



Summer Term

28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

# newsletter

At Thakeham we CARE

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## Welcome

Dear All,

Our Summer Fayre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July is nearly here! If you can help with set up or pack down, then please let the office know ASAP. Funds raised via FoTS from this event and others go towards subsidising school trips, classroom resources, special treats for the children etc. so please support us! Raffle tickets were sent home this week so please remember to return your stubs, monies & any unused tickets. More tickets are available to buy from the office if required and we have some wonderful prizes waiting to be won!

**Our next Mufti Day (in exchange for sweets for our Summer Fayre) is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that this has been changed to sweets from our original request for cakes.**

Sports Day is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. A polite reminder to please remember to park in the SGS car park

FoTS continue to sell ice creams every Friday at pick up so please remember to bring your spare change ☺

On warm, sunny days, please ensure your child has had sun cream applied before they come to school and that they have a hat and water bottle.

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 i.e. adverse reactions to paracetamol/antihistamine, please notify the School Office ASAP.**

Email us at:

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

Call us on: 01903 740176



## Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,  
Persevering Perry



Co-operative  
Caring Chloe



Headteacher  
Award



Reflective,  
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,  
Questioning Cleo



Louis (Beatles)

Florence  
(Wonder)  
Sevren  
(Wonder)  
Dylan, Olive and  
Reggie (Marley)  
Lucy (Franklin)

Elsie (Beatles)

Arlo, Reilly and  
Rose (Wonder)

Erin W, Pollie  
and Sophia  
(Franklin)

Callum  
(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: **97%**

Wonder Class: **97%**

Marley Class: **96%**

Franklin Class: **96%**

## Our School Values

**CARE – COURAGE – AMBITION – RESPECT – ENJOYMENT**

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'.

# At Thakeham we CARE

## Time to Shine!

Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!

Lucy did her Audition for We Will Rock You stage show at Leatherhead Theatre. She had to sing, dance and act. For the singing and dancing she was asked to do it alone out of her group, which is usually a good sign 🎵 we will find out in two weeks. Well done Lucy.



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## School Life

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

### Beatles class visit to Pulborough Brooks

As part of their topic Mighty Mini Beasts, the children enjoyed pond-dipping, log rolling, tree shaking and hunting for mini beasts!





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### Wonder Class African Drumming Workshop



## Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Mufti Day in exchange for sweets for Summer Fayre
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre (3:15-4:30pm)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Back up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset Day
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Inset Day
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Return to school

### **Inset Days 2024/2025**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025





Thakeham Primary School  
and FoTS presents:



**S** **u** **m** **m** **e** **r**  
**F** **a** **y** **r** **e**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 3:15-4:30pm  
on the school field

**Raffle**



**Refreshments**



**Ice Cream Van**



**Bottle/Sweets Tombola**



**Bouncy Castle**



**Games Stalls**

We have been listening to feedback from schools and parents, and we are very pleased to be able to share with you the brand new website link for Chartwells West Sussex:

Web: [West Sussex | Chartwells](https://www.chartwells.co.uk/schools/westsussex)

Scan me:



Parents can find all the links on here including, the menu, theme day menus, ParentPay guides (an FAQ will be added shortly), and of course, Chartwells' direct contact details.

**PARENT PAY ORDERING DEADLINES 2024/2025**

	2024 Order cut off	For week commencing
Menu week 1	22-Aug	02-Sep
Menu week 2	29-Aug	09-Sep
Menu week 3	05-Sep	16-Sep

Menu week 1	12-Sep	23-Sep
Menu week 2	19-Sep	30-Sep
Menu week 3	26-Sep	07-Oct

Menu week 1	03-Oct	14-Oct
Menu week 2	10-Oct	21-Oct
Menu week 3	17-Oct	28-Oct

Menu week 1	24-Oct	04-Nov
Menu week 2	31-Oct	11-Nov
Menu week 3	07-Nov	18-Nov

Menu week 1	14-Nov	25-Nov
Menu week 2	21-Nov	02-Dec
Menu week 3	28-Nov	09-Dec

Menu week 1	05-Dec	16-Dec
Menu week 2	12-Dec	23-Dec
Menu week 3	19-Dec	30-Dec

	2025 Order cut off	For week commencing
Menu week 1	26-Dec	06-Jan
Menu week 2	02-Jan	13-Jan
Menu week 3	09-Jan	20-Jan

Menu week 1	16-Jan	27-Jan
Menu week 2	23-Jan	03-Feb
Menu week 3	30-Jan	10-Feb

Menu week 1	06-Feb	17-Feb
Menu week 2	13-Feb	24-Feb
Menu week 3	20-Feb	03-Mar

Menu week 1	27-Feb	10-Mar
Menu week 2	06-Mar	17-Mar
Menu week 3	13-Mar	24-Mar

Menu week 1	20-Mar	31-Mar
Menu week 2	27-Mar	07-Apr
Menu week 3	03-Apr	14-Apr





# THAKEHAM ROCKS 2024

Saturday 29 June 2024  
4:30pm 'til late  
The Playing Field  
Abingworth

**FREE  
ENTRY**

## LIVE MUSIC

KP & THE FLATLINE BAND  
MOORE THAN A FEELING  
VOYAGER – THE JUKEBOX 6  
GJ's ROCKSCHOOL

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If you are interested in teaching, please come along to one of our Open Days:

Saturday 22 June 2024

Saturday 12 October 2024

Friday 01 November 2024

Saturday 23 November 2024

All the above events will run from 9.30 am - 3pm

You can also email Debs Wilkinson ([d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk](mailto:d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk)) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith ([j.smith@chi.ac.uk](mailto:j.smith@chi.ac.uk)) to discuss the secondary route.



# 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**

**Tel: 07878 366950 Email: [sarahpasby@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahpasby@btinternet.com)**





SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS



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# YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sompting Village Primary	West Park Primary	Sion Senior School	Angmering Senior School
Monday 29th July - Friday 30th August	Wednesday 24th July - Friday 30th August	Monday 29th July - Thursday 22nd August	Monday 29th July - Thursday 22nd August
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre	Wisborough Green Primary	Seymour Primary	St Josephs Primary
Monday 29th July - Thursday 22nd August	Monday 29th July - Thursday 22nd August	Monday 29th July - Thursday 22nd August	Monday 5th August - Friday 22nd August
*Ages 5 - 11     £24.95 per day			

\*All HAF venues and eligible HAF bookings can be made via <https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>

## PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Our 5\* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the summer holidays.

And with the HAF programme, your children can attend sessions free of charge. Each session includes healthy food and enriching activities.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

**Book now** for a summer full of fun!



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MORE INFORMATION**

or visit [premier-education.com/holiday-camps/HAF](https://premier-education.com/holiday-camps/HAF)



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Illness

Feelings

Getting Help

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## Parents and Carers!

As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.



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Follow us:  [scftwestsussexschoolnurses](https://www.instagram.com/scftwestsussexschoolnurses)



Text your School Nurse team for confidential advice and support:

**07312 277011**

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday from 9 am - 4.30 pm (excluding bank holidays and weekends). If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



Windlesham House School Holiday Camp (Pulborough)

# Pied Piper Activities

## holiday camps at Windlesham House

**Embark on an exciting journey with Pied Piper multi-activity camps, the ultimate experience for children aged 4 to 12 during their Easter and Summer holidays!**

Providing fantastic OFSTED registered childcare with over 60 different activities for children to take part in, you will have complete peace of mind knowing that your children are not only having a great time but are safe and cared for too.

Our camps are safe, friendly, and secure, ensuring your child's adventure unfolds in a nurturing environment. Our handpicked staff are carefully selected for their fun-loving, caring, enthusiastic and committed nature and their ability to deliver the Pied Piper difference throughout your child's week at camp.

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# WEST CHILTINGTON VILLAGE SHOW

2024

*Celebrating our Community*

Saturday 13th July 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Recreation Ground, West Chiltington

*ALL THE FUN OF THE VILLAGE SHOW*

**Supporting 3 charities:**

**ABC Animal Sanctuary, Family Support Work,  
Mary How Trust as well as smaller groups**

**Good food and drinks with a difference!**

**Over 40 craft stalls**

**Competitions: Handicrafts,  
Photography, Painting, Produce**

**Dog Show: 9 classes, choose  
as many as your dog likes!**

**Garage: vintage cars on show**

**Raffle Prizes: great prizes, including tours of  
vineyards, a massage, theatre tickets**

**Fun games for children**

**Balloon Modelling, Punch & Judy,  
Family Magic Show**

**Tombola, Teas and cakes, Ice cream van**

**... and much, much more**

**Everyone welcome - Free entry**







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**We have availability in our current Term Time lessons on Sundays.**

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## Summer Holiday Counselling

Do you know a young person aged between 5-18 that needs additional support with their mental health? Relate West Sussex are offering counselling for just £20 per session.

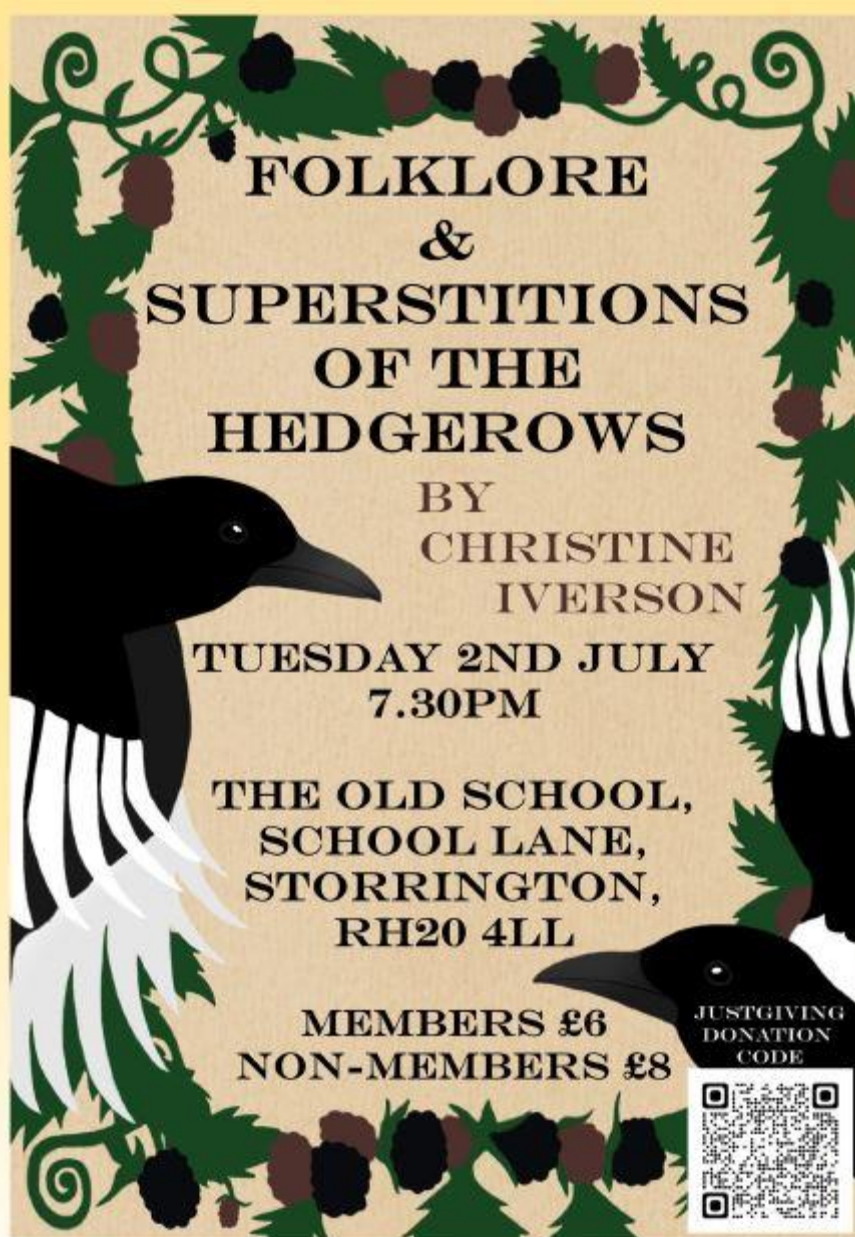
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### **FOLKLORE AND SUPERSTITIONS OF THE HEDGEROWS by CHRISTINE IVERSON**

Christine Iverson discovered a love of all things hedgerow after moving to a Sussex Downland village in 2001. This fascination led to volunteering as an apothecary at the Weald and Downland Living Museum where she taught school children about medieval and Tudor medicine. Keen to learn more, she became a regular contributor to her local parish magazine sharing the folklore and superstitions of hedgerow plants with her local community. She runs regular folklore and foraging workshops at Tuppenny Barn Organics and gives talks to local women's institutes and horticultural societies.

A forager by heart, Christine loves nothing better than wandering the hedgerows looking for berries and plants to turn into jams, chutneys, alcohol, crafts and simple remedies.

Fascinated by the folklore and superstition connected with wild plants, Christine writes monthly articles for two parish magazines to keep these old ways alive.

Venue: Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL.

Members £6. Non Members £8. All welcome

# Training

## Summer 2024

(2nd half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



## Training Courses and Workshops

### June

Understanding Autism in Girls	Wednesday 5th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Understanding and Building Resilience	Tuesday 11th	10.30am
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Thursday 13th	10:00am
Making Sense of Sleep (for children age 2-11 years)	Tuesday 25th	10.30am
Making Sense of Education Health & Care Needs Assessments & Plans (EHCPs)	Friday 28th	10.30am

### July

Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Thursday 4th	7.30pm
Understanding ADHD	Wednesday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents (11 years+)	Wednesday 10th	7.30pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Friday 12th	10.30am

## The SEND Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

**Dates:** 12th June / 19th June / 26th June (3 part course)

Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

**All training above will be delivered via Zoom**



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<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



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# Journey

## A support group for Parents and Carers of Autistic and SEN Children

Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.



### Ashington

[ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk)

Friday 5 July | 10am - 11am

Ashington Church,  
Church Lane, RH20 3JX

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### Billingshurst\*

[billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk)

Monday 15 July | 9.30am - 10.30am

The Depot, 83a High Street,  
Billingshurst

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### Pulborough\*

[pullborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:pullborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk)

Wednesday 17 July | 10am - 11am

Pulborough Sports & Social Club,  
Rectory Close, RH20 2AJ

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### Storrington & Sullington

[storrington-sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:storrington-sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk)

Tuesday 23 July | 10am - 11am

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,  
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

\*Aspens will be visiting these groups



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## Autism and Social Communication Advisory Team

### Exploring Autism for Parents and Carers

A new and updated programme  
offering up to date thinking and links  
to research-based evidence for parent  
carers of autistic children  
and young people.



Sessions to explore Autism and strategies to support acceptance, empowerment, and relationships in family life.

**Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person, aged 8-16 years, who is autistic or on the social communication pathway and have not attended this course before?**

This NEW programme has been redeveloped to ensure that it is current and up to date. The course is an excellent source of information for those new to Autism or for those requiring a little more in-depth knowledge. Parent carers and the facilitators will learn and collaborate together. The programme is free of charge to families of children in West Sussex maintained schools and academies, at this time.

#### Course aims:

- to give a broad and balanced and positive view of how autism and social communication differences may impact on the child/young person's life and that of the family.
- to explore key practical strategies that can support autistic children.
- to provide a forum for families to share their experiences and expertise together.

#### Course outline:

The six sessions will be focused on both theoretical and practical aspects of autism and the resulting strengths and challenges. These recorded sessions can be watched when convenient to the family, followed by the one hour weekly group meeting. This provides opportunity to participate in discussions and ask questions via an online platform. We ask that parents attend each of these weekly online discussion groups.



In order for participants to fully benefit from this course we ask that they attend **all** sessions.

#### Topics covered by session:

##### Session 1: Autism Acceptance

Develop understanding of autism, discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis and identify how autism can affect families.

##### Session 2: Communication

Develop understanding of communication difficulties and strategies to improve communication and interaction skills for the autistic child/young person.

##### Session 3: Sensory Needs

Consider how sensory information and experiences may be processed differently by those who are autistic, share strategies to help with sensory differences.

##### Session 4: Anxiety

Improve understanding of the signs of distress that autistic young people may display and consider approaches to support self-regulation.

##### Session 5: Social Thinking and Masking

Explore the differences autistic young people may have with socialising and developing relationships. Look at ways to develop social thinking, explore the idea and impact of masking.

##### Session 6: Adolescence and Independence

Consider ways to encourage independence and manage adolescence challenges including puberty, sensory impact and social differences.

#### Exploring Autism Welcome Video:

<https://youtu.be/JqGPmJHRMs>

#### Dates:

Spring 2: Every Thursday 12-1pm from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Summer: Every Thursday 6.30-7.30pm from 18<sup>th</sup> April to the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

Summer 2: Every Wednesday 1-2pm from 5<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Summer Holidays: 6.30-7.30pm Dates TBC

#### For further details please contact:

**Email:** [ASCT@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ASCT@westsussex.gov.uk)

*Please note there are a limited number of places on this course.*

## WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

### SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



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

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- 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY AVOIDANT/RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER (ARFID)
- 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR
- 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL BEREAVEMENT
- 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY SUPPORTING PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION
- 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP CARERS
- TBC JULY CYBER SAFETY



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