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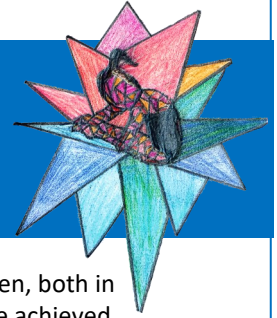


*We do our best in all we do, with God's love.*  
*'Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another.'* **John 13**

**Newsletter 38 12.07.24** Our overall attendance rate is **95.4%** this week.

**Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble'** which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>

## Thank you for coming to our amazing Olympic & Paralympic Showcase



We are sure you will agree it was a fantastic display of learning from the children, both in the gallery and on stage. We done children. We are super proud of all you have achieved.



### West Dean End of Term Summer Disco

Our whole school end of term summer disco will be held on Wednesday 17th July, 5.30—7.30 pm. Tickets are £2 each available on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) and includes a drink and a snack during the evening.

The event will be hosted by the same 'DJ' as our Christmas Disco, so we know it will be a lot of fun for the children (and staff!).

We invite Year groups R, 1 & 2 to come along between 5.30 and 7.00pm, while our older children in year groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 can join us between 6.00 until 7.30pm. **Don't delay, log-in and buy your tickets today!**



### Foodbank Friday

Today was our last Foodbank Friday for this academic year.

Thank you so much for bringing in donations to help.

Here is the link to their website for further information.

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

Thank you for your support, your help is always greatly appreciated.



**School Money Accounts:** Please could we ask that you log-in to your school money account and clear any outstanding payments before the end of the summer term. This will help us enormously and we are all able to make a clean start back in September. This is especially important for our Yr 6 children who are leaving us and for those that still have outstanding payments for the France residential visit.



### Chestnut Tree House Owl Project

**Don't forget, the purpose of our recent 'Little Hoot' Owl project is to raise funds to support the incredibly valuable work of Chestnut Tree House children's Hospice. You can make a donation on our JustGiving page at:**

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/westdean-1710949606324?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fwestdean-1710949606324&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/westdean-1710949606324?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwestdean-1710949606324&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

The Big Hoot, Little Hoot is in Arundel and Chichester. Keep a look out, we know that our Owlet is already on display somewhere in the centre of Chichester. Who will be the first to find it?



## Sports Sizzler and Sports Day

As the weather has not been on our side, our Sports Sizzler event will now become a 'September Sizzler'. We will publish a proposed date by the end of this term and of course, all families leaving us this summer will be welcome to come back and join us!

We are going to try to run Sports Afternoon on **Wednesday next week (17th July)** weather permitting from **1 to 3pm**. We are so sorry for the short notice, but we are desperately trying to make this lovely event happen for your children. If you are able to join us, that would be amazing.

## Brilliant Boccia

We had the absolute pleasure and privilege to be visited by Paralympian Louis Saunders this week, who inspired us all with the incredible story of his journey to represent Team GB, playing Boccia in the Tokyo Paralympics in 2021. Thank you so much to Louis, we so enjoyed hearing his story and playing Boccia!



Get creative at the library this summer! Do you know a child aged 4 – 11 years? Encourage them to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at their local library!

Their challenge is to choose and read some amazing library books over the holiday. They'll receive a fab Marvellous Makers fold-out poster and collect amazing scratch-and-sniff smelly stickers along the way. There'll be fun activities in the library too, including a Character Hunt competition with a special prize draw!

If they complete the challenge by Saturday 14 September, they will be rewarded with a medal and

certificate. They just need a library card to join in the fun. What's more, it's free to join the library and free to take part! The fun starts on Saturday 13 July.

To find out more, take a look at our special 'West Sussex Libraries – Marvellous Makers, the Summer Reading Challenge 2024' video animation and complete the online form to take part at [arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src](https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src)



### Lost Property Bin

Please do take a moment to have a look in the Lost Property bin on the pavilion deck, if you are missing any uniform items.

Any clothing items that are not named and left at the end of the summer term will be donated either to the clothing bank or our pre-loved uniform.

The Church of All Saints  
East Dean

# Flower Festival

**Saturday  
20<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
July**

**Celebrating the  
Olympics**

**Open 10am to 4pm  
each day**

**Teas, coffee,  
homemade cakes  
and light lunches  
in the Village Hall**



### FREE Holiday Club!

No doubt your child will have told you all about Hugo, a pastor from Yapton Free Church, who visits school regularly to lead very lively worship.

Hugo and his team at **Yapton Churches** invite you to Holiday Club from Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August, for songs, games, craft, stories and Gunge! To sign up, please complete the online registration form here: <https://yaptonfreechurch.churchsuite.com/events/ojcyvmje> If you have any questions please contact [admin@yaptonfreechurch.net](mailto:admin@yaptonfreechurch.net)



- Yr R** *Hugo O* - for being so kind to all your friends and a brilliant role model. Well done!
- Yr 1** *Edith* - for your super collaboration in Forest School making the scarecrow. Well done!
- Yr 2** *Kash* - for your hard work telling the time. You can confidently tell the time to 5 minutes. Well done!
- Yr 3** *Indigo* - for your positive approach to learning. You are a wonderful role model in Beech Class!
- Yr 4** *Lilly* - for the kindness and thought you have shown to others this week. Well done!
- Yr 5 & 6** *Jake and Felix* - for being consistently brilliant! You are both exemplary members of Chestnut Class. We can always rely on you to behave in the way we expect—kind, helpful, wonderful. Well done boys!



# Diary Dates 2024



## 2023/24 & 2024/25 INSET Days

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The final INSET day is still TBC, pending training availability.

## Summer Term 2024 - Monday 15th April - Friday 19th July 2024

Tuesday 16th July	2.00, Y6 Leavers' Service in school followed by afternoon tea (Y6 Parents welcome)
Wednesday 17th July	1.00, Sports Afternoon (weather permitting)
Wednesday 17th July	5.30—7.30 End of Term Disco (whole school) <b>Yr R, 1 &amp; 2 5.30—7.00 Yr 3, 4, 5, &amp; 6 6.00—7.30</b>
Thursday 18th July	2.30, Pre-School Leavers' Festival

## Autumn Term 2024 - Monday 2nd September (INSET) - Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 2nd September	<b>INSET</b>
Tuesday 3rd September	First Day back at school for the Autumn Term with new start time of 8.30.
Monday 9th September	First Day for our new Reception children (staggered start times tbc)
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November</b>

### Staffing for 2024 / 25

There is very little change to this year, as follows:

**Apple Class**—Mrs Chilton & Mrs Plackett, supported by Ms Boxall and Mrs Muggeridge.

**Maple Class**—Mrs Reynolds, supported by Mrs Pearmaine

**Beech Class**—Mrs Pierron & Mrs Anstee, supported by Miss Scott

**Chestnut Class**—Mrs Johnson & Mrs Huxham, supported by Mrs Goacher.

Sadly, we say farewell to Miss Evans at the end of this term, who is relocating to her hometown to be nearer family. We thank Miss Evans for all she has brought to West Dean and wish her all the very best in her next adventures.

