



Spring Term

26th January 2024

# newsletter

At Thakeham we CARE

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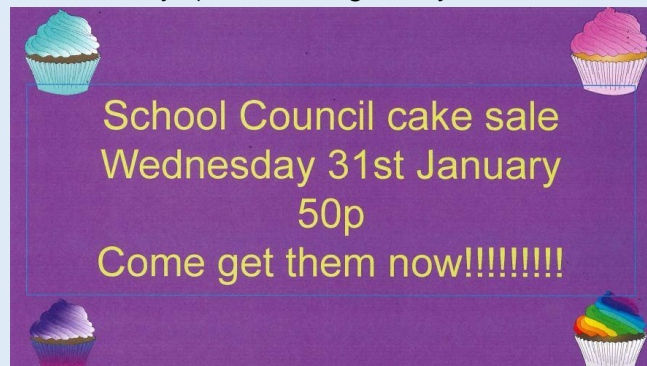
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## Welcome

Dear All,

We have had a packed past fortnight with various workshops and sports visits taking place.

School Council will be making cakes at school and then holding a Cake Sale (all cakes 50p) during school time on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January so please make sure your child brings in money to buy a cake. Any leftover cakes will be available to buy after school on the playground that day. (Poster designed by School Council).



If your child has celebrated any achievements outside of school, please email them into the office for our Time to Shine section!

Please do check our Local Adverts section as there is lots of information about half term activities, days out, talks etc.

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family. 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



Fiyin (Wonder)  
Amaya (Franklin)  
Elliott (Franklin)  
Evelyn (Franklin)  
Eryn V (Franklin)

Frankie (Marley)  
Amelie (Marley)

Dimi (Beatles)  
RJ (Beatles)

Ava (Wonder)

## 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: **98%**  
Marley Class: **96%**  
Franklin Class: **95%**

## 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'.

## School Life

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

### Beatles Class Greener Living Visit

Beatles class had a visit from Carrie Cort from Sussex Greener Living where they learnt about the importance of re-using, re-cycling and the impact on the environment.



### Dogs Trust Assembly & Workshops

Wonder, Marley and Franklin classes all had educational class workshops this week hosted by the Dogs Trust on Responsible Dog Ownership and Safe Behaviour Around Dogs.



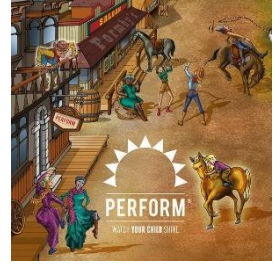


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### Drama workshop – Beatles & Wonder



We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Friday 19th January. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [The Wonderful Wild West](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *The Wonderful Wild West*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *The Wonderful Wild West* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Thakeham Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Friday 9th February. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **THAK090224** or book a Free Trial Session online at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try).

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### Year 1/2 Multi-games Taster

A group of children from Wonder class were invited to take part in a Year 1/2 Multi-games Taster hosted by SGS at Steyning Leisure Centre. The children had a great time trying out many mini games against other locality schools!







# FoTS News

After the resounding success of our Christmas Fayre and Christmas card design campaign, some of the funds raised by FoTS have helped towards improving our wonderful library with the addition of a new sofa, books and book baskets so thank you for your continued support!



## Dates for Your Diary

- **12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February:** Half Term
- **22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Parents Evening (info to follow soon)
- **27<sup>th</sup> February:** Parents Evening (info to follow soon)
- **6<sup>th</sup> March:** Class Photos
- **7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day
- **15<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day
- **28<sup>th</sup> March:** FoTS Easter Fun/End of term
- **29<sup>th</sup> March-12<sup>th</sup> April:** Spring Break
- **15<sup>th</sup> April:** Summer term starts

### Inset Days 2023/2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024





### Improvement Works – Storrington Library

Green improvement works are underway at Storrington Library. This exciting project will see the library building become more energy efficient with works including improved insulation, new windows, doors and rooflights, a new air source heat pump and smart metering. To ensure that this project can be undertaken as quickly, safely and efficiently as possible, Storrington library will be closed for four weeks from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and is expected to reopen at 9.00am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

During the temporary closure, a limited library service will operate from Chanctonbury Leisure Centre: [Green Improvement Works at Storrington Library](#). This will include a book collection service and regular under 5's events including Rhyme Time on Tuesdays 10.45-11.15am and Toddler Time on Thursdays 10-10.30am.

Alternatively, library members can use any West Sussex Library. The nearest branch is [Pulborough](#), which is open Monday-Wednesday 1pm-5pm and Thursday-Saturday 9am-1pm. It is free to join the library and can be done in person or online: [Join the Library - West Sussex](#)



Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.  
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



#### WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time)  
From 9am – 11am  
@ Pulborough Library

£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact  
Isla Moran 075 226 89948  
isla@pdcca.org.uk





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Multi Activities	* Book directly with South Downs Leisure	*9am-4pm - drop off from 8.30am	
Gymnastics & Performing Arts		*£24.95	
		*Years 1 - 6	
		*Childcare Vouchers accepted	

### PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from cricket to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

**Book now** for a half-term full of fun!

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20% OFF TOO!**

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Family**



### Goodwood Education Trust: Forest Adventures Family Day

Please join us for one of our Goodwood Education Trust Family Fun Days. A wonderful opportunity for our young people on the neurodevelopmental pathway and their families to access a range of outdoor activities in a fun and relaxed environment.

Activities: Fire lighting and Smores, Hapazome, Wood Cookies and Nature Detectives\*

Please wear appropriate clothing, footwear and bring a packed lunch for the day

\*Please note: activities are subject to change



Date: Saturday 27th January, 11am-3:30pm  
Venue: Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex,  
PO18 0QF

Booking is essential, please contact:  
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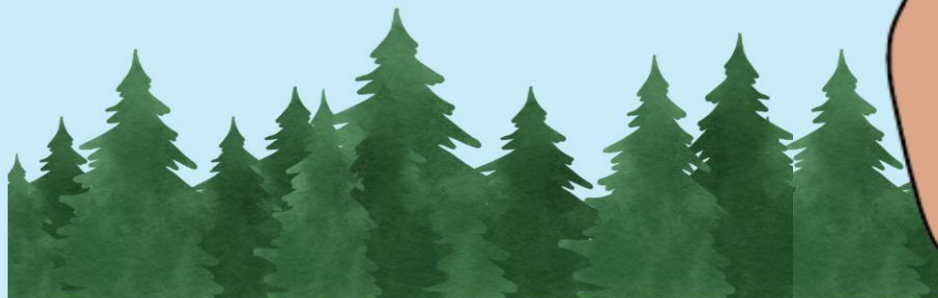
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# WRITING FOR CHILDREN

THEN & NOW

BY JILL ATKINS



ILLUSTRATED BY LIAM RUZ

FRIDAY  
2ND FEBRUARY 2024  
2.30PM



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM,  
THE OLD SCHOOL,  
SCHOOL LANE,  
STORRINGTON,  
RH20 4LL



MEMBERS  
£6

NON-MEMBERS  
£8



PAY AT THE DOOR

Writing for Children – Then and Now by Jill Atkins  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 2.30 p.m. at Storrington Museum,  
The Old School, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LL

Jill Atkins has been writing for children for thirty years. Her talk is about her life as a writer, how writing for children differs from writing for adults – and it isn't easier! The talk is about getting published; the successes, the failures and the processes – editing, illustration. Her books range from historical fiction to workbooks on spelling and phonics, from fiction to non-fiction, from teenage novels to early readers.

**Then** - Jill began telling stories to her two younger brothers when she was quite a young girl. Later, while she was teaching infants, she realised that the 'reading books' the children in her class were reading were very dull so she decided to write her own. Whilst not published, these were a useful tool in the classroom!! Having escaped from teaching, she ran a B&B establishment with her husband and this gave her more time to write. The breakthrough came with her first children's book: *Cooking with Rabbit!*

**Now** - Two hundred books later, Jill is still writing.  
Venue: Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL.  
Members £6. Non-Members £8. All welcome

## 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

FREE TO ANY  
PARENT/CARER  
LIVING IN  
SUSSEX

- 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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