



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 9 07.11.25 Our overall attendance has risen again to **97.7%** this week. Well done everyone!

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

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies



We are certainly not ready to say goodbye and wave our Year 6 children off to secondary school just yet, but today was an annual milepost in their journey towards that, as the children excitedly received their Leavers 2026 hoodies.

In years past it has seemed a shame when they have not received these until the summer months and have consequently had very little time to enjoy them in school. Although not a replacement for their school uniform, the children will enjoy plenty of opportunity to show off their smart hoodies, during sport, on trips and at various other events throughout the year. Many thanks to Pasha Delahunty for coordinating *Operation Hoody* for us this year.

Car Parking in The Selsey Arms Car Park

Once again, we ask for your consideration when using The Selsey Arms Pub for school car parking. We are **only permitted** to use this facility for drop off and pick up **before and after school, 8.30 and 3pm**. It is **not an expectation** that we can use the car park for other school events without prior agreement, especially during the hours in which the pub is open to customers. **Please do not use the pub car park for the firework event this evening (07-11-25). Parking will be available in the school car park and limited parking is available at West Dean College. We would encourage you to park and walk or car share if possible, thank you.**



The Lion King Film - I would not blame you if you are beginning to wonder what on earth has happened to the promised film of our wonderful summer production of The Lion King.

I am very conscious that you have been very patient and I can assure you that it will be available, for a small donation to the Friends, as soon as I can find a technical solution to make the very large file size easily and reliably accessible to you.

Chris Williams

Act of Remembrance 2025

Poppies are now on sale in Reception.

Our Act of Remembrance for the children will be on Tuesday 11th November, during our normal Collective Worship, with two minutes of silence at 11am.

Rev Sarah is also always pleased to include our school children in the parish Act of Remembrance, which takes place shortly after the **10am Sunday morning communion service at St Andrew's Church on 9th November**. All are welcome in church.

We will be laying a wreath in church on Sunday which the Year One children have been making in forest School this week, carefully and thoughtfully supported by the crafting skills of Mia and Florence! Well done girls and well done Year One; the wreath looks stunning.



Thank you!

West Dean Primary School

Thank you for collecting food donations for Chichester District Foodbank this harvest! Your support will make a huge difference to people struggling to afford the essentials.



64 kg (weight)
= 160 meals!

Registered charity number 1150197. Registered in England and Wales.



- Yr R** *Ottilie* - for your fantastic phonics and always putting in 100% effort.
- Yr 1** *Wilf F* - for your brilliant maths and recording your addition calculations!
- Yr 2** *Bodhi* - for your fantastic effort and attitude towards your learning. You are really shining as a Year 2, well done!
- Yr 3** *Jack* - for the exceptional writing you have produced this week. You used comparative conjunctions like an expert!
- Yr 4** *Paddy* - for stepping up and wow-ing us with your effort. What a super role model you have become!
- Yr 5** *Miles* - for being a conscientious learner, asking for help if unsure or going that extra bit further when needed. Well done.
- Yr 6** *Owen* - for working so hard at fractions—you have really got to grips with these now. Your hard work across all subject has been noticed!



2025/26 INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

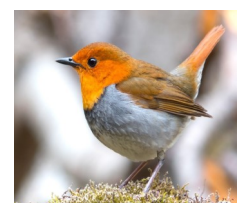
Wednesday 22nd July 2026



Autumn Term 2025 - Wednesday 3rd September—Friday 19th December

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

Monday 10th November	Open Book Assembly in school
Tuesday 11th November	10.45, Act of Remembrance in school
Wednesday 12th November	Yellow School Photographs (Individuals and Siblings)
Friday 14th November	Deadline for Christmas Hamper donations please
Monday 17th November	Maple Class visit by West Sussex Fire Service
Thursday 20th November	8.30, 'Friends' Meeting, Year Group Reps only please
Thursday 20th November	Bishop Luffa Worship in School
Thursday 20th November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 21st November	Children in Need
Monday 24th November	Flu Vaccinations in School
Monday 24th November	Open Book Assembly in school
Wednesday 26th November	Beech Class Egyptian Day and Exhibition (2.00-3.00pm)
Saturday 29th November	10.30-7.00, West Dean Christmas Market Event https://www.westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events/christmas-market
Saturday 29th November	'Friends' Foraging Weekend for Wreath Making Events
Sunday 30th November	Collections to school on Monday morning please
Monday 1st December	11.00am & 7.00pm 'Friends' Wreath Making at Farbridge
Friday 5th December	8.45, Christingle Service in School
Tuesday 9th December	Hugo Van Driel Assembly in School
Wednesday 10th December	9.15 & 1.30, KS1 Nativity (details to follow shortly)
Monday 15th December	9.30, CYE Assembly in school
Tuesday 16th December	Visit to West Dean College
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation on Arbor
Wednesday 17th December	12.00, chartwell's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17th December	5-7, Friends Christmas Disco (book on Arbor)
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





News from West Dean 'Friends'

You will have received separate notifications with details of our Christmas Market event. Save the Date - Saturday 29th November.

We are happy to accept donations for our Christmas Hampers but we would like all donations to be in by Friday 14th November latest please. This will allow us time to make up the hampers.

We already have bookings for our Wreath Making events and would like to ask for some help with foraging. Ideally, this will be over the weekend of 29th and 30th November, all foraged materials can be brought into school on Monday morning, 1st December, and left on the pavilion decking for our organisers to collect and sort, thank you. We need as much as possible, greenery, moss, cones etc, thank you.

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!

The date of our next 'Friends' meeting is Thursday 20th November, 8.30am—this will be for Year Group Reps only please, information will then be communicated out through their 'Whatsapp' groups.

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'.

Friends Film Night, Weds 5th November, 3.00pm.

The children all enjoyed the film night this week, thank you to Abbie and Zoe, our organisers and thank you for providing the children's snacks and drinks and also thank you to our volunteer helpers. We raised £315 towards our Friends school funds.

Gifts Galore!

The children have worked hard and designed a range of bespoke bags and tea towels. These will be available at our Christmas Market but are also available to purchase from school. 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.



Event hosted by Registered Charity West Dean Friends to raise funds for West Dean CE Primary School!

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP
Monday 1st December
 11am session & 7pm session
 FARBRIDGE, WEST DEAN
 CHICHESTER PO18 0JT

£45 EACH
 Includes Prosecco, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Nibbles

To book please email Merrill: office@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk or use Arbor and select your session

Jumble Sale

£1 entrance fee

Saturday 8 November
10am–11.30am

Lavant Primary School

In the hall at Lavant Primary School
 West Stoke Road PO18 0BW

Donations of clean, good quality jumble are greatly appreciated and can be left outside the school from Monday 3 November.
No electrical goods please.

Christmas Lunch

Serving on Wednesday 17th December

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Or
Quorn Roast

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Mini Sausage, Gravy,
Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com no later than
Thursday 4th December.
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



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