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Last week, Year 2 had a fabulous, but wet, trip to Arundel Castle. They got to look all around the keep and the castle and had so much fun. Of course, they were amazing ambassadors for our school.

One of our children was so excited about the arrival of our guinea pigs that they made their own guinea pig home, equipped with a kitchen, sitting room and bedroom!



We had 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for most of Key Stage 2. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended. We hoped you found it useful. This week we have Year 1 today and Year 2 tomorrow, both from 2.50pm.

Year 4's session will be rearranged and a new date will be shared with parents and carers shortly.

Monday 21st - Year 1

Tuesday 22nd - Year 2

I had Hot Chocolate Friday and was joined by the lovely children below who had a great time. It is always such a treat for me on a Friday to spend time with our children who are always 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'.



Junior Governors, Eco-Warriors and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

This week, our nominations for Junior Governors, Eco Warriors and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors need to be in. If your child is in Year 2 to Year 6 and would like any of the above positions for their class, they will need to have their nominations in by Thursday ready for the classes to vote on, on Friday. Their nominations just need to be a short piece about who they are, why they would be good for the role and what they want to do in that role.



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Hot School Lunches:

We are continuing to have some issues with the hot school meals and have reported these back to the company. We know that some children, especially those in KS2, are sometimes not getting what they ordered and we can only apologise. The kitchen is doing everything it can - unfortunately, it is that the correct amount of food is not being delivered. We will continue to feed back our concerns and hopefully the teething problems will iron themselves out quickly. Thank you for your patience.

Tuesday Assemblies this year:

This year, Mr Terrill and myself will be taking whole-school Tuesday assemblies. In these assemblies, we will be looking at the five main British Values - Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy, Respect and Tolerance. We will also be talking about the nine protected characteristics in our society - Age, Disability, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex (gender), Sexual Orientation, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership and Pregnancy and Maternity. We are starting with Race, and then Sexual Orientation, because we have seen an increase in racist and homophobic language being used by our children. We do have a protected characteristic curriculum using a range of age appropriate texts to support. These assemblies are with children from Year 1 through to Year 6 so we will be using age appropriate texts and language with the children.

Reminders:

Coats and Wet Weather Gear:

The weather last week was unpredictable, so please can we ask that all children bring a coat into school. It will soon be that time when the children will need wellies and wet weather trousers to access the field and grassy areas, so please can you send your child in with these ready. Many children love being on the field when it gets muddy but they are not allowed on it unless they have the right gear.

Parking:

We have parents that are parking in the staff parking bays or on the grass verges. Please can we ask that you do not use the staff bays, as this then stops our staff from being able to park. The only cars allowed to park in the bay outside the school and in the parking bays next to the staff parking bays are those people with current Blue Badges. Anybody else will be asked to move. Please remember you are given parking permits for Queen's Crescent car park that you can use for both pick ups and drop offs.

Wool donations:

We are looking for any donations of wool that can be used for crochet club and other art activities. Please can any donations be given to Miss Dowley. Thank you.

Tesco Award - Very Exciting - keep collecting the blue tokens to help our school win:

Please keep collecting tokens when you go to Tesco and remind all of your families, friends, neighbours and colleagues to help collect for us too. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.



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2163 Burgess Hill Superstore RH15 9QT

4616 Haywards Heath Walnut Park Express RH16 3TG

5047 Burgess Hill Gatehouse Express Express RH15 9XB

5242 Haywards Heath Express Express RH16 3PH

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:

<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Alison Bennett MP Christmas Card Competition:

Our local MP, Alison Bennett, is offering our children the chance to design a Christmas Card that she can use to send out at Christmas. The competition is open to children in Reception through to Year 6 and entries can be brought to the office.

Designs must be on A4 paper and must be portrait orientation. You can make them as fun, bright and colourful as you like but please avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and any stick on items as they do not reproduce onto the finished design well. Children need to have their full name, year group and class and age on the back of their designs. The closing date is **Monday 28th September** and all card entries are being collected on Tuesday 29th so any entries brought in late will not be submitted. Please submit entries to the school office.

Miss Dowley



26/27 | Term Dates

AUTUMN | **Thur 3rd Sept**
–
Fri 18th Dec

Half Term 26th Oct – 30th Oct

INSET DAYS: 1st Sept & 2nd Sept

SPRING | **Tues 5th Jan**
–
Thur 25th Mar

Half Term 15th Feb – 19th Feb

INSET DAYS: 4th Jan

SUMMER | **Mon 12th Apr**
–
Wed 21st July

Half Term 31st May – 4th June

INSET DAYS: 28th May & 7th June

1.30pm finish on
Fri 18th Dec, Thur 25th Mar & Wed 21st July



IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the **Study Bugs App**

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.

PE Days

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below:

Yr1	- Tuesday and Thursday
Yr2	- Monday and Wednesday
Yr3	- Tuesday and Wednesday
Yr4	- Wednesday and Thursday
Yr5	- Monday and Tuesday
Yr6	- Thursday and Friday





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Email: fsm@westsussex.gov.uk
Tel: 0330 222 5555

WSCC FREE SCHOOL MEALS

YOU CAN APPLY

You can find out if you are eligible via the website below. If your application is successful or you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact our office



WHY APPLY?

- Free school meals ☒
- Financial support towards clubs ☒
- Uniform Vouchers ☒
- HAF Vouchers ☒
- School Trips & Visits Paid ☒

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

APPLY NOW



Please ensure your child wears full school uniform
PE kits will NOT be required

SCHOOL UNIFORM

SECOND HAND SALE



**Thur
24th Sept
3pm**

Uniform
donations
welcome

Cash and Card accepted

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2027

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 5 October 2026.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Name	Class	Award
Axel	1M	for being such a great ambassador for our class. Axel has shown he is always ready, respectful and safe. What a GREAT start to Year 1 Well done Axel :)
Sunny Le	1C	For always being ready and respectful, especially when you are working with an adult. You have a wonderful attitude to learning and it is a joy to watch you learn.
The whole class	2O	For achieving a London Meed Hero award for excellent behaviour and marvellous manners on our school trip to Arundel Castle. You were amazing representatives of our school.
The whole class	2S	For behaving brilliantly during our trip to Arundel Castle. You showed marvellous manners throughout the day and represented our school wonderfully. Well done 2S!
Peyton	3T	Always trying your best with your learning and showing great curiosity by asking questions. You regularly challenge yourself to improve your work, well done!
Annie	3N	For being an outstanding writer! This week, Annie has written her own version of 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. Her instructions were really funny because she constantly thought about her reader, and how to make them laugh! It took great resilience and perseverance to build up towards this final outcome - well done, Annie!
Joshua S	4SM	Showing great initiative to offer to help others in Maths and always doing his best in all that he does - what a fantastic role model, Joshua!
Toby	4B	For creating a fantastic, descriptive free-verse poem this week and for showing readiness to learn by listening and always striving to do his best.
Jessica	5C	For showing curiosity in your learning, by actively participating in class discussions and putting forward your ideas. Great work, Jessica!
Faith	5B	For showing resilience in our lessons and writing her own examples of sentences containing relative clauses and a variety of conjunctions. Keep it up, Faith!



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Year 6	6H	For demonstrating our school values of bravery and resilience this week during our Year 6 assessments. We are very proud of every single one of you. You have all shown ambition, determination and an excellent work ethic. Keep up the fantastic effort!
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A big well done to Ivy in Y5 this week who took part in dance competitions and not only had an amazing time but came away with these 2 performance awards! Fantastic work Ivy!



Forthcoming diary dates

Date (Autumn Term)	Event - <i>Whilst we endeavour to provide parents with as much notice as possible of upcoming events, on occasion some events may change date.</i>
21st Sept	Year 1 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
22nd Sept	Year 2 Meet the Teacher at 2.50pm
24th Sept	2nd Hand Uniform Sale 3pm
30th Sept	Y5 Viking Day on site
30th Sept - 2nd Oct	Y6 Windmill Hill Residential
5th Oct	Individual School Photos



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7th Oct	Open Morning for 2027 Reception Starters
9th Oct	Y1 to Wakehurst
16th Oct	Y4 to the National History Museum
16th Oct	Wear Something Yellow for charity
19 October	Harvest Donations can be brought in
21 October	Harvest Festival with The Pantry
22 October	Inside Out Day
22nd Oct	LMA - School Discos (Y1-Y6)
23rd Oct	Flu nasal spray for all children
23 October	Break up for Half term at 3.15pm
31 October	Year 6 applications for Secondary school and Year 7 places for September 2027 closes
4th Nov	Open morning for 2027 Reception Starters
6 November	ROAR project day
10 November	Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.30
11 November	Armistice Day
11 November	Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.00
13th Nov	LMA - Non Uniform (sweet/chocolate donation)
20th Nov	LMA - Break a rule day (rainbow tombola)
25th Nov	Open morning for 2027 Reception Starters
27th Nov	LMA - Non uniform (bottle donation)
27th Nov	LMA - Christmas Fair



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30th Nov	Panto (Whole School)
2nd Dec	Elf Run for St Peter & St James Hospice
7th & 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity
10th & 11th Dec	EYFS Nativity
11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14th Dec	Carol Concert Rehearsal
15th Dec	Carol Concert at St Johns Church
16th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Party Day
18th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm