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Newsletter

31/01/25

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Welcome

We are fast approaching half term and the children have had another busy fortnight! Beatles class had visits from Sussex Green Living and celebrated the Lunar New Year. Wonder class visited Storrington Fire Station and Storrington Library whilst some children from Franklin class took part in an inter-school Netball taster organised by Steyning Grammar School next door.

We are in need of the following items so if you have any at home in good condition that need a new home, we would be very grateful! 😊

- Die cast toy cars and other vehicles
- Skipping ropes
- Tennis balls
- Bats and balls (complete sets)
- Lego
- Duplo
- Wellies
- Any outside play equipment
- Scooters
- Tricycles

Have a great weekend,

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, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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attendance
MATTERS

Attendance

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 this academic year to date are:

Beatles Class: **97%**

Wonder Class: **96%**

Marley Class: **95%**

Franklin Class: **95%**

Well done everyone!





Awards this Fortnight

This year, we have moved away from using the Super Learning Hero Awards because they do not match our new school systems and values. The children helped us choose the new awards. They decided to base them on our 3Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible). The pupils who achieve an Honours Award will be invited to a special Awards Ceremony in the summer term.

This fortnights' weekly awards go to the following pupils:

Ready to Learn Award	Respect Award	Responsible Award	Headteacher Award	Honours Award
Ryan (Beatles) Yasmine (Beatles) Joseph (Marley)	Holly (Franklin)	Lexi (Wonder) Tommy (Wonder) Matilda (Marley) Sophia (Franklin)		

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Inclusion Newsletter

In our busy lives, it is very easy to do lots of things for our children, however research has shown the importance of independence. The Education Endowment Fund (EEF) has produced a lot of research on building independent learners in school but many of what they share is important at home too.

Independence is crucial for children because it fosters a sense of self-worth, builds confidence, encourages problem-solving skills, promotes responsibility, and prepares them to navigate life challenges by allowing them to make their own decisions, manage tasks independently, and learn from their experiences; essentially, it empowers them to become self-sufficient individuals.

Building independence in small steps such as getting dressed, getting bags ready for school, completing homework as they move through primary school is really important too in preparing them for High School and the wider working world plus it means one less job for busy parents!



As always, please feel free to email me at senco@thakehamps.co.uk if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Best wishes, Mrs Stender

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School Life

Wonder Class Visit to Storrington Fire Station



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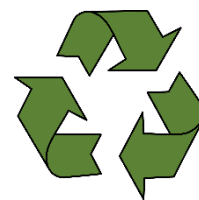
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Beatles Class Sussex Green Living Visit

Carrie Cort came to visit Beatles last week as part of their learning on 'Our Wonderful World'. Carrie is from Sussex Green Living and is very passionate about educating the next generation about how we need to live in a more sustainable and Eco friendly way to ensure that we look after and protect the planet for us now and future generations. She showed Beatles class what they could do to help reduce, reuse and recycle both at home and in school. She also lead a whole school assembly thinking about what we can grow/ make at home and buy locally rather than buying from shops and importing so much from other countries.



School Life

Beatles Class Lunar New Year Celebrations



Year 5/6 Netball Taster at SGS



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Dates for Your Diary

17th-21st February – Half Term

24th February – Inset Day

27th February – Pupil Consultations Evening (info to follow nearer the time)

6th March – Pupil Consultations Evening (info to follow nearer the time)

21st March – March Music Festival (info to follow nearer the time)

Please note, due to the sensitivity of our discussions, we ask that you attend without your child/young person.

Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins Winter/Spring Timetable

Come and join us in:



If you are a parent or carer to a child or young person who needs some support with their mental health, you may not know where to start and may need some support of your own.

We at West Sussex Mind know how vital it is for people to talk and share their experiences, so we have started Peer Support drop-ins across the county, where you can meet our Parenting Team and other parents who can provide some much needed empathy and understanding.

The Parenting Support Service at West Sussex Mind has a lot to offer:

- Peer Support Groups- both during the day (in person) and in the evening (on-line)
- Monthly 'Expert by Experience' Guest Speaker Zoom evening sessions, covering topics such as Self-Harm, EBSA, Autism and mental health, Masking and more...
- 1:1 sessions with a Peer Support Worker
- Closed Facebook group; regular newsletters and access to training, e-learning and webinars (on the West Sussex Mind website).
- 5 week Parenting Mental Health Course

Worthing

The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane, Worthing, BN13 2QG

13:00 - 14:00

- Tues 18th Feb
- Tues 18th March

Bognor Regis

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

11:00-12:00

- Thurs 13th Feb
- Thurs 13th March

Crawley

Bewbush Family Centre, Dorsten Square, Crawley RH11 8XW

10.00-11.00

- Tues 11th Feb

Horsham

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

13.00- 14.00

- Tues 4th Feb
- Tues 4th March

Lancing

Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing BN15 8AJ

13.30-14.30

- Wed 5th Feb
- Wed 5th March

Please feel free to drop-in where we can chat and get you registered with the service.

Or to register yourself, please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org

NEW

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FREE

PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE

A 5 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING AROUND SUPPORTING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH, OFFERING A SAFE SPACE TO REFLECT AND FIND PEER SUPPORT.

TOPICS INCLUDE SELF-ESTEEM, ANXIETY & EMOTIONS, COMMUNICATION AND MORE!

WORTHING - 24TH APRIL - 5TH JUNE (WEEKLY)

10AM-12NOON
8 -10 DURRINGTON LN, WORTHING BN13 2QG

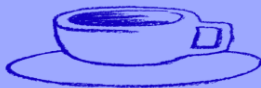
CRAWLEY - 19TH JUNE - 17TH JULY (WEEKLY)

12:30-14:30
BEWBUSH CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE, DORSTEN SQUARE, CRAWLEY RH11 8XW

BOGNOR REGIS - 18TH SEP - 16TH OCT (WEEKLY)

10AM-12NOON
ARUN WEST FAMILY HUB,
LABURNUM GROVE, BOGNOR REGIS PO22 9HT

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!



TO SECURE YOUR PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:

PARENTINGSUPPORT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG

SPORTXPLORE SOCCER CAMPS!!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN THIS FEBRUARY HALF TERM. PLAY LOTS GAMES, MATCHES AND TAKE PART IN COMPETITIONS!

SEE ALL THE DETAILS BELOW:

WHAT DO WE DO?

- ✔ SKILLS & BALL TECHNIQUES
- ✔ FUN GAMES
- ✔ MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS
- ✔ HAVE LOTS OF FUN!



FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP

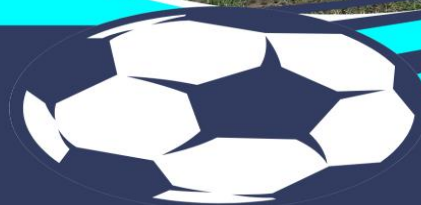
- 17TH, 18TH AND 19TH OF FEBRUARY
- 4-12 YEARS OLD
- 09:45 - 15:00
- £20 A DAY
- £55 FOR ALL THREE!

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MORE INFORMATION
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INFO@SPORTXPLORE.ORG [\[f\]SPORTXPLORELT](https://www.facebook.com/sportxplore)



Journey

A support group for
Parents and Carers of
Autistic and SEN Children

Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.



Ashington

ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Friday 17 Jan 10am - 11am
Friday 14 Feb | 10am - 11am
Friday 14 Mar | 10am - 11am

Ashington Church, Church Lane, RH20 3JX

Pulborough

Pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 16 Jan | 10:00 am 11:00am
Thursday 13 Feb | 10:00 am 11:00am
Thursday 13 Mar | 10:00 am 11:00am

Pulborough Library, Brooks Way, off Lower Street. RH20 2BP

Storrington & Sullington

Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 21 Jan | 10am - 11am
Tuesday 18 Feb | 10am - 11am
Tuesday 18 Mar | 10am - 11am

Storrington Library, (North Street) Car Park. 6 North Street Storrington. RH20 4NZ

Southwater

Southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 23 Jan | 10:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 20 Feb | 10:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 20 Mar | 10:30am - 11:30am

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road Southwater. RH13 9LA

Billingshurst

billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Monday 13 Jan | 9.00am - 10.30am

The Depot, 83a High Street, Billingshurst
*further dates to follow



FREE

MULTI SPORTS FOR AUTISTIC & SEN CHILDREN

**WEDNESDAY
4PM - 5:30PM**

26TH FEB - 26TH MARCH

**DROP IN SESSION, COME AND HAVE A GO!
PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPERVISE**

**AT CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE, SPIERBRIDGE ROAD
STORRINGTON-SULLINGTONWARDENS@HORSHAM.GOV.UK**

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Sussex Youth Theatre
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PULBOROUGH Village Hall

Tuesdays 5.30 - 7.30pm
Ages 6 - 18

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Join us this February half term to
celebrate houses and homes

Have a go at hands on activities and follow the
house hunting trail around our 40 acres site.



Weald & Downland Living Museum
Singleton | Chichester | PO18 0EU



Find out more at wealddown.co.uk
01243 811363

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Arun	Crawley	Horsham	Worthing
Bamham Primary School PO22 0HW	Hilltop Primary School RH11 8QL	Billingshurst Primary School RH14 9RE	West Park CE Primary School BN12 4HD

**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 roller skating to fencing,
lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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NEW VENUE

Pilates course



Wednesdays 6:15 to 7:10pm
Thakeham Primary School
8th January to 12th February
2025
6 weeks £47.50



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EFitness Group Exercise



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WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:15PM

£8 / SESSION - 1ST SESSION 50% OFF

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Text Emma: 07508 960 230

All abilities welcome



Strength and Motion Fitness Classes



Thakeham Village Hall

Mondays

Yoga 1245-1355

Gentle Weights 1400-1455

Relaxation 1500-1530

Tuesdays

Yogalates 1030-1130

Thursdays

Pilates 0920-1015

Pilates 1020-1115 (term time only)

Fridays

Yoga 700-800

Thakeham Primary School

Mondays

Yogalates 1800-1900

Laurie Apted Building Southwater

Fridays

Pilates 1100-1200

For more details contact Sarah

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