

Spring Term

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

# newsletter

Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements!

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## Headteacher's Welcome

Dear All,

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day, thank you to all those who helped serve toast to the children!

The children in Maple & Elder class also enjoyed a visit from Jim Beckett, a local author - those of you that bought his book/s, we hope you enjoy reading them!

Thank you also for your support in celebrating Red Nose Day today for Comic Relief!

Class photos are Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> March so please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform (including jumper or cardigan), school shoes & neat hair. (Please pack PE kit to change into if your child is in Oak or Maple class).

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March is our March Music Festival (1:30-3:15pm) in the school hall – please see recent communication on how to book a place.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March is the FoTS non-uniform day in exchange for a cake/cakes/sweets for their Easter Event afterschool so please remember to bring these in in the morning.

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



Lexi (Acorn)  
Mathilda (Acorn)  
Robyn (Oak)  
Amaya (Maple)

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**Governor Award**

Lucy (Maple)

Bertie (Maple)  
James (Elder)

Talia-Angel (Oak)  
Arthur (Elder)

## 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: **98%**

Oak Class: **92%**

Maple Class: **97%**

Elder Class: **96%**

## Our School Values

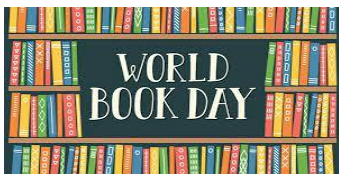
Care – Cooperation – Honesty – Responsibility – Perseverance – Curiosity – Reflection

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'.

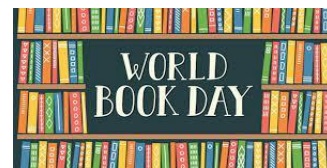
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World Book Day Celebrations – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March





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As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we had local author Jim Beckett in for an assembly for Maple & Elder classes to promote his *The Caravan at the Edge of Doom* series of books!



Author Visit by  
**JIM BECKETT**

Jim Beckett is coming to visit our school and talk about his brand new fiction book, *The Caravan at the Edge of Doom: Soul Prophecy*.

The SUPER funny second book in Jim's series about The Land of the Dead, filled with monsters, mysteries and mayhem!

Date: **Fri 10th March**  
Time: **1:14pm**  
Where: **School Hall**

Jim will also be selling and signing copies of both books on the day!





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Acorn class enjoyed a visit from Sussex Wildlife Trust as part of the Trust's project to get the young people of our area growing wild flowers for nature. They were given a packet of seeds & spotter sheets to encourage them to look after the flowers & learn to identify common flowers & insects.

They also had fun in Forest School learning to make fires, items from natural products & cooking on the camp fire!





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FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Many thanks to all your support helping us to celebrate Red Nose Day for Comic Relief! We raised lots of money for a great cause!





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# FoTS News

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March is a Non-Uniform Day in exchange for cakes or sweets for the event. Acorn & Oak class: sweets, Maple class: something for the hamper, Elder class: cakes

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features a white rabbit with pink ears sitting on a green hill, surrounded by colorful Easter eggs (purple, yellow, pink, orange) and small flowers. The background is a light blue sky with a cloud containing the FoTS logo. The text 'JOIN US' is written in large, black, stylized letters at the top. A green starburst shape contains the date '27th MARCH'. The words 'EASTER EGG HUNT' are written in large, white, bold letters, with 'EGG' being the largest. Below this, it says 'PLUS REFRESHMENTS, CAKE, FUN &amp; GAMES AND A CHANCE TO WIN AN EASTER HAMPER'. At the bottom, it lists 'STARTS 3:15PM' and 'Thakeham Primary School'.



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

Call us on: 01903 740176



## Dates for Your Diary

- **22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Class photos
- **24<sup>th</sup> March:** March Music Festival – 1:30pm in School Hall – see email for tickets
- **27<sup>th</sup> March:** Non-Uniform Day in exchange for cakes/sweets
- **27<sup>th</sup> March:** FoTS Easter Egg Hunt after school (see further info in FoTS news)
- **30<sup>th</sup> March:** Last day of term
- **31<sup>st</sup> March:** INSET Day
- **3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter holidays
- **17<sup>th</sup> April:** Start of Summer term - return to school
- **1<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank Holiday
- **8<sup>th</sup> May:** Extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
- **29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June:** May half term
- **5<sup>th</sup> June:** INSET Day
- **6<sup>th</sup> June:** return to school
- **11<sup>th</sup> June:** Thakeham Village/FoTS Fundraiser Day (1:00-4:00pm)– **SAVE THE DATE!!** (further info to follow)
- **21<sup>st</sup> July:** last day of term
- **24<sup>th</sup> July-31<sup>st</sup> August:** School summer holidays





# I am I can

## URBAN BASKETBALL COACHING



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Monitoring Growth  Core Strength Training  Sports Development  
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L2 Head Coach – Robert Urban **07888 015287** (WhatsApp)

Member of Basketball England



## THE HIVE

### EASTER & SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Easter :First week only Monday 3rd - Thursday  
6th April  
Summer: July 24th -August 4th

Start Early stay Late 8am - 5.30pm £36  
School time hours 9am - 3.15pm £28

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Rustington & Storrington Primary School

Everyone welcome Reception - Year 6

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Registered

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payments accepted

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EASTER HOLIDAYS

# PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

 **INSPIRING ACTIVITY**



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



Based on over 15,000 reviews

## PREMIER CAMPS NEAR YOU

<b>Worthing</b>	<b>Lancing</b>	<b>Arun</b>	<b>Storrington</b>
West Park Primary School	Sompting Village Primary School	The Angmering School	Chanctonbury Leisure Centre
Our Lady of Ston Senior School		Barnham Community Hall	

\*Worthing Leisure Centre - Book WLC

**\*Multi Activities, Performing Arts & Gymnastics courses**  
\*8.30-4pm £24.95 for 5 - 11 year olds  
Use code EARLYEASTER10 until 28.02.23  
\*\*HAF\* Holiday Activities and Food Fund places available 03.04.23 - 06.04.23 - BOOK EARLY

### PLEASE BRING

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

Mix it up during the school holidays 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 roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for an Easter break full of fun!



**TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!**

\*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



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<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/crawley-horsham/magazines/spring-2023/>

Please find above a link to the Spring 2023 Crawley & Horsham Family Grapevine magazine. The spring issue features 6 fantastic competitions, puzzles, a STEM challenge, articles, 9 pages of local places to go in Spring and Summer, local events taking place from March – end of June plus adverts for local businesses.

# Storrington and District Museum Monthly Event



## Quiz Night

**Saturday 25 March at 7.00pm**

At the Storrington and Sullington Parish Hall  
Thakeham Road, Storrington RH20 3PP

Book your place by calling 01903 746569

£10 pp—Tables of 6, bring your friends, make new friends

Everyone Welcome

Light refreshments and cash bar available



**STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT  
MUSEUM**

The Old School, School Lane, Storrington  
RH20 4LL

Registered Charity No 1084853

<https://justgiving.com/storringtonmuseum>

**New Members Welcome**

**01903 740188**

[storringtonmuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:storringtonmuseum@hotmail.com)

[www.storringtonmuseum.com](http://www.storringtonmuseum.com)

**OPEN**

Saturdays and Wednesdays  
10—4pm

Sundays 10—1pm



Tuesday  
4th April  
19:30pm

# Heads & Tails

Monthly  
Talk

By Derrick Hughes

Amusing  
Talk!

Back  
to  
School!

Members - £6  
Non-members - £8

Storrington  
& District Museum,  
The Old School,  
School Lane,  
Storrington,  
RH20 4LL



## HEADS TO TAILS by DERRICK HUGHES.

**APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 19.30 at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LL**

Derrick Hughes will talk on his 17 years as a primary school headteacher with a series of humorous anecdotes. His story starts with his schooldays aged 6 and how schools and teaching have changed.

At Nottingham College of Education he discovered a love of teaching but also beekeeping. Teaching was not well paid, so he supplemented his income with guitar lessons. Listen to his model for how to run a school, how to deal with bullying and the 'joys' of role playing.

A most amusing talk is promised.

Members £6, Non-Members £8. Pay at the door.  
Teas & Coffees will be available after the talk.



## **STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM**

### **A CONCERT BY TAYLOR MAID**

**14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

***(Doors open at 6.30 p.m.)***

Taylor Maid will be playing at Storrington and Sullington Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 3PP.

Taylor Maid play a variety of songs and tunes from the 1920s to the present day, including swing, gypsy jazz, latin, folk and some fast and furious fiddle jigs and reels. The six piece band features: Jon Wigg on fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo, low whistle and vocals. Magda Taylor on tenor sax, banjo and vocals. Mike Carey on keyboards. Pete Sidwell on double bass, bass and vocals. Matt Wilson on jazz guitar and Dave Chivers on drums, percussion.

Tickets £13, which must be booked or purchased in advance. Tickets available from Storrington Museum (Old School, School Lane RH20 4LL) (01903 740188 open Saturday & Wednesday 10-4 and Sunday 10-1) or email [contact@storringtonmuseum.com](mailto:contact@storringtonmuseum.com). Drinks including alcohol and snacks will be available.