



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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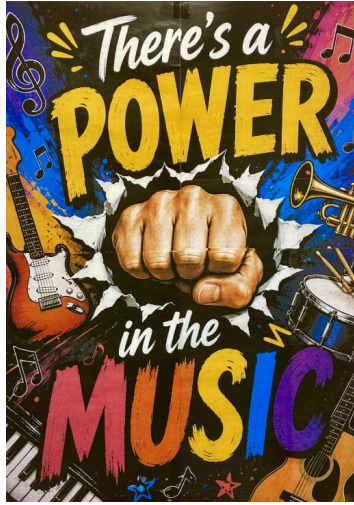
Our whole school attendance figure for the year has remained at **96%** this week

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

Brilliant Big Camp

There have been moments over the past few weeks where we wondered if Big Camp was going to be possible this year - and how often in the UK do we find ourselves worrying about the heat? Fortunately, with some adjusted plans and the wonderful shade afforded by our tree-lined grounds, the Year 4 children were able to enjoy a brilliant night of camping on Thursday, with relatively cooler and more comfortable temperatures overnight. I'd be lying if I said this cool led to much sleep! Much fun and giggling was enjoyed throughout the night; I'll leave you to ponder whether the sound of excitement from the boys or girls bell tent was louder. The children enjoyed an extended late evening dip in our swimming pool and a feast of pizza, fruit kebabs and ice creams, as well as all manner of outdoor fun. Thank you to Mrs Anstee for masterminding the camp, to Miss Scott and Mrs Boxall for helping and staying overnight and Mrs Shears and Mrs Bailey for making sure we were all stocked up with food and ready to camp! Thank you also to the families who kindly loaned their bell tents and even put them up and set up camp for us.





We are looking forward to seeing you

at our 'There's a Power in the Music' exhibition event on **Wednesday 15th July**, where all the children's work will be on display in classrooms between **5pm and 7pm**.

Don't worry - If England make it to the World Cup Semis, you will be home for kick-off at 8pm! 

South Coast Sports After School Club

Please be advised that our Autumn club is now open for booking, <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!



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 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.

Apple Class would like to put out a plea for any kind of tape for their art creations please.

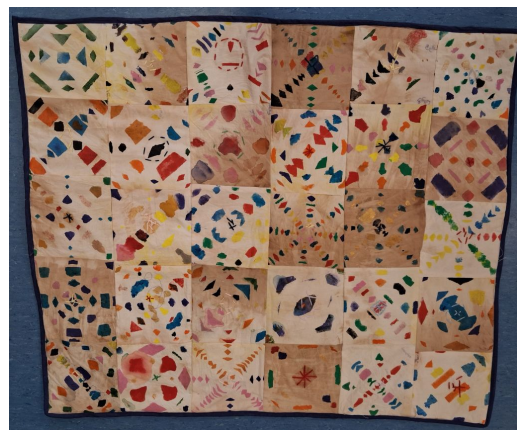
They use copious amounts of sellotape, masking tape and brown packing tape. If you have anything at home that you would be able to donate then we would be very grateful. They also desperately need brooms, if anyone has any they can donate. Thank you.



Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership Joint Learning Project

Look at these fantastic quilts, designed and created by Early Years and KS1 children from each of our five Partnership primary schools.

With a little help from some talented needleworkers in Year 8 at Bishop Luffa School, each individual child's design has been stitched together to produce these five stunning quilts. We cannot wait to collect them and display them in school.



In case you missed this last week... SAT Results Delay

You may have seen in the news that all Primary schools were contacted by Bridget Phillipson, The Secretary of State for Education on Thursday 2nd July and informed that there has been a delay in preparing the online system for publication of this year's SATs results.

Schools were due to be informed of the results last Tuesday 7th July; the results are then passed to parents and Y6 children via their end of year report.

There will not be a delay to the latter, as we will still send reports to all parents towards the end of the week beginning 13th July. However, schools will now not receive the SATs results until 16th July.

Please be assured that the Secretary of State has made clear that the error is with an online results portal operated by Pearson Educational Ltd and not related to the tests themselves:

*"Importantly, this delay is **not** due to any concerns about the quality of the tests or the accuracy of results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes and the standards maintenance process, which ensures results remain comparable with previous years, has been completed. The Standards and Testing Agency is confident in the quality and accuracy of the results that schools will receive."*

We look forward to celebrating the Y6 children's achievement, albeit slightly later than anticipated.



*West Dean CE Primary School
Acorn Awards
Friday 10th July 2026*



- Year R - Wilf R - for making us proud with your positive 'can do' attitude to learning. Well done!*
- Year 1 - Sofia - for your joy and enthusiasm with swimming. Well done!*
- Year 2 - Leo - for your determination and creativity in Scratch Jr. You thought carefully about your coding and made your project work successfully. Well done.*
- Year 3 - Alfie - for singing your heart out this week. You are a Paul McCartney in the making!*
- Year 4 - Sophia - for your awesome attitude to Big Camp. We've loved seeing your smiles and giggles!*
- Year 5 - Nella - for showing kindness and good understanding of others.*
- Year 6 - Bronte - for being an all round brilliant role model and learner*



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

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

Wednesday 15th July	BLLP Cricket Sessions in school for all classes
Wednesday 15th July	5.00 - 7.00, Whole School Exhibition Event 'There's a Power in the Music'
Thursday 16th July	End of Term Disco. 5.00-6.30 Year R, 1 & 2. 5.30-7.00, Year 3, 4, 5, & 6
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Bikeability at West Dean
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)
Wednesday 22nd July	Inset - School Closed

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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...

THE
READING
AGENCY

UNIVERSAL
UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP
UNITED KINGDOM

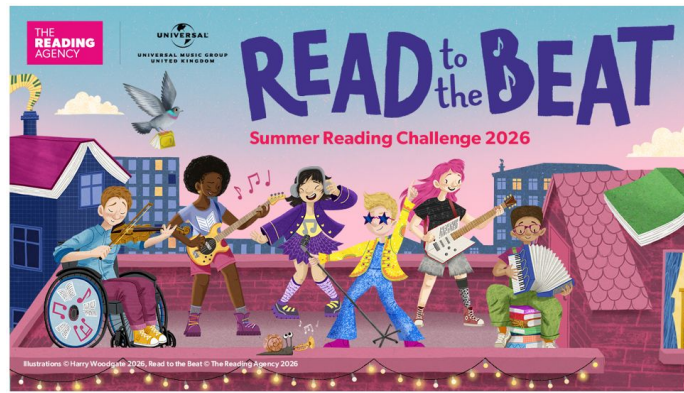
READ^{to}the BEAT

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**



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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

