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# Newsletter

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## Welcome

Happy Friday to you all!

We have had a wonderful start to the academic year. The children are excited, positive and working hard already!

Our new Beatles Class are enjoying school. We have loved watching them settle in and find out all about their exciting classroom. They are going to have a fantastic year.

Thank you to all families for doing your bit to make the start of term so successful. It is a team effort and we are grateful.

A gentle reminder that a letter was sent home at the start of the year detailing some of our key systems. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk).

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 Week

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
Edward (Wonder)				
Stanley (Marley)				
Jacob (Marley)				
Holly (Franklin)				

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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: **100%**

Wonder Class: **99%**

Marley Class: **99%**

Franklin Class: **98%**

Well done everyone!



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## Dates for Your Diary

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Marley class trip to Worthing Symphony Orchestra**

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Individual school photos / Census Day**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Franklin class trip to Chichester Planetarium**

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Wonder class trip to the Brighton Toy Museum  
(letter out next week)**

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Half Term**

**Dates with more info to follow nearer the time:**

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening**

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – whole school flu clinic**

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Beatles Nativity Play**

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Whole School Nativity**

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: FoTS Christmas Fayre**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: End of term**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec-Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Winter break**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: Start of Spring term**

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Have a nice Weekend

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105 amazing pupils  
16 inspiring adults  
149 years established  
4 fun-filled classrooms  
1 nurturing school

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CARE  
courage  
ambition  
respect  
enjoyment



# Join today!

Thakeham Primary School

## 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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# PARENTS & GUARDIANS

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR  
SCHOOL'S FUNDING?

## WHAT IS CENSUS DAY?

Census Day is an important day in the Primary School calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives.

Put simply, the more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding your school can access.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO GROW OUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING... HERE'S HOW!

Make sure you book a meal for the day! Use your ParentPay login and order a meal for the 3rd October 2024, whichever meal your child would prefer. Please note the dessert for this day will be a vegan pancake with syrup, to make it extra special!

If your child has a special diet, we have a GF vegan shortbread available for dessert or their usual menu will remain in place.



WHEN IS IT?  
3RD OCTOBER  
2024

WHEN DO I  
NEED TO  
BOOK?  
BEFORE THE  
19TH SEPTEMBER

# CENSUS DAY 2024

AMERICAN THEME DAY  
3RD OCTOBER 2024



## MENU

Beef Burger & Chips,

Macaroni & Cheese,

-

Side of Sweetcorn or Baked Beans or  
Salad

-

Vegan Pancake with Syrup

## SPECIAL DIETS

SD GF Tomato & Lentil  
Pasta

-

Side of Sweetcorn or  
Baked Beans or Salad

-

GF Vegan Shortbread  
\*or usual menu remains in  
place



## Still time to complete the Summer Reading Challenge!



This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers is available in libraries until **Saturday 14 September**. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell us about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer! You can save time by filling out the [Finisher Form](#) before you visit – please complete one per child.

Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading.

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge, your local library and more on the [West Sussex Libraries website](#).





# NRG JUNIORS NETBALL CLUB

We are recruiting new players in our Junior sections - age 7 and above

Come along to Worthing College on a Saturday morning for a FREE training session with our experienced coaches and join in the fun!

Email [admin@nrgnetball.co.uk](mailto:admin@nrgnetball.co.uk) for further details



## 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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# FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SOCCER SCHOOL



Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for boys and girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now by either scanning the QR code or using the below website and specific course code.

[chelseafcfootballdevelopment.com](http://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