



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 10 08.11.24 Our overall attendance rate is **96.9%** this week. Slightly down on last week but still good.

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



What a great Dress-up Day!

Children in Need—Challenge Yourself, Be a Gladiator or a Hero.

The theme for Children in Need this year is to challenge yourself! Well done to all of our children for dressing up for the day as Gladiators and Super Heroes. In case you thought you were seeing double on the playground this morning, you weren't — Amidst the brilliant Marvel heroes, Greta Thunberg and Emergency Service Personnel, it was touching to see that the definition of a hero for some of our children is to dress up as their teacher! All of the costumes were amazing, but we were particularly impressed by mini Mrs Johnson and mini Mrs Reynolds! You can make a donation on schoolmoney.co.uk (available as a shop item). To have a closer look at this year's Children in Need campaign, visit the website here: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



Head lice

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Unfortunately we have had a case of head lice in school this week. We

advise checking your child's hair regularly and being vigilant to this. Further advice on treatment of head lice can be found by [following this link to the NHS website.](#)

Coming up next week...

As some of you know, we have close links with West Wittering Primary School, as we share the expertise of the wonderful Mrs Bowman. On Tuesday next week, we will be welcoming Mr Nick Matthews, headteacher of West Wittering, to collective worship, to share his experience of visiting St Paul's School, Bo, Sierra Leone. Together with the church in West Wittering, Mr Matthews and the school have been involved in a long term project to build and support the school in Bo.



It's also election week in school next week. The children will cast their votes to elect the new members of our Pupil Parliament (MPPs). Hopeful candidates have delivered their campaign speeches and eagerly await the results.



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

There will be a pre-loved uniform sale on Wed 20th Nov 2.45 - 3.15pm, in the Pavilion.

Cash or card accepted. All proceeds to the PTA.

Please do come and have a browse!



Activ8 Wraparound Care—coming soon

We are currently in the process of applying for Government funding to secure the need for Wraparound Care in school between the hours of 3.00 and 6.00 pm (including snack and tea).

Activ8 are an established company providing Wraparound Care and curriculum provision in schools and we are hoping to be able to work together to enjoy this at our school with a view to starting in January.

This would be in place of our current Care Bears provision which is limited in days and between 3.00 and 4.00pm. We will still run our own Breakfast Bears between 8.00 and 8.30am for those who need this.

After school play

We really love the fact that many of our children and families like to stay on the school grounds after school to play and socialise. This only goes to highlight the sense of community here at West Dean.

We are more than happy for this to continue, but unfortunately we need to introduce a time limit, to ensure that we can still provide a completely safe environment for those in clubs and after school care.

We must lock our school gates whilst we still have children on site without their parents, who are therefore in our care. Please continue to enjoy the grounds for a little while after school, but **we politely ask that you move outside the gates by 3.20pm**, at which time they will be locked to safeguard the children on site. Thank you.



We're on a mission this Christmas!

Please join us in supporting @ChiDistrictFoodbank **Christmas Kids Lunch Packs** initiative. We're collecting donations to ensure no child in the Chichester District community goes hungry during the Christmas holidays.

We're looking for: A Tin of Soup or a Packet of Biscuits

They need 1000 of each item, so a lot to collect. Any amount you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your kind donations at our Donation Station, **this is the last week** before our collection. The collection of the donation bin will coincide with our usual **Foodbank Friday on Friday 22nd November** when we will collect all donations.

Together, we can fill every lunch pack with love and nutrition!

If you need more inspiration, check out the Foodbank's most wanted list:

<https://bit.ly/3V1sBF2> Let's make this Christmas a season of giving.

West Dean PTA Presents
LUXURY CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP
AT THE BEAUTIFUL FARBRIDGE

Wednesday 4th December
7pm-9pm

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£35 on School Money
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Book now to secure your spot before we offer the event to the wider community!

Governing Body Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you think you might be interested in becoming a governor of our school please complete the attached nomination form. If you would like any further information please do come and have a chat with us. All of our school governors are listed on our 'Who's Who' board in Reception.

Election of Parent Governor

Every maintained school in England has a Governing Body responsible to the local community for running the school. There is currently one vacancy for a Parent governor at the school. The term of office will be 4 years.

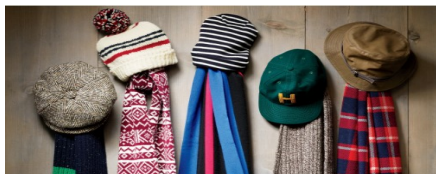
If you are interested in standing for election as a Parent Governor of the school, please complete the enclosed nomination form, ensuring that you obtain the signature of 2 parents/legal guardians who support your nomination. You must also include a brief election statement. If three or more nominations are received, I shall send all parents voting papers, which will include the candidates' election statements.

The deadline for returning completed nomination forms to the school is noon on Wednesday 20 November 2024.

In the event of a ballot I will arranged for votes to be counted at a time mutually agreed with all candidates, and each candidate or his authorised representative may attend the count. I shall arrange for all parents to be notified of the result.

I have enclosed an extract from the Regulations concerning the qualifications and disqualification connected with the office of governor, which you should read carefully. If you have any queries about them or about the procedure, I shall be pleased to answer them.

All elected parent governors are required to complete an enhanced criminal record application (DBS) within 21 days of their election.



Hats, coats & hairbands! There has been a distinct nip in the air towards the end of this week, which is a sign of colder times ahead. As you know, we love that your children are able to enjoy our outside spaces all year round, but we do want them to be appropriately dressed and warm. If your child intends to play football at playtime, or any game potentially involving getting dirty, then they need to have clothes with them to cover up there uniform and keep it clean.







Please ensure that your child has a coat, particularly when the weather is wet, even if you arrive by car in the morning. As the weather becomes colder, a warm hat and gloves will also be needed.

Whilst on the subject of things to wear on your head... **thank you for ensuring that children with longer hair have it tied back.** For the purpose of minimising distraction, we ask that headbands or anything used to tie hair back are in a muted colour (blue, black, grey, brown etc), which is in keeping with the school uniform, and are simple in style. Thank you.

Autumn 2 Clubs

After School Clubs
Autumn Term 2024

Autumn 2
Second half of Autumn term X5 weeks

Day	Adult Lead	Max	Club	Cost	Year Group	Description
Monday	Mr Williams 	16	Computer Animation	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	Do you like making models and using iPad technology? Are you a future film director or Pixar animator? Come along to animation club and have fun learning how to create a short animated film
Tuesday	Miss Scott 	10	Christmas Craft	£25.00	Yr 3,4,5,6	Get in the festive spirit by making your own Christmas decorations.
Wednesday	Mrs Pearmaine 	10	Lego	£25.00	Yr 1,2,3	Come along and explore all things Lego, with a different theme each week. Children will have the opportunity to design and build Lego structures.
Thursday	Mrs E Holder 	16	Dance	£25.00	Yr 2,3,4,5,6	A structured dance club for children to explore music and movement in a variety of dance styles.
Friday	South Coast Sports 	20	Multi-sports	Details on website	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	This club needs to be booked and paid directly with SCS Details: https://southcoastsports.org.uk/find-book-sessions
	Mrs Anstee 	16	Christmas Choir	£25.00	Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Come along and let's sing ourselves into the weekend. We shall be learning to sing Christmas tunes and carols, getting ourselves into the festive mood!

We are delighted to be able to offer a varied programme of after school clubs for our children again this half term. We are also pleased to be able to offer this provision with no increase to the cost. The cost of our clubs will remain at £5 per child, per session. All of our clubs run between 3.00 – 4.00.

Dates: W/C 4th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd, 9th December. (No school clubs W/C 11th November – Parent Evening Meetings but SCS will run as normal)

In addition to our after school club programme our **Care Bear** provision is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this term, 3.00-4.00pm, £5 per child per session. Our **Breakfast Bears** Club is also available, Monday to Friday, 8.00 – 8.30, £4 per child (including breakfast) Please make sure that you book at least 24hrs in advance.

For all clubs, breakfast and care bears, you can make your bookings on-line at Schoolmoney.co.uk. Please contact the school office if you require a reminder of your log-in details.

Places for clubs are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If there are insufficient numbers to make the club viable, we reserve the right to cancel this provision and make a full refund of any monies paid.



- Yr R **Edith** - for your enthusiasm at sharing your knowledge of Chinese New Year in our super celebrations topic. Well done!
- Yr 1 **William** - for your super listening when learning about our planet and working hard to name some countries.
- Yr 2 **Eadie** - for your brilliant approach to learning this week. You've shown independence and persevered when challenged, well done!
- Yr 3 **Todd** - for your wonderful attitude to learning. You tried your absolute hardest.
- Yr 4 **Finlay** - for your thoughtful contributions to our river work. You have plenty of knowledge to share.
- Yr 5 **Max** - for being a fantastic all-rounder and role model both in and out of the classroom—a true West Deanie!
- Yr 6 **Imogen** - for working hard and stepping up to the challenges of Year 6. You're thinking deeply and we are noticing, well done!



2024/25 INSET Days



Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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



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

Half Term - Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November 2024

Spring Term 2025 - Monday 6th January (INSET) - Friday 4th April

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2025 - Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 18th July

Half Term - Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Friday 30th May

Tuesday 19th November	Flu Vaccination Programme
Wednesday 20th November	2.45—3.15, Pre-Loved Uniform Sale at the Pavilion
Thursday 21st November	1.00—3.30, SSP Football (selected Yr 3&4)
Thursday 21st November	5.30, Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 22nd November	Food Bank Friday and collection of Christmas Kids Lunch Pack donations
Thursday 28th November	GAS Maths Investigation Morning at N Mundham (x3 Chestnut children)
Tuesday 3rd December	1.00-3.30, SSP Small Schools Football (details to follow)
Wednesday 4th December	PTA Wreath Making Evening (see attached poster for details)
Friday 6th December	Christingle Service in School
Friday 6th December	PTA Christmas Event (details tbc)
Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 12th December	Whole School Christmas STEM Challenge (in school)
Thursday 12th December	1.00, CYE Assembly
Tuesday 17th December	Whole School visit to West Dean College
Tuesday 17th December	6.00pm, Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, West Dean
Wednesday 18th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	5.00—7.00, PTA Christmas Disco (staggered start, details to follow)
Monday 6th January	INSET—School Closed
Tuesday 7th January	Start of the Spring Term



Don't forget, we love to share special events and learning highlights wherever possible on Instagram. Follow us [@westdeanceprimary](https://www.instagram.com/westdeanceprimary)



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FESTIVE MOMENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A collection of handpicked stallholders that will be showcasing the best in arts, craft and food at West Dean College.

Dates 28th Nov | 4-8pm
Tickets FREE



SANTA'S GROTTTO

Come and meet Santa this Christmas at West Dean's Christmas Grotto! Complete with arts & crafts, face painting & Christmas treats.

Dates 30th Nov - 1st Dec, 8th Dec
Tickets £8 children, garden entry adults



CHRISTMAS BANQUETING

Visit West Dean at Christmas & enjoy a festive banquet. Feast like a king in the West Dean staterooms.

Menus From £30pp includes a glass of fizz on arrival, mince pie with tea & coffee.



Book online today westdean.ac.uk/gardens/events



WEST  DEAN
**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

28th November 2024 | 4-8pm

Join us at the West Dean Christmas Market, where a collection of handpicked stallholders will be showcasing the best in Arts, craft and food.

Enjoy an array of festive delights as you shop for the perfect Christmas gifts.

The market will take place in the college offering a unique shopping experience set within our grand state rooms.

Take advantage of the house opening and book your free event tickets now to avoid disappointment to an event that will be sure to be full of festive cheer!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS HERE
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Entrance: West Deans Gardens