



Autumn Term

September 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

# newsletter

Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements!

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## Welcome

Dear All,

We have had a busy two weeks with class activities, our Book Fair and our Harvest Festival celebrations.

Many thanks for supporting the school by purchasing books to the value of £648.34 (which in turn raised an impressive £259.34 worth of books for the school) and your generous donations for a local foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival, we are extremely grateful!

Tickets (£2) are now on sale for our Film Night on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October from the school office at drop off or pick up times. We will be showing Toy Story, popcorn and a drink will also be provided.

We are also busy planning our upcoming Xmas Fayre (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December) so please save the date! We cannot run it without your help so if you are a local business and would be willing to donate a prize/voucher for our Raffle or you're able to spare some time to help set up/put away or run a stall for 30 minutes, please pop into the office. Many thanks in advance for your support!

**A reminder that two of our remaining Inset Days have been changed:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – remains the same

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 – new date (originally Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 – new date (originally Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

Email us at: [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk)

Call us on: 01903 740176

# Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements!

## Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,  
Persevering Perry



Co-operative  
Caring Chloe



Headteacher  
Award



Reflective,  
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,  
Questioning Cleo



Jake (Wonder)  
Erin W (Franklin)

Jonas (Wonder)  
Olivia (Marley)

Amber (Wonder)  
Sophia (Franklin)

## Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Beatles Class: **99%**

Wonder Class: **99%**

Marley Class: **97%**

Franklin Class: **97%**

## Our School Values

Care – Cooperation – Honesty – Responsibility – Perseverance – Curiosity – Reflection

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly. They all come under our new, 'Thakeham Way'.

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## School Life

Some of the exciting activities some of our pupils have experienced over the last few weeks!

Children in Years 1-6 were asked to design a book cover with the winning entries each receiving a £5 book token to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair this week. Well done to all our Book Fair voucher winners!!



**Congratulations!**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED OUR  
TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised **£259.34**  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

TRAVELLING BOOKS

Wonder class Castles Day





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### Harvest Festival Celebrations

A sincere thank you to all the staff, children and parents that donated towards 204.1 kg of food to the Horsham District Foodbank during the Harvest season. Your kind donation will help put food on the table for local households experiencing hardship. The foodbank are currently providing between 700-800 individual food parcels per month across the Horsham District, and they expect these numbers to increase as winter approaches. They could not offer the support we do without the generous support from our school community.



A group of Year 5's were invited to take part in a Maths Competition hosted by Christ's Hospital. The yummy food went down a treat to fuel their brains!





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Marley Class walked to the local village of Storrington where they visited the High Street, the Library and local woodland walks.



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### September Report by the Thakeham School Reporters

At the start of the school term we have changed our class names.

Elder: Franklin year 5-6.

Maple: Marley year 3-4.

Oak: Wonder year 1-2.

Acorn: Beatles reception year.

We have had two new teachers join us this year, one in Marley Class and the other in Wonder class. Marley Class' new teacher is Mr Daplyn and in Wonder Class, their new teacher is Miss West. In Franklin Class we have a new member of the team called Mr Travell and he will be staying with us until March. Mr Travell feels welcome into Franklin class: they have all welcomed him by saying hello and smiling.

This week, four Year 5 went to the maths competition at Christs' Hospital School. They were: Jeni, Eryn, Elliott and Gabe. Gabe said, "Some of the questions were a bit hard but we got through it."

Marley Class have gone to Storrington High Street and Storrington Library on a Geography field trip today.

At the Harvest Festival the school sung 3 Songs, which were: Harvest Samba, Conkers and Song for Every Season. Wonder Class and Beatles Class sang: The Wheels on the Tractor and

Thakeham Primary School donated food to the Horsham Foodbank.

Some of Franklin class went to a football taster, they were: Marcus, Amaya, Dexter, Ella, Kiva, Logan, Sophia, Erin and James. For most of them, their favourite part of the taster was the match at the end: they put into action, the skills that they had learnt while practicing before the match.

The School Book Fair was a great success: we raised £259.34 for Thakeham School and almost everyone brought a book to help us.

The new responsibility roles in school are:

Thakeham Reporters - Charlie and Daniel.

Digital leaders – James, Austin, Rudee, Samuel, Eloise and Gabrielle.

Green force - Sophia, Harrison, Beth, Jessica, Kiva, Callum, Jacob and Joshua.

Bookworms - Marcus, Logan, Max, Aria, Evelyn and Amelie.

Link bookworms - Elliott, Ella, Iga and Olivia

Play leaders - Callum, Erin, Gabe, Nikos, Lucy and Amaya.

Report by Daniel and Charlie (Y6)

## Dates for Your Diary

- **29<sup>th</sup> September:** tickets (£2) on sale for Film and Popcorn night (available from the school office and pick up and drop off until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October)
- **4<sup>th</sup> October:** Individual school photos
- **13<sup>th</sup> October:** Film and Popcorn night (3:15-5:00pm in school hall)
- **16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October:** Elder Class PGL Residential trip
- **23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October:** Half term
- **30<sup>th</sup> October:** Return to school
- **31<sup>st</sup> October:** Parents Evening (more info to follow)
- **7<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents Evening (more info to follow)
- **10<sup>th</sup> November:** Bag2School collection (more info to follow)
- **17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need Day (more info to follow)
- **1<sup>st</sup> December:** School Xmas Fayre (SAVE THE DATE)

### Inset Days 2023/2024

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024



# POPCORN & FILM

## Friday 13th Oct.



Ticket price:

# £2

Tickets available Sep  
29th onwards



When: 3:15pm to 5pm  
Where: school hall





Apply online at:  
[westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

# Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so they are eligible to start school  
in September 2024

## 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 2 October 2023.**  
If you would like further advice or  
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

**Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024**

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







# Thakeham Primary School

## Open Events for EYFS

### September 2024



Thakeham Primary School is a small, caring, happy school; a really special place to learn and grow together. We focus on each individual child's needs, developing their skills and nurturing their talents within a strong family environment.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure creative, engaging learning experiences, designed to foster the skills and attitudes needed for life-long learning, enabling children to approach the challenges of an ever changing world, with confidence and resilience. As well as meeting national expectations, our curriculum is personalised to meet the needs of our children in our community.

[If you are considering a place for your child at Thakeham Primary School, please contact us to attend one of our open events.](#)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3:45-4:30pm) Stay & Play

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3:45-4:30pm) Stay & Play

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (9:30am-10:30am) Open Morning

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 (9:30am-10:30am) Open Morning

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (5:00pm-6:00pm) Open Evening

#### Contact details:

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Further information can be found on our website:

[www.thakehamps.co.uk](http://www.thakehamps.co.uk)





## Information-Participation-Support-Training

The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is a charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We support parent carers by providing information, support and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their child or young person.

Become a West Sussex Parent Carer Forum member, it's FREE!

Only our members can access our popular events. By signing up you will automatically receive booking forms for events as soon as they are released. You will also receive key updates/information, important surveys and our regular newsletter.

Becoming a member is easy, simply click on the blue 'sign-up' button at the top of our website and complete the short form. You can unsubscribe at any time.



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## WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



FREE TO ANY  
PARENT/CARER  
LIVING IN  
SUSSEX

- 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)

Sussex CAMHS and Partner Organisations are offering a rolling programme of webinars for parents/carers who are supporting children and young people with their mental health

Each webinar will take place at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

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### WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Or visit:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: [CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk](mailto:CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk)

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Join us for one of our family fun days. A wonderful opportunity for those on the autism spectrum and their families to access a range of outdoor activities in a fun and relaxed environment set within the beautiful Sussex countryside.

Activities: Abseiling, Bush Craft, Crating, Archery, Geocaching, Walks, Trails, Orienteering, Ropes, Adventure Playground and much more.  
Refreshments are provided but please bring a packed lunch.


Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor activities.

N.B Activities are suitable for those 5+ and are subject to change



Blackland Farm Activity Centre, Grinstead Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 4HP  
Sunday 1st October  
9:30am - 15:30pm  
Registration from 9:30am

Booking is essential, to book please contact, [wsxbookings@aspens.org.uk](mailto:wsxbookings@aspens.org.uk)





OCTOBER  
HALF-TERM

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All venues Ofsted registered, Childcare Vouchers accepted  
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## PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!



# ACE Football Academy

## OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

**FOOTBALL  
CAMPS**



**GOALKEEPER  
CAMPS**



**MULTI-SPORTS  
CAMPS**

VENUE	DATE	SESSION	TIME	AGE	COST
<b>LANCING</b> SIR Robert Woodard Academy	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>PORTSLADE</b> Portslade Leisure Centre	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>STORRINGTON</b> Chanctonbury Leisure Centre	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>WORTHING</b> Worthing Town FC	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>MILE OAK</b> Mile Oak Primary School	23 & 27 OCTOBER	Multi-Sports Camp  Goalkeeper Camp	09:30- 15:30	4-13 YRS	£15 PER DAY

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# FREE TASTER LESSON

**The Towers, Upper Beeding, Monday 23rd October**

Book now a free taster swimming lesson for:  
Monday 23rd October, between 4pm to 6pm, at The Towers,  
Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding BN44 3TG.



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Talk

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*For Gallantry*



**Victoria Cross**



&

**George Cross**

*For Valour*

by **Tony Gledhill GC**



Friday  
3rd  
November  
2.30pm

**Members:**  
£6  
**Non-members:**  
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The Old School,  
School Lane,  
Storrington,  
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**ART**

**EXHIBITION**

18-19 NOVEMBER  
WEEKEND  
10AM-4PM

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM,  
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