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Welcome

Happy Friday to you all!

Last week we celebrated Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Thakeham. The children were all so well behaved and sang beautifully! Many thanks to everyone who donated items which the church has passed on to The Wholesome Warehouse based in Storrington, who will give to those most in need.

The children sat this week for their individual school photos which you can purchase until **Sunday 20th October** using the personalised link sent to you via email/text from Tempest Photography or by following this link: www.tempest-orders.co.uk

The deadline is fast approaching for the purchase of items with your child's Christmas/winter design. The Class Fundraising template with your unique code went home with your child a while back. Lots of items to choose from which will make great gifts, so please support the school as funds raised will go back into providing much needed resources/experiences for your child. The online shop **closes on Weds 16th October with no option to order after this** so please order before this time. 😊

Tickets are also still available to purchase for the FoTS Halloween Disco on Friday 25th October (more details on how in the FoTS section below of the Newsletter).

Our lovely Mrs Bowbrick is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 13th October to raise money for the Anthony Nolan charity. If you wish to donate the link can be found here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/jodi-bowbrick-1711718761639?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fjodi-bowbrick-1711718761639&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

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.



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 week's weekly awards go to the following pupils:

Ready to Learn Award	Respect Award	Responsible Award	Headteacher Award	Honours Award
Gabrielle (Marley) Malakai (Marley)		Bodhi (Wonder) Mathilda (Wonder) Erin (Franklin) Gabe (Franklin) Sophia (Franklin)		

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Friends of Thakeham Primary School (FoTS)



HI ALL, VIKKI, SAM AND JESS HERE. YOUR NEW FOTS TEAM. WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO WORK ALONGSIDE THE SCHOOL, TO CREATE FUN EVENTS AND RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SMALL BUT BRILLIANT SCHOOL. WE ALREADY HAVE SOME BIG PLANS UNDERWAY FOR THIS TERM, STARTING WITH OUR HALLOWEEN DISCO. MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY TOMFOOLERY, WHO MOST OF YOU WILL KNOW! LEADING UP TO THIS WILL BE A SWEETS & BAKES SALE, SO YOU CAN GET YOUR SPOOKY BAKE ON! 🧛🍪

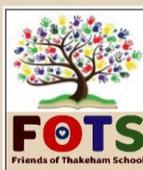
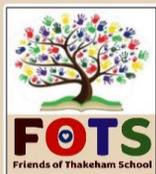
WHEELS ARE ALSO ALREADY IN MOTION IN ARRANGING SOME REALLY FUN CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS, INCLUDING A CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT, AND A CHRISTMAS FAYRE. MORE DETAILS ON THIS WILL COME IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER AND OUR FOTS FACEBOOK PAGE.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WILLING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT AT EVENTS ETC, SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY. OUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE BELOW, OR CATCH US ON THE PLAYGROUND.

WE ALSO HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE, WHERE DETAILS OF EVENTS AND MORE INFO OF PROJECTS WE ARE HELPING FUND FOR THE SCHOOL WILL BE. SO PLEASE GIVE US A FOLLOW.

HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE LOTS OF SPOOKY GHOSTS AND GHOULS AT THE DISCO! 🧛🎵

CONTACT US:
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Acct name: Friends of Thakeham School
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PLEASE COME IN FANCY DRESS

DRINKS AND SNACKS INCLUDED

Halloween

Disco



Friday 25th October 5pm-6.30pm

Tickets £5

PLEASE PAY AT THE OFFICE BEFORE END OF THE DAY ON THE 4TH OCTOBER



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Inclusion Newsletter

Dyscalculia Awareness Day was on 7th October and Dyslexia awareness week is 7-13th October. At Thakeham we are working hard on identifying the signs of dyslexia and dyscalculia, and putting support in for those children. Here is some information below on some signs of dyslexia and dyscalculia. Having these signs does not necessarily mean they definitely have dyslexia or dyscalculia, but they are good indicators. More information will be coming soon to parents.

Dyslexia

- starts to **talk** late
- difficulty with **blending** and **segmenting** sounds
- **rhyme patterns** are hard
- reads **letter by letter** or **word by word** slowly
- forgets **sight words**
- struggles with **grammar**
- copies **letters** out of order
- forgets/loses info: **dates, names, addresses**

Dyscalculia

- starts to **count** late
- difficulty with **composing** and **decomposing** numbers
- **number patterns** are hard
- counts **tally marks** or **one by one** slowly
- forgets **math facts**
- struggles with **algorithms**
- copies **numbers** out of order
- forgets/loses info: **log ins, numbers, deadlines**

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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: **99%**

Wonder Class: **98%**

Marley Class: **96%**

Franklin Class: **97%**

Well done everyone!



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Time to Shine!

If there's anything you would like us to celebrate, please email (with photographs attached) office@thakehamps.co.uk.

Well done to the following pupils who were in productions of Beauty and the Beast with Sandra Wilson's School of Performing Arts on Sunday 29th September:

Lucy - Le Fou
Holly - Mrs Potts
Alhannah - Babette
Olive - Cogsworth
Tamira - Madame De Le Grande
Bouche
Frankie - Silly Girl/ Witch/ Cutlery
Lexie – Townsfolk



Also well done to Erin who took part in a diverse dance showcase last Saturday afternoon in Brighton, which she had to perform 2 dance routines with her fellow dancers. The morning was spent rehearsing, then she took to the stage and performed in front of a very large audience, showing real zest!

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School Life

Marley Class spent a morning at the Forest School area for a fire immersion experience to help with building their vocabulary before writing their fire poems.



Harvest Festival



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Thakeham Reporters

Start of school year:

In Franklin class we have been learning about space and how big all the planets are, how big space is and people were making things over the summer holidays about space e.g. a tee-shirt and a poster and after we are going to learn about the wild and the planet. Our class book is called Orion Lost: it's really interesting and it keeps us on the edge of our seats. Soon, Franklin are going to a planetarium in Chichester. It will be very interesting as it will match with our topic!

Marley class have recently been learning about the Stone Age, timelines and looking and finding out about Stone Age animals. In Maths they are learning about 100s, 10s and 1s and their class books are Stone Age Boy and their other book is The Stolen Spear.

In Wonder class they are learning about toys and how they are made. Their class book is called The Dinosaur that Pooped a Superhero. In Science, they are learning about different materials and textures. They are going on a school trip to a toy museum in Brighton soon.

In Beatles class their topic is Marvellous Me and learning about their families. They are also learning about the importance of eating healthily and brushing their teeth everyday. They have been painting themselves (self portraits), they're also learning about counting and writing their names. Their class book is First Day at Bug School.

Buddies:

There are new reception children! They are our buddies! We read with them, sometimes eat with them, play with them at lunch time and sometimes at breaktime. We adore our buddies!

New building

Recently, a new part of our school is being built where our headteacher Mr Mc Donald's office was, it's so exciting! Although at the moment it smells like paint and its very dusty, but it's amazing. All of the new space is crazy, but the windows are so clean it's strange, there is also a toilet and a disabled toilet ,there is also going to be a new classroom and a new hall. It's going to be so cool, we can't wait. We especially like how you can see outside so it feels like you're outside.



Jeni and Sophia Thakeham Reporters

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Dates for Your Diary

Fri 18th Oct: Franklin class trip to Chichester Planetarium

Thurs 24th Oct: Wonder class trip to the Brighton Toy Museum

Fri 25th Oct: Halloween School Disco organised by FoTS – cash payments available from the office or pay online.

Mon 28th Oct-Fri 1st Nov – Half Term

Tues 5th Nov – Parents' Evening

Thurs 14th Nov – Parents' Evening

Thurs 28th Nov – whole school flu clinic

Dates with more info to follow nearer the time:

Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need Day

Tues 17th Dec: Beatles Nativity Play

Sat 7th Dec: FoTS Christmas Fayre

Weds 18th Dec: Whole School Nativity

Fri 20th Dec: End of term

Mon 23rd Dec-Fri 3rd Jan: Winter break

Mon 6th Jan: Start of Spring term

105 amazing pupils
16 inspiring adults
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1 nurturing school

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courage
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respect
enjoyment



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Looking for a school place?

Thakeham is unique in the area. Why? We offer a Small School setting but with BIG school facilities and opportunities. Our small size means we really do know each of our 105 pupils. We can nurture them in a way a large school cannot. Our pupils feel safe; they are happy; and they are celebrated for who they are! Our outcomes are well above the National Average in all areas from Early Years through to Year 6. **In short... our pupils are the BEST and achieve the BEST!**

"My favourite thing about Thakeham is that it is a community. I know every adult will help me, I have so many friends and I know everyone cares." Quote from a current Year 6 pupil.

"Pupils and parents recognise the kind and nurturing nature of this school. Pupils feel included and welcome. Staff expertly identify pupils who need support. Behaviour is positive. Developing pupil leadership is given a high priority. Thakeham continues to be a good school." Ofsted 2024.



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Apply online at:
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Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2025

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 7 October 2024.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

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



How to apply

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 it is now time to apply for their school place. You need to apply online by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Please be aware that the email address which you provide will be shared with your preference schools and allocated school, as parents and schools increasingly communicate electronically.

If you do not have access to the internet, free access to apply for a school place is available in all West Sussex libraries.

The website provides information needed for completing your application, including details of all the schools in West Sussex, your catchment school and important information for parents. Please read it carefully before making your application.

There are some benefits to applying online and we strongly advise all parents to do so. However, if you really can't access the internet you can obtain a paper form by calling **03330 142 903**.

Please note, you must provide a valid email address with your application in order to receive the outcome of your school offer.

Apply online at:

westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

You must apply on time

It is very important that you apply before the closing date of **Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

If your application is received after the closing date of **Wednesday 15 January 2025** your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Applications received after the closing date of **Wednesday 15 January 2025** are late applications and will only be considered after all those that were received on time.

It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that your application is received by the Pupil Admission Team on time.



Your preferences

We advise all parents to think very carefully about their three preferences and to use them wisely.

School places are allocated according to the published oversubscription criteria for that school. This can include criteria such as whether you live in the catchment area, whether there are siblings already at the school and the distance you live from the school.

Please be realistic in your preferences. You have a higher priority for local schools. If you chose an oversubscribed school, the further away you live the less likely you are to be offered a place.

Please note that personal circumstances, such as child care arrangements, are not part of the oversubscription criteria for any school and will not be taken into consideration.

Finally, we always advise parents to include their catchment school as one of their three preferences.

Admissions – key dates

Monday 7 October 2024

Online applications open.

You must provide an email address to apply. You can apply online for your child's school place by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

Schools will have their prospectuses available and will have arranged open events.

Wednesday 15 January 2025

National closing date for starting school applications.

You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Wednesday 16 April 2025

National offer day.

Applicants will be notified which school their child is offered by email, where an email address is supplied.

Making an online application

To make an application using the online system you will need:

- an email address; and
- create an account on Parent Portal if you do not already have an account.

Your Username will be your email address.

Your password must adhere to the following rules. It must:

- be at least 8 characters long;
- have at least one character that is UPPERCASE;
- have at least one character that is lowercase;
- have at least one special character (such as: * ! \$); and
- have at least one number.

To apply for a school place please visit westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or call **03330 142 903**.

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Starting school in September 2025

Deadline:
Wednesday 15 January 2025



Stay in touch

- West Sussex Matters
- @WSCCNews
- wscvideo



West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2025?

Do you think, for whatever reason, you may struggle with the Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:
Monday 2 September 2024.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:
Thursday 31 October 2024.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:
Monday 7 October 2024.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Wednesday 15 January 2025.

For more information on the admissions process:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk

www.westsussexsendias.org



Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☎: 0800 321 3248

🌐: www.coolmilk.com



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*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.



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CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS

Henri Rousseau: Tiger in a Tropical Storm

Tuesday 29 October 2024, 10.30 – 12.30

Children's art workshop in Arundel Museum. October's Art Workshop will focus on the Naive Art of Henri Rousseau's 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. A chance for the children to explore creating their own, brightly-coloured jungle with a tiger hiding in the dense undergrowth of the forest floor. Exciting, see you there!

Cost £12 to include all materials and refreshment break

Book by emailing office@arundelmuseum.org



Arundel Museum

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www.arundelmuseum.org

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chelseafcfootballdevelopment.com
course code: SS-STCFC-X-37

Area	Venue	Activity Dates
Sussex Steyning	Steyning Town Football Club	Thursday 31st October Friday 1st November
Timings	Ages	Cost
Start - 9.30am Finish - 3.00pm	5-12 Years Old	£48 Full Course

OCTOBER

NETBALL CAMP




Date: 30th October 2024

Venue: The Towers, Steyning Grammar School, Henfield Road

Time/cost: 9-11: mini's, U8, U9 - £12

9-12: U10-12 - £18

11-3: U13-16 - £24







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

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