



Spring Term

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

# newsletter

At Thakeham we CARE

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## Welcome

Dear All,

Thank you for all your support in attending the Spring term Pupil Consultations, it was great to see how well the children are thriving!

### REMINDERS

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Class photos

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform with neat hair.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day

We look forward to seeing you dressed up as your favourite book character!

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day – info to follow

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Nick Butterworth author visit (Beatles/Wonder) and March Music Festival

The Easter holidays are fast approaching and many local providers are running clubs and activities over the spring break so please have a look at the Local Adverts section for more details.

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 i.e. adverse reactions to paracetamol/antihistamine, please notify the School Office ASAP.**

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



Daisy (Beatles)  
Elliott (Beatles)  
Neola (Wonder)  
Amariaah (Marley)  
Callum (Franklin)  
Dexter (Franklin)  
Jeni (Franklin)

Bodhi (Wonder)

**HALL OF FAME**

Max (Franklin)

Elsie (Marley)  
Amaya (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: **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!

### Year 5/6 High 5 Netball Tournament



## Dates for Your Diary

- **6<sup>th</sup> March:** Class Photos
- **7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day
- **14<sup>th</sup> March:** David Fuller author visit (Marley/Franklin classes)
- **15<sup>th</sup> March:** Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
- **22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Nick Butterworth author visit (Beatles/Wonder classes) and March Music Festival
- **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

# Author visit



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, children's author David Fuller will be visiting Thakeham Primary School to talk to the KS2 children about his books and explain what inspires him as a writer.

Please visit the [www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk) website for more information.

David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a copy.



[www.facebook.com/DavidFullerAuthor](http://www.facebook.com/DavidFullerAuthor)



@08DavidFuller



[www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk)



Is coming to...



To support Ashington Youth Club - Tom Foolery has kindly offered us his time to host this amazing event and he is going to be trying out his newest material on YOU. Best suited to Children in Year 1 to 4

3<sup>rd</sup> March – 2pm

Please book on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aycs-tomfoolery-fundraiser-tickets-838953651957?aff=oddtcreator>

Or scan this



*Snacks, water and squash available (FOC) to all children at the event.*

Ashington Youth Club is a charity, and is dependent on fundraising to continue offering services to young people in Ashington and Surrounding villages. We are asking for a donation of **£5 (or more)** to come to the event. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available to purchase, served by some of the youth that attend the club each week.



**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

# PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

**Premier Education** | **INSPIRING ACTIVITY**



**SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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



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## YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

<b>Worthing</b>	<b>Adur</b>	<b>Arun</b>	<b>Storrington</b>
West Park Primary School	The Angmering School	Sompting Village Primary	Chanctonbury Leisure Centre
Our Lady Sion Senior School			
	<b>Barnham</b>	<b>Horsham</b>	
	Barnham Village Hall	Wisborough Green Primary	

### PLEASE BRING

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

Our 5\* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays.

\*For children in Year 1 - Year 6

\*Drop off from 8.30-4pm £24.95

\*ALL HAF venues, please book via WSCC website

\*ALL Ofsted registered (EXC - WG) Childcare Vouchers accepted

\*10% OFF if all dates booked

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!**

\*T&Cs apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.



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**Chartwells Schools**

# HAPPY EASTER

**Easter Treat**  
**Thursday 28th March**  
 Order now on [parentpay.com](https://parentpay.com)

**MAINS**  
 Beef Burger  
 Veggie Bolognese  
 Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

**SIDES**  
 Rainbow vegetables or Salad

**DESSERT**  
 Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order  
**No later than Thursday 14th March**  
 \*Special diets will remain in place.

## Pulborough Pop-In

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](mailto:isla@pdcca.org.uk)



Windlesham House School Holiday Camp (Pulborough)

# Pied Piper Activities

## holiday camps at Windlesham House

Embark on an exciting journey with Pied Piper multi-activity camps, the ultimate experience for children aged 4 to 12 during their Easter and Summer holidays!

Providing fantastic OFSTED registered childcare with over 60 different activities for children to take part in, you will have complete peace of mind knowing that your children are not only having a great time but are safe and cared for too.

Our camps are safe, friendly, and secure, ensuring your child's adventure unfolds in a nurturing environment. Our handpicked staff are carefully selected for their fun-loving, caring, enthusiastic and committed nature and their ability to deliver the Pied Piper difference throughout your child's week at camp.

Join us at Pied Piper at Windlesham House School, where joy knows no bounds, and every moment is a chance to create wonderful childhood memories that last a lifetime!



BOOK NOW  
ONLINE



Scan me to book!




Creating wonderful  
childhood memories...


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E: [teamyellow@piedpiperactivities.co.uk](mailto:teamyellow@piedpiperactivities.co.uk)

W: [piedpiperactivities.co.uk](http://piedpiperactivities.co.uk)

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# EASTER NETBALL CAMP

Date: Wednesday 10th April

Venue: Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road

Time: 9am to 1pm

Age: 7 to 16 year olds

Cost: £20

To book fill in the google form in the email or for non members email [starsnccamps@gmail.com](mailto:starsnccamps@gmail.com)



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£18 per 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 24th March, 11am-3:30pm  
 Venue: Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0QF  
 Booking is essential, please contact: wsxbookings@aspens.org.uk



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In aid of Chestnut Tree House children's hospice

**THE BIG SWIM RELAY**



Organised by United Swimming Academy  
 Good Friday 29th March 2024  
 Windlesham House School,  
 London Road, RH20 4AY

Swim as a team, swim for fun, swim for charity. Train, challenge and enjoy...  
 How many lengths can your team swim in 55 minutes?

- Adults and children all welcome
- Teams of six
- 55 minute-relay event
- All participants must be able to swim a comfortable 25m



Enter

Contact: Simon King  
 simon@unitedswimmingacademy.com  
 07391 420931

<https://qrco.de/SwimRelay>

[www.chestnut.org.uk](http://www.chestnut.org.uk)  
 Registered charity number 256789



**STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM PRESENTS**

**QUIZ NIGHT**



**QUIZ STARTS AT 7PM!**

**RAFFLE & PRIZE FOR THE QUIZ WINNERS!**

**TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 01903 746569**

**SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024 - 7PM**  
**STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH HALL,**  
**THAKEHAM ROAD, STORRINGTON, RH20 3PP**  
**TABLES OF 6**

**£10 PER PERSON INCLUDING A LIGHT SUPPER**  
**TABLES & PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**  
**PLEASE DON'T BRING DRINKS AS BAR AVAILABLE**

**STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM PRESENT**

**TAYLOR MAID**

VINTAGE SWING  
 POPULAR JAZZ  
 LIVELY FIDDLE TUNES  
 LATIN & MUSIC TO MAKE YOU SMILE!



**FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM MUSIC 7PM -10PM**  
 PARISH HALL • THAKEHAM RD • STORRINGTON • RH20 3PP  
 DRINKS INCLUDING ALCOHOL & SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE

TICKETS £15 IN ADVANCE ONLY FROM THE MUSEUM OFFICE:  
 01903 740188 OR EMAIL: [contact@storringtonmuseum.com](mailto:contact@storringtonmuseum.com)  
 OR FROM THE OLD SCHOOL • SCHOOL LANE • STORRINGTON • RH20 4LL  
 Office opens Sat & Wed 10am-4pm • Sun 10am - 1pm



## Autism and Social Communication Advisory Team

### Exploring Autism for Parents and Carers

A new and updated programme  
offering up to date thinking and links  
to research-based evidence for parent  
carers of autistic children  
and young people.



Sessions to explore Autism and strategies to support acceptance, empowerment, and relationships in family life.

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person, aged 8-16 years, who is autistic or on the social communication pathway and have not attended this course before?

This NEW programme has been redeveloped to ensure that it is current and up to date. The course is an excellent source of information for those new to Autism or for those requiring a little more in-depth knowledge. Parent carers and the facilitators will learn and collaborate together. The programme is free of charge to families of children in West Sussex maintained schools and academies, at this time.

#### Course aims:

- to give a broad and balanced and positive view of how autism and social communication differences may impact on the child/young person's life and that of the family.
- to explore key practical strategies that can support autistic children.
- to provide a forum for families to share their experiences and expertise together.

#### Course outline:

The six sessions will be focused on both theoretical and practical aspects of autism and the resulting strengths and challenges. These recorded sessions can be watched when convenient to the family, followed by the one hour weekly group meeting. This provides opportunity to participate in discussions and ask questions via an online platform. We ask that parents attend each of these weekly online discussion groups.



In order for participants to fully benefit from this course we ask that they attend **all** sessions.

#### Topics covered by session:

##### Session 1: Autism Acceptance

Develop understanding of autism, discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis and identify how autism can affect families.

##### Session 2: Communication

Develop understanding of communication difficulties and strategies to improve communication and interaction skills for the autistic child/young person.

##### Session 3: Sensory Needs

Consider how sensory information and experiences may be processed differently by those who are autistic, share strategies to help with sensory differences.

##### Session 4: Anxiety

Improve understanding of the signs of distress that autistic young people may display and consider approaches to support self-regulation.

##### Session 5: Social Thinking and Masking

Explore the differences autistic young people may have with socialising and developing relationships. Look at ways to develop social thinking, explore the idea and impact of masking.

##### Session 6: Adolescence and Independence

Consider ways to encourage independence and manage adolescence challenges including puberty, sensory impact and social differences.

#### Exploring Autism Welcome Video:

<https://youtu.be/JqGPImJHRMs>

#### Dates:

Spring 2: Every Thursday 12-1pm from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Summer: Every Thursday 6.30-7.30pm from 18<sup>th</sup> April to the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.

Summer 2: Every Wednesday 1-2pm from 5<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Summer Holidays: 6.30-7.30pm Dates TBC.

#### For further details please contact:

Email: [ASCT@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ASCT@westsussex.gov.uk)

Please note there are a limited number of places on this course.

## 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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## WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

[https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/  
id/1206#/](https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1206#/)

### NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: [CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk](mailto:CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk)

Delivered by [Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\)](#)

# Winter Timetable: Parenting Peer Support Group 'Circles'



**If you are a parent or care giver to a child or young person and supporting them with their mental health, you may feel alone at times and need some support.**

**Did you know peer support from others who are experiencing similar situations can help with increasing confidence and learning new skills like coping with challenges? We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support Group 'Circles' across the county, where you can meet the team and other parents, all with lived experience, who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.**

**The Parents Service at West Sussex Mind has lots more to offer:**

- Peer Support Groups both during the day (both in person and on-line) and evening (on-line)
- Monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker Zoom evening sessions, i.e. Self-Harm, EBSA, Autism and mental health, Masking, Supporting siblings and more . . .
- 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker (who has lived and professional experience). These are in blocks of three and can be delivered at a time convenient for you
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).

**Come and join us at:**

## **ADUR (Lancing)**

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street,  
Lancing BN15 8AJ

- THURSDAYS - 22/02/24 and 14/03/24
- AFTERNOONS - 12:30-14:00

## **ARUN (Bognor Regis)**

Arun West Family Hub, Laburnam Grove,  
Bognor Regis PO22 9HT

- THURSDAYS - 18/01/24 and 21/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

## **NORTH (Crawley)**

Bewbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square,  
Crawley RH11 8XW

- TUESDAYS - 02/01/24; 06/02/24; 05/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:00-11:30

## **NORTH (Horsham)**

i-Rock, Hurst Cafe, Hurst Road, Horsham RH12 2DN

- TUESDAYS - 09/01/24; 20/02/24; 12/03/24
- AFTERNOONS - 13:00-14:30

## **WEST (Midhurst)**

South Downs Centre, North Street,  
Midhurst GU29 9DH

- TUESDAYS - 30/01/24; 27/02/24; 26/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

## **WORTHING**

Methold House (The Annexe), North Road,  
Worthing BN11 1DU

- TUESDAYS - 23/01/24 and 19/03/24
- MORNINGS - 10:30-12:00

**To access the Parenting Service you will need to register with us. If you would like to attend one of our groups, you can drop into a session and then register with the service, or contact us via our Help Point and state you would like a Parenting referral to access the groups. Please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email [helppoint@westsussexmind.org](mailto:helppoint@westsussexmind.org)**