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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 13 05.12.25 Our overall attendance has slightly dropped to 96.9% this week.

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



Christingle

Rev Sarah joined us in our Christingle Service today. The children learnt about the importance of the Christingle and its significance. We all had some time to reflect upon our hopes for the future and we are all feeling quite festive in school now.



Music Assembly

Mrs Anstee led our budding musicians in a music assembly this week. We had lots of different instruments showcasing the children's talents. Well done to all of our musicians.



Beech Class have been collaging Robins, having read 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. These are Todd and Eadie's designs.



Sports Events this week

Chestnut class had a fun and noisy time at Sportshall Athletics at Bishop Luffa. Some exciting relays, incredible throws and awesome team support from everyone involved!



Small Schools Football event—a great afternoon of competition with the whole team giving it their all, finishing off with a win in the final game of 5-1! Well done everyone and thanks to Mrs Goacher and Matt Horstead for top class team management!



Chartwells Hot Meals -

The total cost to school for our meals ordered and not taken for November was £38.40. Thank you for supporting us with this, we have improved. Please do remember to cancel your Chartwells UIFSM if your child is bringing a packed meal.

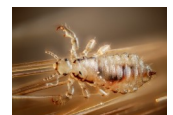
Apple Class Plea:

If anyone has any wrapping paper or cards left over after Christmas Apple Class would love to have it please.

Also, if you have any plain paper that the children can use for drawing we would be grateful for this too.

If you have any good quality toys, puzzles or games that you are clearing to make room for Christmas, we would love to have them. Thank you.

Head Lice



We have had a reported case of head-lice in school. Please could we ask that you are vigilant and treat if you find anything in your child's hair.

Further information can be found:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



News from West Dean 'Friends'

A huge thank you to everyone who knitted and stitched, painted, folded and moulded items for our Christmas Market. We had such a good day, the college was sparkly and festive and the choir were amazing with their singing. Thank you to our children and their grown ups for making this so magical. We made, in the region of £1,000, we'll let you know our final totals shortly. **We still have some lovely things to sell and will be holding a pop-up shop in school on Wednesday 10th December following our performances of It's a Baby, and after school for KS2. The shop will be in Maple class where our guests will exit from the show.** We will also be raffling the hampers that we made and tickets will be available to buy on Wednesday, £2 per ticket or £10 per strip of 5, the draw will take place at 3.30 at the end of the event.

Our **Wreath making** events were really successful this week too, thank you so much to Charlotte and Zoe for organising and for Nicky Dixon arranging the use of Farrbridge venue. We will let you know when we have finalised the totals.

We have some DIY wreath making kits available, £20, to include wire base, wire, moss, spruce & greenery dried fruit, and cinnamon sticks. These are available to purchase on Arbor.

Pre-loved Uniform: westdeanuniform@gmail.com. If you have any specific requirements from our pre-loved uniform, don't wait for the next sale, you can email us to see if we have what you need!

Our **Christmas Jumper Day** will be on **Wednesday 17th December**. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers in exchange for a **£1 donation to school, available on Arbor.**

Our **Christmas Disco** will be **Wednesday 17th December, 5.00-7.00pm**. There will be a staggered time, 5.00-6.30 for KS1 and 5.30-7.00pm for KS2. Bookings can be made on Arbor, the cost of £6.25 includes a drink and a snack during the evening.

Thank you to everyone for all that you do to help and support our 'Friends'.

Gifts Galore!

The children have worked hard and designed a range of bespoke bags and tea towels. These are available to purchase from school., don't delay in getting your orders in as they are selling quickly. They are a shop item on Arbor, Tea Towels £5 each and bags £6.50. These will make wonderful gifts for friends and family and also a lovely keepsake of your child's time at West Dean.



Booking for Activ8

If you need a space in Activ8 for your child/ren, please make sure that you book in advance.

Booking is open on-line until 12 noon on the day, we cannot guarantee places requested beyond this as staffing needs to be arranged in advance, so that appropriate and safe ratios are in place. Thank you for your understanding. If you need to cancel a booking on the day please email Jenny Munday:

westdeanmanager@activ8forkids.co.uk



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

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025



Monday 8th December	Chestnut 3 Peaks sponsored challenge
Tuesday 9th December	Hugo Van Driel Assembly in School
Wednesday 10th December	9.15 & 1.30, KS1 Nativity
Thursday 11th December	2.30-3.30, Chestnut Class Open Classroom
Thursday 11th December	3.00, Last Dance Club (parents invited to watch, 3.40-4.00)
Monday 15th December	9.30, CYE Assembly in school
Tuesday 16th December	Visit to West Dean College
Tuesday 16th December	6.00-7.00pm, Carol Service in Church
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation on Arbor
Wednesday 17th December	12.00, Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17th December	5-7, Friends Christmas Disco (book on Arbor)
	KS1 5-6.30 KS2 5.30-7
Wednesday 17th December	6pm, Rev Sarah Carol Singing, meet Singleton Village Green.
Thursday 18th December	Bishop Luffa Worship in school
Friday 19th December	Final Day of Autumn Term

