



Autumn Term

15th December 2023

newsletter

At Thakeham we CARE

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Clubs bookings are
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Welcome

Dear All,

As 2023 draws to a close, this is our last Newsletter of 2023 and what a year it has been! We have said goodbye to our Y6 leavers and welcomed our new Reception children and others into the Thakeham family. Beatles class have settled in beautifully and we look forward to seeing them blossom even more in 2024!

Our building work is very nearly completed, we are excited to see how our new SEN area will look after the transformation and proud to have such a wonderful asset for the children.

A reminder that January 18th 2024 is Census Day, a very important day for the school as the Government uses the number of children who eat schools meals on this day to determine some of the funding the school receives the following year. The school needs all children in Years R-2 to have booked and have a meal on that day. The last day for booking a meal for the 18th January using your ParentPay is **Thursday 4th January 2024**. Please consider booking a meal for your child/ren for that day if you have not already done so. Even if your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 or eligible for FSM, meals still need to be booked. The menu is attached further down the Newsletter.

Wishing a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you and your loved ones. We hope you enjoy a well deserved rest and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 3rd January.

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family. Email us at: 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



Una (Beatles)

Harrison (Wonder)
Amariaah (Marley)
Eddie (Marley)
Samuel (Franklin)

Charlie (Franklin)
Daniel (Franklin)

Louis (Beatles)
Robyn (Wonder)
Logan (Franklin)
Gabe (Franklin)

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: **98%**
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'.

Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements!

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!

Lucy, Alhannah, Holly and Olive took part in Sandra Wilson's School of Performing arts Christmas Show. Which was over two days and 2 hours long! Well done girls!



Sisters Robyn (left) and Eryn (right) won a silver medal and a gold medal respectively for their efforts in Stars' Annual gymnastics competition. Well done girls!



If you would like to share something your child has achieved outside school, please email the School Office.

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

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School Life

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

Branson and Kaia – our school reading dogs showing off their Christmas headgear!!
The children have loved having them in this year 😊



SGS Annual Jailbreak 2023 for the NSCPC
Thank you to everyone who donated loose change!



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Fizz Pop Science Assembly



WWW.FIZZPOPSCIENCE.CO.UK

FIZZ POP SCIENCE

Experiment! Discover! Inspire!

School: Thakeham Primary School
Day and Time: Fridays 3:15 - 4:15
Dates: 12/01, 19/01, 26/01, 02/01, 09/02
5 Week Programme Cost: £41

Our After School Programmes are designed to inspire our children towards gaining an interest in the Sciences. Our workshops are a mixture of exciting demonstrations and thought provoking hands-on experiments and tasks.

'What's the Matter' - The Science of stuff!

AIR-MAZING SCIENCE
How amazing can the air around us be? Find out as we Fly, Spin and Float objects using the theories on AIRmazing Air! Levitating Balls, Giant Smoke Circles and Air Blasts in your face!

'LIQUID SCIENCE'
Water we going to do here? It's going to be a little wet that's for sure. From Tornadoes to Petrified Pepper!

'FLAMING HOT SCIENCE'
Heat is the main theme of this fireball of a session! By popular demand we have a small EXPLOSION! Plus use your body temperature to make objects inflate and change colour.

'FIZZ, POP, BUBBLE!'
This session is all about the Fizz and Pop! We explore Bubbles - Catchable Bubbles, Giant Bubbles, Rainbow Bubbles and Smelly Bubbles. Plus make your own Bubbling Sweet to take home!

'WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?'
Let's find out What On Earth Is That? A mysterious powder that can drink a lot, paper that completely disappears and make your own liquid that thinks it's a solid?!

FUN GRADUATION!
Hopefully we have opened your eyes to the world around us! You will be rewarded with a certificate and a special gift in this fun filled final session.

Terms and Conditions -Refunds can only be given for cancellations made seven days prior to programme commencing. Any cancellations not made within this period will be charged £5.00 administration fee. No reimbursements will be given for any child asked to leave the programme due to bad behaviour. Refunds can not be given for children missing sessions. Programmes may charge without prior notice, however every effort is made to keep to workshops as those stated above.

ONLINE SIGN UP ONLY

Visit our website...

WWW.FIZZPOPSCIENCE.CO.UK

Click on the  at top right of web page

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Beatles Nativity



Marley Class Stone Age workshop



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Christmas Assembly and Christmas Lunch



Dates for Your Diary

- **18th December-1st January** – Christmas holidays
- **2nd January:** Inset Day
- **3rd January:** Return to school
- **15th January:** deadline date to apply for a September 2024 Reception place
- **18th January:** Census Day

Inset Days 2023/2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!

CENSUS DAY!

18TH JANUARY 2024

MENU

**Beef Pasta Bolognese or
Vegetarian Meatless Balls in
Tomato Sauce with Rice**

-
Peas or Salad

-
Chocolate Brownie

Holiday Return Menu

**Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
OR**

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo

(Contains FISH, EGG, MUSTARD)

Sweetcorn and Beetroot Salad

Jelly and Custard

(Contains MILK)

Milk or Water

(Contains MILK)

If you want to try a bit of each, or enjoy a taster pot and you are in Reception, Year 1 or 2, booking the meal is still free and counts towards your school funding, so lets come together to support your school.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR MEAL ON PARENTPAY, BY 4/01/24.
*SPECIAL DIETS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SIGNED OFF MENU.**

The Back to School menu is subject to availability and items from either menu may be used. The menus will be in use when access during half term/ bank holiday and inset days is limited.

THANK YOU

Thakeham Primary School

for raising a fantastic

£97.05!!

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS...

Worthing	Adur	Arun	Storrington
Our Lady of Sion Senior School	Sompting Village Primary School	The Angmering School	Chanctonbury Leisure Centre
		Barnham Community Hall	

*18th Dec - 21st Dec, for children in Year 1 - Year 6
 *Drop off from 8.30-4pm £24.53
 *ALL HAF venues, please book via WSCC website
 *ALL Ofsted registered, Childcare Vouchers accepted
 *10% GFF if all dates booked

PLEASE BRING

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

With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Over the winter break, there will be lots of festive fun to enjoy too.

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



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

*This Co apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.



NEXT STEP COACHING

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

WHEN

9:30am-3pm Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December

AGE GROUPS

School years 1-7

WHERE

Durrington Infant and Junior School, BN13 2JD

PRICE

£20 a day or £70 for all 4 days
 8:45am early drop off available for £3



www.nextstepcoachinggroup.co.uk



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Wednesday 20th December	9:30am-3pm
Thursday 21st December	9:30am-3pm



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Recycle your Tree!

Supporting



Storrington & Pulborough District

Registration closes Sunday, 7th January, 2024



www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Chestnut Tree House will receive 50% of the net monies raised and Turning Tides 25%. The rest will be used by the Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District to support other local causes.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from the 11th to 14th January 2024.

Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.

Pulborough, Storrington, Amberley, Billingshurst and other local villages



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west sussex music Starting JANUARY 2024!

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TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

Free group lessons on orchestral instruments for children aged 7 - 11

- ✓ Free for term one
- ✓ Free Instrument hire
- ✓ Play in an orchestra



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Storrington & Pulborough District

For over 40 years Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club has been making a difference in the villages in and around Storrington and its community outreach is well known and respected.

We've been raising funds by collecting your Christmas trees for the past 6 years and the money collected has helped us to support many worthy local causes. This year Rotary and the charities below will benefit from your support. Thank you.

Registered charity number 1029115

For more information visit our website www.storringtonrotary.org.uk



Chestnut Tree House is the children's hospice for Sussex and South East Hampshire providing hospice care services and community support for children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. Children and families who know they don't have long together have the chance to live life to the full and then, when the time comes, say goodbye in the way that is right for them at home or in the hospice itself.

Registered charity number 256789

For more information visit the website - www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk



Started in 1991, Turning Tides is now the biggest provider of services for single homeless people in West Sussex providing a warm, safe space to listen to anyone who comes to us for help. We offer real pathways out of homelessness and are committed to supporting people at every stage of their journey empowering them to become confident and find the strength and belief in themselves to create a brighter future.

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For more information visit the website - www.turning-tides.org.uk



Just Helping supports charities, volunteers and business to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for life limiting condition charities and communities. Last year we operated in 30 counties and raised over £1,000,000 for 123 local charities.



AbsoluteSport Activity Camps

HAF codes (Free)

(09:00 - 16:00)

Children aged between 5-14 years old.

At our camps we want the children to have fun, build new friendships, and fantastic lifelong memories. A different theme EVERY day!

Sign up now before it's too late!

Running from the dates below in the Winter Holidays.

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December

If you want to sign up with a HAF code, please follow this link:

<https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>

Or go to our website www.absolutesport.org to find more information and sign up without a HAF code.



Sidlesham Primary School, Portfield Primary Academy, Parklands Primary School
absolutesport.as@gmail.com

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2024

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 2 October 2023.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024

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





Dear Parent or Carer,

Try a FREE drama, dance and singing class at our new venue

I'm delighted to announce that Perform is launching a new weekly drama, dance and singing school near you:

Perform Pulborough (Drama, dance and singing for 4-7s)

Tuesdays at 4pm at Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street, Storrington, Pulborough, RH20 4DZ

Perform uses a lively mix of energetic games, catchy songs and funky dances to help bring out children's true potential. With child development at the heart of all our activities, our workshops provide a unique learning experience for your child as well as the best fun they'll have all week. See overleaf for more information.

If you want to boost your child's confidence, improve their concentration or give them a creative outlet to make new friends and have fun, come and try a free class at Perform.

Book now to claim your special £50 discount

There is a special £50 discount to all children at Thakeham Primary School for bookings before Mon 4 Dec 23.

DISCOUNT CODE	EXPIRY DATE
THAK041223	04-Dec-23

Just go to perform.org.uk/free to book your FREE session or call our friendly team on 020 7255 9120.

Yours sincerely

Lucy
LUCY QUICK
PRINCIPAL

P.S. Don't forget your discount expires soon so book online now at perform.org.uk/free



Other Perform classes nearby:

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Perform Pulborough
Mondays at 3.45pm at Fittleworth Village Hall, School Lane, Fittleworth, Pulborough, RH20 1JB

Perform Worthing
Tuesdays at 4.15pm at St John The Divine Church Hall, Ripley Road, West Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 5NQ

Perform Shoreham-By-Sea
Mondays at 4pm at Shoreham Baptist Church, Westerd Road, Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5WD

Perform Horsham
Tuesdays at 4pm at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Brighton Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5BD

Perform Workshops Limited, 4 Blenheim Court, 62 Brewery Road, London N7 9NY | 020 7255 9120 | perform.org.uk

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Try a FREE drama, dance and singing class at our new venue

I'm delighted to announce that Perform is launching a new weekly drama, dance and singing school near you:

Perform Pulborough (Acting, singing and dance for 7-12s)

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Your child's success starts here

Try a FREE drama class

Perform's unique drama, dance and singing classes use the performing arts to:

- Build confidence
- Boost concentration
- Enhance coordination
- Develop communication skills

Go to perform.org.uk/free to book a FREE no-obligation class.

How we are different

- Unique performing arts-based games and exercises
- Focus on a different social skill each week
- Regular written feedback about your child's progress
- Low child-staff ratios and a high level of individual attention
- End of term presentation for family and friends

— This is a fab class!
It was mentioned at Katie's parents' evening that her confidence in class seems to have grown so I am delighted. Jane Spurgeon



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

- 19TH OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8TH NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13TH DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17TH JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)



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WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars/>

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@sptf.nhs.uk

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Sign up to the West Sussex Disability Register!

Do you have a young person in your family aged between 0-25 who has a disability? Sign up now to:

- Help influence services and plan events
- Receive regular eNewsletters with local events, activities and information
- Access discounts on local and national attractions
- Find out about free specialist library resources

westsussex.gov.uk/disabilityregister

West Sussex Libraries SEND Resources

Your local library has more than books. Including:

- Sensory Stories
- Understand me – the communication library
- Story Magic and other activities
- Specialist books and resources to support children and young people with a range of needs including, autism, dyslexia, visual and hearing impairment.

Find out more: westsussex.gov.uk/libraries

Introducing TouchBase: A Therapy Practice Dedicated to Trauma Recovery

At TouchBase, our primary focus is on helping individuals recover from traumatic experiences. While our main clientele consists of children and young adults aged 5 to 25, we also offer therapy to adults seeking support. Our team of skilled and experienced therapists is fully equipped to provide the help you need. We have recently increased our capacity so have space for new clients now, so don't hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please email info@touchbase.org.uk for more information

touchbase.org.uk

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Information-Participation-Support-Training

The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is a charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We support parent carers by providing information, support and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their child or young person.

Become a West Sussex Parent Carer Forum member, it's FREE!

Only our members can access our popular events. By signing up you will automatically receive booking forms for events as soon as they are released. You will also receive key updates/information, important surveys and our regular newsletter.

Becoming a member is easy, simply click on the blue 'sign-up' button at the top of our website and complete the short form. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Phone 07341 183449

Email office@wspcf.org.uk

Facebook www.facebook.com/WestSussexParentCarerForum

www.wspcf.org.uk

Charity No. 1156360

COME AND JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY

(Term Time)

FOR FUN
FOR GAMES
FOR FRIENDS
FOR LAUGHTER
FOR EXPERIENCES



*Chanctonbury Leisure
Centre Storrington*

Fireworks

Kids Club

Fireworks Kids Club is a local children's club which meets in Chanctonbury Sports Centre every week in term time on a Friday from 6:00 pm till 7:15 pm.

This free club is open to all and is run by Life Community Church Storrington.

Our Fireworks Kids Club aims to create an environment outside of school where the kids can have fun, be safe, learn, and meet their friends. We will be playing loads of games with a different theme each week.

This club is aimed at children in School Year 3 (7 years old) to Year 5 (10 Years old).

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Nick@lccstor.org.

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Stars NC
1 FREE
TASTER

Tuesdays Term time
5pm-6pm
Reception to year 2
Dial post village hall (Jan
2024)
contact:
starsncminis@gmail.com

**NETBALL
MINI'S**

New venue
- Jan 2024

MONTHLY TALK

THE ATA SPITFIRE GIRLS IN SUSSEX BY WILLIAM LONERGAN

**NEW
FOR
2024!**

**FRIDAY
5TH
JANUARY**



14:30 HOURS

**MEMBERS: £6
NON-MEMBERS: £8**

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THE OLD SCHOOL,
SCHOOL LANE,
STORRINGTON,
RH20 4LL**

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AT
THE
DOOR**

The Square, Storrington.

**JUSTGIVING
DONATION CODE**



This talk covers the women pilots in the WW2 "Air Transport Auxiliary", ATA, who played a vital part in providing the aeroplanes that were need for the RAF to win the air battles over Europe and free up RAF pilots for operational duties.

There will be a special reference to two who came from the Speaker's home town, Whanganui, in NZ. One was sadly killed in 1944 in a Spitfire crash, the other survived the war became a flying instructor at the Whanganui Aero Club.

William Lonergan was born in Whanganui, New Zealand, and learnt to fly in the RNZAF. He then went into civil flying as a flying instructor and commercial pilot. He came to the UK in 1959 and joined the RAF and flew as a fighter pilot, flying instructor and engineering test pilot. He left the RAF in 1976 and went into management and computer consultancy.

He "retired" 6 years ago and fly ex RAF training aeroplanes as a member of the Skyhawks formation display team.

Venue: Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL.

Members £6. Non Members £8. All welcome