

Autumn Term

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

# newsletter

Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements!

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## Headteacher's Welcome

Dear All,

I hope you had a restful October half term! The first week back has been a busy one.

The big thing that we have done this week is introduce our new behaviour policy. The children had an assembly about it with Mr McDonald on Monday as well as in-class assemblies. It seems to have gone down very well! See below for more information.

We have been busy with our tours and open events for prospective Acorns parents. Your children have been a real credit to you in helping to show off all the good things about Thakeham. We are confident we will have another successful Acorns Family come next September.

There is an Open Evening for prospective parents this Monday 5pm to 6pm. Please do let anyone interested in our school know. They can book a place with Mrs Campbell in the office. Thank you so much!

A reminder that gates will now open at 3:15pm after school daily.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

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## Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,  
Persevering Perry



Co-operative  
Caring Chloe



Headteacher  
Award



Reflective,  
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,  
Questioning Cleo



Elliot (Oak)  
Fiyin (Oak)  
Olivia (Oak)  
Reuben (Elder)

Neola (Acorn)  
Pollie (Maple)

Jonas (Acorn)  
Jessica (Elder)

Erin W (Maple)

## 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:

Acorn Class: **100%**

Oak Class: **93%**

Maple Class: **97%**

Elder 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!



### Hedgehog Visit

Acorn class welcomed Graham from St Francis Animal Welfare charity and Harry the Hedgehog this week as part of their curriculum learning around hibernation, bonfire safety and Autumn changes.

Many thanks to FOTS for funding the charity donation! 😊



### School Dog

Branson is one of our two school dogs.

Acorn pupils read to Branson in our weekly Reading to Dogs library session.



Elder Class went on a recent trip to Chichester Planetarium as part of their Science curriculum learning around Earth & Space. You can see they learned a lot!



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Call us on: 01903 740176

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## New Behaviour Policy: a reminder

As we explained to you in the letter that was sent out before half term, we have introduced a new behaviour policy this week.

The email that was sent to parents explained it all and included a copy of the policy.

The biggest difference between this one and the old one, is a focus on effective and meaningful consequences along with introducing a set of school rules. We have called the school rules, 'The Thakeham Way'.

It would really help if you reinforced these with your children at home. They are:



**THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
"Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements"

Individual  
Responsible  
Curious  
Respectful  
Co-operative  
Happy  
Achieve  
Respect  
Community  
Passion for Learning  
High Quality, Ambitious and Personal Learning  
Resilient  
Creative

Our Place in the World   Inspired Learners   Learning for Life

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## THE THAKEHAM WAY

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- We persevere:** we work hard
- We care:** we are gentle and do not hurt others
- We co-operate:** we listen and do not interrupt
- We take responsibility:** we look after property
- We are curious:** we show we want to learn
- We are reflective:** we ask for help
- We are honest:** we do not cover up the truth

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## 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!



Aria with her Brownie of the Week trophy for being helpful.

Erin with her Nights Away badge with Beavers for her overnight stay at Southwick 1<sup>st</sup> Scouts Hut.

Sam for achieving his Stage One swimming badge & certificate.

Eryn & Robyn receiving their gymnastics 'explore working together 1' badges.

Please continue to share your child's achievements by sending pictures to Mrs Campbell on: [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk)

## Dates for Your Diary

- **4<sup>th</sup> November:** FOTS Firework Trail & pre-loved uniform sale
- **7<sup>th</sup> November:** EYFS (September 2023 Intake) Open Evening 5:30-6:30pm
- **Week of the 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Poppies & associated items on sale in the playground afterschool daily.
- **Week of the 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti-bullying Week
- **17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need
- **23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Flu vaccination clinic in the Excess Hall
- **7<sup>th</sup> December:** Chartwells Xmas lunch and afternoon of classroom Xmas decorating
- **8<sup>th</sup> December:** Acorns Class Nativity Performance to parents (info to follow)
- **9<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Fayre
- **14<sup>th</sup> December:** Joint Oak, Maple and Elder Nativity Performance 9:30am (for parents to attend)
- **15<sup>th</sup> December:** Joint Oak, Maple and Elder Nativity Performance 1:30pm (for parents to attend)
- **16<sup>th</sup> December:** End of term
- **2<sup>nd</sup> January:** Public holiday
- **3<sup>rd</sup> January:** Inset Day
- **4<sup>th</sup> January:** Spring term - return to school

Friday 4th November

join us for a

FIREWORK  
TRAIL

50p  
ENTRY

2pm (for teas & coffee) - 3.20pm (for the trail)  
In the excess hall & on the playground

FREE TEA/COFFEE & CAKE

FOR PARENTS

& CAKE RAFFLE

£1 PER TICKET



REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1183539

PRELOVED  
UNIFORM ALSO  
AVAILABLE TO BUY



# FESTIVE MENU!

Wednesday 7th December



Chartwells  
So much more than Fantastic Food

## MAINS

£2.53

Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn  
Fillet

Served with Roast Potatoes,  
Carrots, Peas, Stuffing, Mini  
Sausage and Gravy

## DESSERTS

Shortbread Christmas Tree 

Choice of Fruit

Milk, Water or Fruit Squash

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS  
IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

Or you can order online at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk)  
no later than Sunday 27th November



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



# Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?

If so they are eligible to start school  
in September 2023

## Apply online!

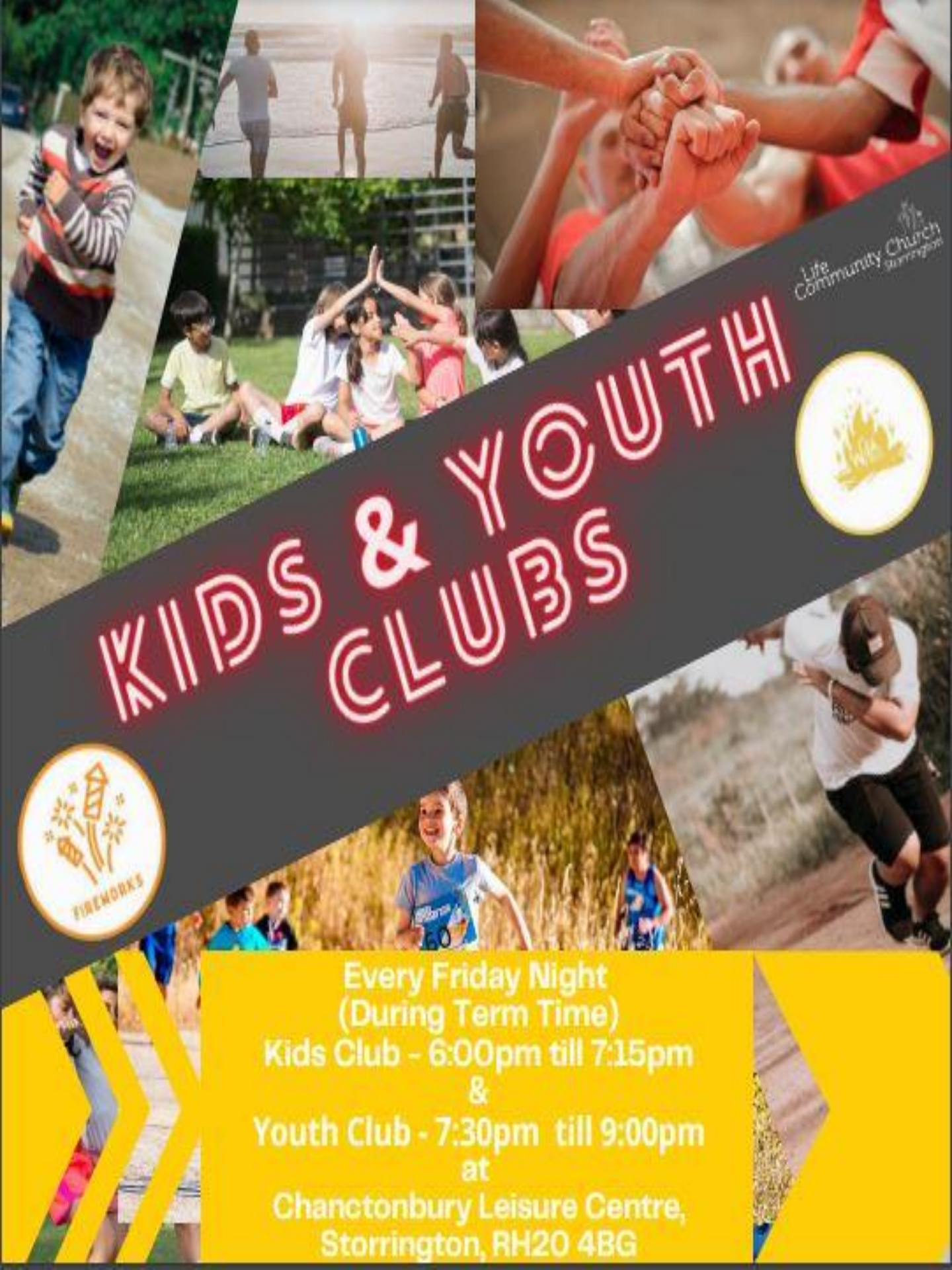
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.  
If your application is received after the deadline,  
your chance of securing a place at one of your  
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from  
**Monday 3 October 2022.**  
If you would like further advice or  
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

**Deadline: Sunday 15 January 2023**

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





Life Community Church  
Storrington

# KIDS & YOUTH CLUBS



Every Friday Night  
(During Term Time)  
Kids Club - 6:00pm till 7:15pm  
&  
Youth Club - 7:30pm till 9:00pm  
at  
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,  
Storrington, RH20 4BG

# Fishbourne Festive Craft Fayre

## Saturday 19 November

10am to 4pm

**FREE ENTRY**  
- including  
admission to  
the palace!

- ★ Handmade gifts from local makers
- ★ Mulled wine and mince pies
- ★ Delicious food and drink stands
- ★ Local community groups
- ★ Fun historic activities

Fishbourne  
Roman Palace

For stall enquiries,  
contact Penny at  
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or 01243 783839

Assistance dogs only

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