



# 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 13 06.12.24 Our overall attendance rate rose to 97.1% this week. Very well done everyone!**

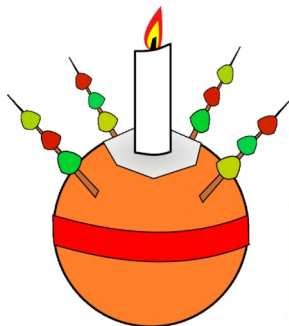
**Don't forget Rev Sarah's 'Rectors Ramble' which can be found at: <http://thevalleyparish.org/from-the-vicar>**

This morning we held our **Christingle service** in school. This was a magical event for the children, singing by candle light all together. We would like to thank West Dean College for providing our oranges and to our group of school governors and parents for helping the children with making their Christingles yesterday. It was lovely to welcome the children and staff from the Pre-School to join us this morning as well—really great to share these occasions with the younger children.

Thanks also to Rev Sarah for leading our worship this morning. We have challenged the children to see how long they can keep their Christingle complete when they bring it home this weekend. Who will be able to resist the sweeties we wonder?

### Carol Service — Information for parents

The children have been practising their readings and singing in preparation for our Carol Service on **Tuesday 17th December, at St Andrews Church, West Dean at 6.00pm**. This is a really important service in our annual calendar of worship and we look forward to you all joining us for this event. We would like all children to **arrive by 5.50pm**, wearing their school uniforms.



Parking will be available at West Dean College in the car park near the main college building. For those new to West Dean, A short walk around the back of the college will take you to a gate through to the church.

We are supporting The Children's Society charity through this service and our Christingle Service which we held in school this week.

If you would like to make a donation, this is available on [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk). and there will be a retiring collection at the service.

**We hope you have a lovely evening and thank you for your support.**

### SSP Small Schools Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament

After last week's Year 3/4 tournament, it was the turn of the Year 5 and 6 team this week. Ten of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the SSP Small Schools Football Tournament at the Arena in Bognor. As always, this is a great event which gives the children the chance to compete against similar sized schools from across our local area, many like us with mixed year group classes. Well done West Dean footballers—great job!

A big thank you to our very enthusiastic footballing parent helpers, Matt Horstead and

Danny Foster, who have supported all of the footballers over the past few weeks, both at the tournaments and in preparation with some great training sessions. We are really grateful for your help and support.



The Selsey Arms have very kindly put together an offer of 'Kids Eat for £1' and have asked us to share this with you. Also, on the **19th December**, which is our Disco evening, there is a special offer for West Dean parents and carers of 1 half price mulled or hot chocolate.

Please do support The Selsey Arms in our community, particularly on the evenings of **6th December** when it is our Christmas Song Evening and **19th December**, our Christmas Disco, when the children will be at school in the evening.

**Offer valid Monday to Friday, from the 2nd to the 23rd December 2024.**



#### PTA Wreath Making Event:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our festive wreath evening.



Special thanks to Charlotte for running the making side of the workshop and showing everyone how to create a beautiful traditional wreath.

Equally special thanks to Nikki and Simon Dixon, who kindly allowed us to use Farbridge as a space; it was just magical!

What a lovely evening of festive fundraising and fun.

## PTA Treasurer Needed

The PTA is in need of a new treasurer following the 'retirement' of the current post holder. While some basic bookkeeping skills would be helpful, this is not an onerous job and would suit someone with a bit of time who can maintain the fundraising spreadsheets and contribute to the general workings of the PTA. It is a great way to get involved with the school and influence how the PTA operates for the betterment of our children.

If you feel this could be for you and would like more details, please speak with Pasha - [pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pdelahunty@westdean.w-sussex.sch.uk) or call in at the school office.

## Car Parking at The Selsey Arms pub and in school—PLEASE READ.

In spite of several reminders, we still have reports of less than respectful behaviour towards the staff and customers of the pub from a very small minority of school users. We are privileged to have the use of the car park, which helps to ease congestion for everyone and keeps the area safer for your children at these busy times. We once again ask that you show courtesy and respect when using this facility. **If poor behaviour continues we will lose access to parking.**

We have also noticed a small minority of parents driving into our school car park with far too much speed, particularly those who arrive late. It hardly needs explaining that this is not appropriate in a setting where there are children present and is simple unsafe. **Please reduce your speed** or Mr Williams will be forced to request that you park elsewhere—safety is our first priority and we should not need to be policing speed on the school site.



Mrs Pearmaine has been leading Lego Club after school this half term for the younger children. They have had an amazing time and were really keen to share the flags that they made this week!

Thanks Mrs P, we have really loved our building time with you and all the special challenges that you have set us, not to mention the biscuits! 😊

# IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR A FUNDED HOLIDAY CLUB?



## St Margaret's School

### **MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB**

*A Range of daily sport activities and Art & Crafts.*

### **DANCE & DRAMA CLUB**

*Learning theatre and dance skills to create a performance by Dance4Dayz!*

**FOOTBALL CLUB** for football crazy kids

## East Preston School

### **MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB**

*Engage in a diverse selection of sports such as football, dodgeball, and bench ball. Enjoy creative classes in dance and gymnastics, along with daily crafts and opportunities for free play.*

## Chichester Free School

### **MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB**

*A range of daily sports activities offered, including rugby, rounders, and fitness. Additionally, there are creative sessions in dance and gymnastics. Daily crafts and team games are also available for everyone to enjoy.*

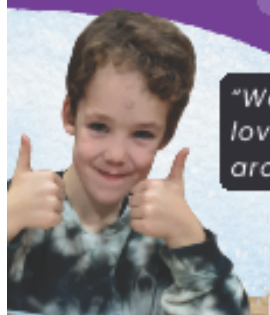
## Booking HAF clubs

*Book using the QR code or link today. For more information & getting your HAF ID contact [HAF@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@westsussex.gov.uk)*



SCAN ME

If you are receiving benefit related free school meals, your child qualifies for free HAF holiday clubs.



*"We booked Activ8 before through council and know our son loves it. Timing of sessions are manageable, and really help around work commitments that continue through holidays!"*



<https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>



## Please see information below from SCS (South Coast Sports) regarding their new booking process:

The below email explains a little about our new booking system, which is now live and how parents can access it.

We know change can be a hassle but trust us - this new booking system is going to make your life easier!

Designed to streamline your admin for clubs, camps and sports sessions, the new booking and payment process will be faster and easier than ever before.

Here's what you can expect from the upgraded iPAL Bookings System:

- Create your own profile where you can **book, view and manage all your child(ren's) activities** in one place
- Instead of making separate, time-consuming bookings for each sibling, you will be able to set up **multiple children on your profile**. If you have more than one child, this will greatly improve your booking experience.
- Your profile will include your **child's information** such as DOB, allergies, medical requirements and SEND, so you no longer need to input this every time you make a booking.
- **Childcare vouchers** for holiday camps will be automatically reconciled so you will not need to advise that payment has been made
- Your profile will provide you with easy access to **receipts** as and when you need them
- If your child joins an activity part-way through term, the booking system will **automatically show the price for the remaining sessions**
- On the rare occasion we need to cancel a session due to weather, or **get in touch with all parents at the last minute**, we will be able to do so quickly and efficiently
- You will now have access to a **mobile app**. The iPAL Parent App is designed for parents like you. It is very user-friendly and provides convenient access to the booking system right from your smartphone. You can easily view available slots, make bookings and receive important updates – all at your fingertips!

### 3 WAYS TO GET STARTED

1. Access the system from our website just like before.

Simply go to <https://www.southcoastsports.org.uk> and click on “Browse + Book Sessions” navigation.

Or use this direct link:

<https://southcoastsports.ipalbookings.com>

2. Click on the “login” button. You will need to create an account, so click on the “Sign Up” option and follow the prompts. Once logged in, browse the available sessions and make your bookings.

3. Download the iPAL App from your phone's app store - see the QR codes below. Follow the prompts and enjoy the convenience of managing bookings on the go!

### WATCH THESE HANDY VIDEOS

How to make a booking on iPAL:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-yhz9B5U04&t=3s&ab\\_channel=CompleteEducationSolutions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-yhz9B5U04&t=3s&ab_channel=CompleteEducationSolutions)

How to add a child to your account:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYbTYo2cJW8&ab\\_channel=CompleteEducationSolutions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYbTYo2cJW8&ab_channel=CompleteEducationSolutions) –

### 2025 bookings

Thank you for your patience as we transition to the new, improved booking system. We are confident that it will make your life easier when it comes to booking and managing your child(ren's) camps, clubs and activities.

Please note that all 2025 bookings should be done via the new link and/or IPAL app.

*(The only exception to this is*

*Winter Holiday Hero Activity Camps on*

*2 & 3 January. Please book those using our website <https://southcoastsports.org.uk/holiday-heroes-activity-camps/>*

## 2024/25 INSET Days

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The final INSET day is now confirmed as Tuesday 22nd April,  
meaning the summer term will begin for children on  
Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

**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 (23rd for children) - Friday 18th July**

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

Tuesday 10th December	Hugo Van Driel Worship
Thursday 12th December	1.00, CYE Assembly
Thursday 12th December	4.00, Dance Club Performance (for Dance Club only)
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)

