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*Be one of the BEST! Be Thakeham!*

# Newsletter

02/05/25



## Front Cover Picture

In Wonder they have been looking at both healthy eating in PSHE and the difference between plants and fruits in science.

Here are two of our wonderful Wonder pupils examining some fruits and vegetables as part of our provision in Key Stage 1.

It looks really interesting!



## Welcome

We hope you all had a restful Spring break and made the most of the warmer weather. The children have settled well into the start of the summer term and there has already been a Reception class trip to Sandgate Park and a Quadkids tournament attended by some of Year 5/6s!

Curriculum letters have been sent home today and FoTS will be holding ice cream sales every Friday after school so please remember to bring your cash!

**Horsham District Council are encouraging all primary schools to take part in Walk to School Week – 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May.** This annual initiative is a great opportunity to encourage pupils and families to choose active travel options, like walking, cycling, or scooting, on their journeys to school. As you'll know, promoting active travel brings a host of benefits:

Improved physical and mental health for pupils through regular exercise

Better air quality around the school gates by reducing car traffic

Reduced congestion, making drop-off times safer and calmer for everyone

**Park and Stride is a simple idea for families who live further away to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school.**

If you drive, how about parking a 5-10 minute walk from school and complete their journey on foot. It reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around the school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey.

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

If there has been any change to when you gave consent for the school to administer school kept medicine, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

# At Thakeham we CARE



## Attendance

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 this academic year to date are:

Beatles Class: **97%**

Wonder Class: **95%**

Marley Class: **95%**

Franklin Class: **96%**

Well done everyone!





## Awards this Fortnight

This year, we have moved away from using the Super Learning Hero Awards because they do not match our new school systems and values. The children helped us choose the new awards. They decided to base them on our 3Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible). The pupils who achieve an Honours Award will be invited to a special Awards Ceremony in the summer term.

This fortnights' weekly awards go to the following pupils:

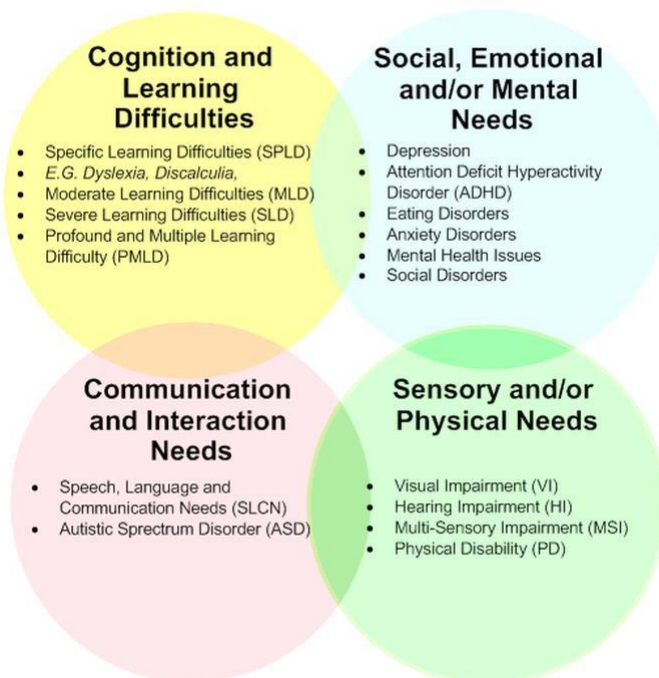
Ready to Learn Award	Respect Award	Responsible Award	Headteacher Award	Honours Award
Elliott A (Wonder) Florence (Wonder) Mia (Marley) Poppy (Marley) Dylan (Franklin) Iga (Franklin)		Bailey (Beatles) Oscar T (Beatles)		



# At Thakeham we CARE

## Inclusion

At Thakeham we have many ways in which we support our children across the four broad areas of SEN.



Our SEND team work closely with pupils, class teachers and support staff to identify the areas of need and work together to put in place support for our pupils. Here are some of the ways we support our pupils each week:

- adapted learning in class
- use of resources
- precision teaching/over learning
- small group work
- Interventions
- emotional literacy support (ELSA)
- smart learning targets
- personalised learning plans.

Each week the SEND team review what support is in place focusing on what is working well and where we might need to make adjustments. If you feel your child would benefit for some support from the SEN team, please do get in touch.

Mrs Stender

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## School Life



### Beatles Class visit to Sandgate Park

The class went looking for signs of Spring as part of their Let's Get Growing topic!



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### Year 5/6 QuadKids Tournament

Some of our Year 5/6s took part in an inter-school sports tournament arranged by SGS, where they came 2<sup>nd</sup>! Well done Team Thakeham!

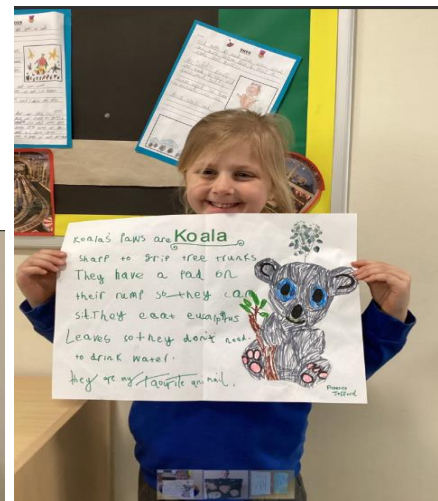
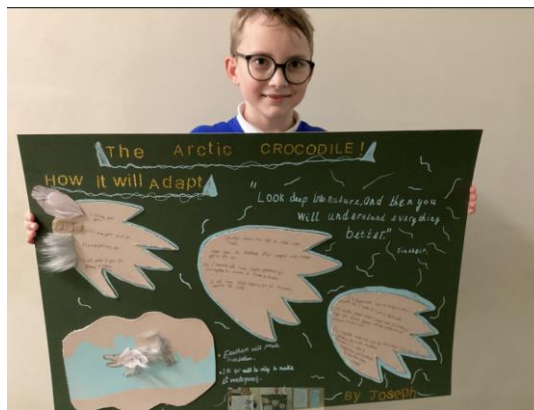
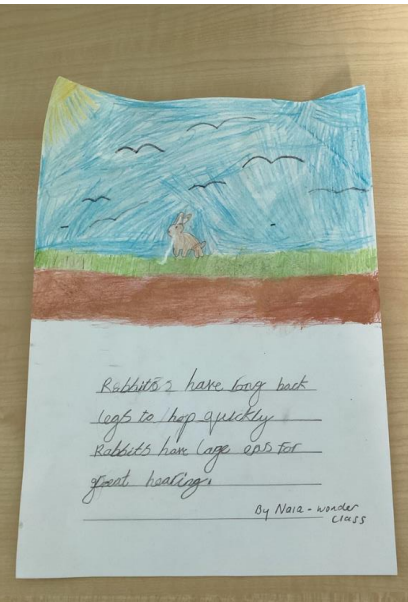




## School Life

Back in March, we celebrated Science Week. This year the theme was, 'Change and Adapt'. As part of this, Steyning Grammar School invited us to take part in a poster competition linked to change and adaptability. The KS1 children were asked to create a poster that showed how animals are adapted to live in their habitat. The KS2 children were asked to choose an animal and suggest ways it could evolve to live in a different habitat. Well done to all the children that took part. Huge congratulations to the following children who won a prize!

- Florence (Wonder class) KS1 winner
- Naia (Wonder class) KS1 runner up
- Joseph (Marley class) KS2 winner



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## Dates for Your Diary

5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

14-15<sup>th</sup> May – Bag 2 School drop off

26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May – half term

2<sup>nd</sup> June – Start of Summer term 2

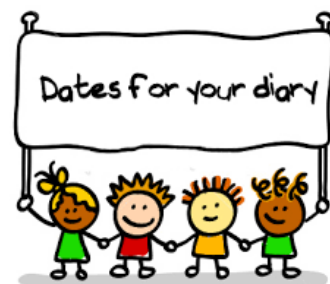
16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June – Book Fair

18<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term

21<sup>st</sup> July – Inset Day

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23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Summer holidays

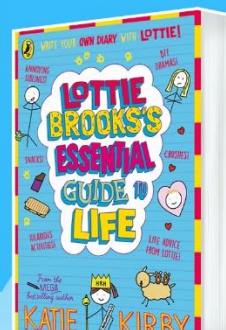
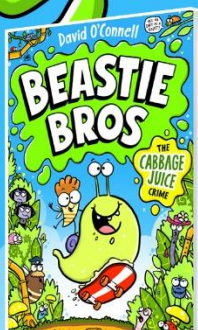


 **SCHOLASTIC**  **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

COME TO THE

# BOOK FAIR

AND EARN  
**FREE  
BOOKS**  
FOR OUR  
SCHOOL!



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# White Stork & Nature Revival Festival

Hosted by Storrington  
& Sullington Parish Council

**5 MAY 2025**  
**CHANCTONBURY**  
**LEISURE CENTRE**  
**RH20 4BG**  
**10:30-16:30**



**Free entry • Family friendly**  
**Live music • Guest speakers**  
**Nature based activities**  
**Information stalls**  
**Local food • Local artists**





Bees &  
Honey  
2025



# Children's School or Youth Group Poster Competition

Children in the South East of England are invited to enter the Bees & Honey competition at the South of England Show in 2025.

They need to create a poster of up to A4 about Bees or Beekeeping. Posters will be displayed and judged at the South of England Show

**Deadline for entry  
May 30th 2025**

All entries to be posted to:  
Bees and Honey Competition, South of England Agricultural Society, South of England  
Showground Selsfield Road Ardingly RH17 6TL

# Bees and Honey Children's School or Youth Group Poster Competition Entry Conditions



The competition is free to enter



KS1, KS2 and KS3 (ages 5 – 14) are invited to take part.



All entries must be clearly marked on the back with the CHILDS NAME, AGE, and SCHOOL NAME. Entries that are not marked clearly will not be judged.



Entries will be displayed during the South of England Show 6th, 7th and 8th June 2025 in Bees and Honey Marquee.



Please ensure that all entries are laminated or back onto card to ensure that these are able to be displayed carefully.



If you would like the posters back please detail on a slip of paper along with the poster so we know to return them.



# Academy Nights

Girls only 7-12 years old

Qualified Fa Female coaches  
DBS Checked  
First Aid qualified



Wednesday evening



5-6pm



Location - Storrington  
leisure centre, RH20 4BG

## What We Are Looking To Achieve:

- ✔ To Offer Opportunities For Girls To Play Football
- ✔ To Coach, Mentor And Be A Role Model For The Girls
- ✔ Create A Fun And Safe Environment
- ✔ To Help Girls Gain Confidence On And Off The Pitch
- ✔ To Help Develop Skills
- ✔ Inspire The Next Generation Of Lionesses

**FREE TASTER on**  
**Wednesday the 4th April**  
**To book email**  
**lealionesses@gmail.com or**  
**text 07398865310**



TRY A CLASS  
FOR FREE



# Now showing, **CONFIDENCE!**

Drama, dance & singing classes  
designed to help 4–12 year olds shine

**“My son has adored his first term at Perform.  
He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week.”**

Pippa Wotton



## Play is a **POWERFUL THING**

Perform classes help boost children's **confidence**,  
**concentration**, **coordination** and **communication** skills,  
as well as being lots of fun.

Our expertly designed drama, dance and singing sessions for  
4-7s and 7-12s are run by experienced teachers, hand-picked  
for their warmth and approachability. They'll be with your child  
every step of the way – inspiring and encouraging them to  
develop vital life skills as they discover the joy of performing.

### What does Perform offer?

- Performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- Specially created scripts, videos and apps
- End of term presentation for family and friends

**“Perform helps develop all key areas of a child in a fun,  
supportive and engaging way. It gives my daughter  
a brilliant sense of fun, community, purpose and pride  
in her achievements.”**

Begum Bari



### Ready to try for free?

Your child's first class is free, so why not  
give it a go? Classes take place all over,  
have a look online or call us:



**perform.org.uk/try 020 7255 9120**

<p>Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform</p> <p>Popular children's drama and dance school</p> <p>Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of Thakeham Primary School if they sign up by Sunday 1st June 2025. Parents should quote THAK62025 when they book their free session by going to <a href="https://perform.org.uk/try">perform.org.uk/try</a> or calling 020 7255 9120.</p> <p>You can find out more about the classes at <a href="https://perform.org.uk/try">perform.org.uk/try</a>. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The nearest classes to Thakeham Primary School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):</p>	
<p><a href="#">Perform Storrington (Drama for 4-7s)</a></p> <p>(1.1 miles) Tuesdays <a href="#">at 4pm</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Storrington Village Hall</a> <a href="#">59 West Street,</a> <a href="#">RH20 4DZ</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Perform Storrington (Drama for 7-12s)</a></p> <p>(1.1 miles) Tuesdays <a href="#">at 5.05pm</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Storrington Village Hall</a> <a href="#">59 West Street,</a> <a href="#">RH20 4DZ</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Perform Fittleworth (Drama for 4-7s)</a></p> <p>(6.2 miles)</p> <p>Mondays <a href="#">at 3.45pm</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Fittleworth Village Hall</a> <a href="#">School Lane,</a> <a href="#">RH20 1JB</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Perform Fittleworth (Drama for 7-12s)</a></p> <p>(6.2 miles) Mondays <a href="#">at 4.45pm</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Fittleworth Village Hall</a> <a href="#">School Lane,</a> <a href="#">RH20 1JB</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Perform Worthing (Drama for 4-7s)</a></p> <p>(7.6 miles) Tuesdays <a href="#">at 4.15pm</a></p>	<p><a href="#">St John The Divine Church Hall</a> <a href="#">Ripley Road,</a> <a href="#">BN11 5NQ</a></p> <p>There are others too. Click to find all the nearest here or view a list of all areas.</p>

**NEW**



**FREE**

# PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE

A 5 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING AROUND SUPPORTING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH, OFFERING A SAFE SPACE TO REFLECT AND FIND PEER SUPPORT.

TOPICS INCLUDE SELF-ESTEEM, ANXIETY & EMOTIONS, COMMUNICATION AND MORE!

## WORTHING - 24TH APRIL - 5TH JUNE (WEEKLY)

10AM-12NOON

8 -10 DURRINGTON LN, WORTHING BN13 2QG

## CRAWLEY - 19TH JUNE - 17TH JULY (WEEKLY)

12:30-14:30

BEWBUSH CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE, DORSTEN SQUARE, CRAWLEY  
RH11 8XW

## BOGNOR REGIS - 18TH SEP - 16TH OCT (WEEKLY)

10AM-12NOON

ARUN WEST FAMILY HUB,  
LABURNUM GROVE, BOGNOR REGIS PO22 9HT

REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED!



**TO SECURE YOUR PLACE  
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE EMAIL:  
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# A **FREE** MINI BEAST THEMED ACTIVITY MORNING FOR CHILDREN AGED 2-4 YEARS



Saturday  
7 June  
10am-11.30am

BOOK NOW



Lancing Prep Worthing, Broadwater Road,  
BN14 8HU, 01903 201123



**Lancing Prep Worthing**  
A Lancing College Preparatory School

## Calling all little explorers aged 2-4!

Join us for a thrilling FREE Nursery Activity Morning with a minibeast theme on Saturday 7 June, from 10:00am to 11:30am! Engage in bug-tastic activities like minibeast scavenger hunts, ladybug crafts and butterfly biscuit decorating, while meeting our fantastic staff and exploring our amazing Nursery and Pre-Prep facilities!

Don't miss out—register now using the link below! We can't wait to welcome you and your little one for a morning of fun and discovery!

[Join us for a FREE Mini Beast-Themed Activity Morning – Saturday 7 June 2025 | Lancing College Prep Worthing | Independent Prep School in Worthing | West Sussex | South of London](#)



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A Lancing College Preparatory School



# STEAM Morning

At Lancing Prep Worthing

£35 per child

28 May 2025



• Science • Technology • Engineering • Art • Maths •

**Is your child crazy about Science?** Bring them to Lancing Prep Worthing for a fun-filled STEAM morning on Wednesday, 28 May, from 9 AM to 12 PM during the May Half Term! Open to all Year 3, 4, and 5 children in West Sussex, this event promises exciting science activities, thrilling experiments, and lots of creative fun! ? ✨

For more information and to book click here: [STEAM Morning | Lancing College Prep Worthing | Independent Prep School in Worthing | West Sussex | South of London](#)

Should you have any queries please contact Laura Shelton  
[lskelton@lancing.org.uk](mailto:lskelton@lancing.org.uk).





**NEW  
VENUE**

## Pilates course



**Wednesdays 6:15 to 7:10pm**  
**Thakeham Primary School**  
**9th April to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**6 weeks £47.50**



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



EFitness Group Exercise

## **HIIT CLASS**

**WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:15PM**

**£8 / SESSION - 1ST SESSION 50% OFF**

**Thakeham Primary School**

**BOOK NOW**



**Text Emma: 07508 960 230**

All abilities welcome



### **Strength and Motion Fitness Classes**



Thakeham Village Hall

**Mondays**

Yoga 1245-1355

Gentle Weights 1400-1455

Relaxation 1500-1530

**Tuesdays**

Yogalates 1030-1130

**Thursdays**

Pilates 0920-1015

Pilates 1020-1115 (term time only)

**Fridays**

Yoga 700-800

Thakeham Primary School

**Mondays**

Yogalates 1800-1900

Laurie Apted Building Southwater

**Fridays**

Pilates 1100-1200

For more details contact Sarah

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