence with their commute to school. The West Sussex road Safety Officer has asked us to circulate a Think! road safety resource, 'Safe Adventures', (see next page)

[Road casualty data](#) shows that the number of child pedestrian casualties' doubles between the ages of 9 and 11, with incidents more likely to happen during drop-off and pick up times. The attached West Sussex County Council activity sheet is designed to help parents prepare their children for more independent travel, especially as they start thinking about the move to secondary school. The sheet includes simple tips for parents to share on practice journeys and an interactive Safe Adventures quiz for children.

EYES UP

SLOW DOWN

CROSS SAFELY

THINK!

SAFE
ADVENTURES

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR
SAFE ADVENTURES?

START
HERE

It's your first solo journey to
secondary school! You've done
the practice walk, you've got this!

Explore the scenarios to
see if you're ready to take
on independent journeys
to school and beyond!

If you reach a dead-end,
go back and think again!

1

You've waved goodbye and you're on
your way. You're a bit late this morning
and need to make up time. There are
two routes you can take. You...

TRY
AGAIN

Take the
shortcut and
cross in-between
parked cars.

Walk down the
street to use
the crossing.

2

You're about to cross
the road when your
phone buzzes. You...

TRY
AGAIN

Wait until you
have safely
crossed the road.

Look at it straight
away - it could
be important!

3

You've reached a pedestrian
crossing and pressed the
button. You...

TRY
AGAIN

Stop and wait for the
green man and then
check traffic has stopped
in both directions.

Run across the
road as soon as
there's a gap.

5

You're waiting to cross
a road. You stand...

TRY
AGAIN

On the edge of
the kerb - so it's
quicker to get
across the road.

On the pavement
behind the kerb,
avoiding bends or
the top of hills where
you can't see clearly.

4

Before you cross the
road, you stop and...

TRY
AGAIN

Look one way
then start across
the road.

Look right, look left,
and look right again to
double check that it's
clear before you cross.

6

You see a car coming towards
you, but you think there's
enough time to cross. You...

TRY
AGAIN

Wait - it's not
worth the risk.

Sprint across the road
- you're pretty fast.

7

Outside the school, a bus
stopped at the bus stop is
blocking your view. You...

TRY
AGAIN

Cross in
front of
the bus.

Wait until the bus leaves
and you can see the
whole road - remember
Eyes Up, Slow Down
and Cross Safely!

WELL DONE
YOU'VE
MADE IT!

Use these skills
on every journey
to school and look
forward to lots of
Safe Adventures...

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Experience a Summer of Colour

at Chichester Cathedral

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FREE TENNIS FRIDAY!

Drop in
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For Junior Players Ages 5 - 17

Parent / Guardian supervision is required for Children under 12

Fridays 3:00pm - 5:00pm

On the Tennis Courts next to the Chichester Festival Theatre (Blue & Green Courts)

- Free Juniors Only Weekly Supervised Tennis Session
- Tennis Rackets & Balls Supplied
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Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club
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Chichester
West Sussex PO19 6AR
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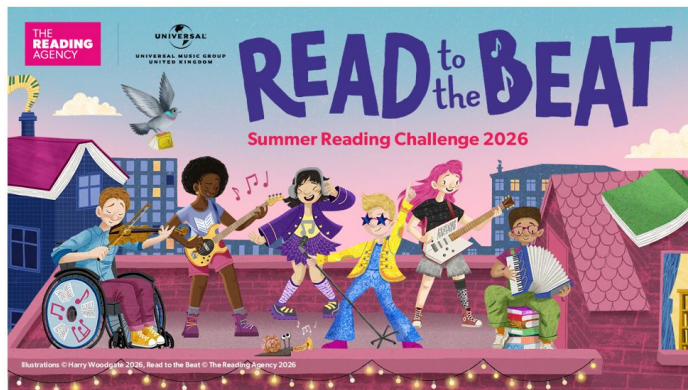
READ^{to}the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



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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!



in partnership with
westsussexwest
School Sport Partnership

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 1st June**. (limited places available)

Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00

School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 25-26)

Dates **Tuesday 21st July - Friday 24th July** (check your school
inset days!)

& Monday 17th - Thursday 20th 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 WSSC website:

www.westsussexwestssp.co.uk/summer-camp



HAF bookings via WSSC

Paid Places bookings



Booking deadline week 1: **Sunday 19th June**
Booking deadline week 2: **Wednesday 12th August**

Email **info@phoenixcentre.uk** (we can assist with HAF bookings directly and paid places)

Tel 01243 872112 **www.westsussexwestssp.co.uk/summer-camp**



Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD



SEND Stay & Play

Chichester Family Hub

St James Road, Chichester, PO19 7AB

Join us for lots of sensory fun and messy play

Monday 17th August

We have two sessions running on the day

10.00am – 11.30am

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Open to all families with a child with special educational needs
and/or disabilities (SEND) up to age 11, and their siblings.

To book your place at this FREE event,
please call the Hub: 01243 642950

For further information please email:

ChichesterFamilyHub@westsussex.gov.uk

