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Newsletter

10/07/25



CLASS OF 2025





Welcome

As we come to the end of another academic year, this past fortnight has seen a wonderful Summer Fayre hosted by FoTS who raised an amazing £1000, the Franklin production of Super Stan, our 150th Anniversary Tea Party for the children, the Year 6 Lodge Hill treat day and the Honours and Leavers' Assembly.

We bid a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6s who finish their primary school journey with us. We wish them all the best as they make their transition to secondary school, please do keep in touch!

We say a massive thank you to all our volunteers, our FoTS team, our Governing body and especially to our staff for making this year incredible!

This will also be the last of these Newsletters in this format as from September, we will be rolling out ClassDojo across the whole school so all our news will be posted on there moving forward. Logins will be sent out in September.

Please do take a look at the many activities on in the surrounding area during the summer holidays! Details can be found in the last several pages of the newsletter.

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July are Inset Days so have a fantastic summer break with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming our Years 1-6 back on Thursday 4th September. Our new Reception children start on Monday 8th September.

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.

At Thakeham we CARE



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: **96%**

Well done everyone!





Awards for the last 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
Oscar M (Beatles) Sam (Marley) Reggie (Marley)	Thomas B (Beatles) Tamira (Franklin)	Aria (Franklin)	Olive (Franklin)	Daisy G, Thomas B, Seren (Beatles) Amber, Bradley, Bodhi, Edward, Mathilda, Reuben (Wonder) Elsie, Gabrielle, Jayden, Joshua, Reilly (Marley) Amelie, Gabe, Evelyn, Erin W, Lucy, Nikos, Olive, Sophia (Franklin)

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Inclusion

It has been a busy year for the Inclusion team. We have been supporting the children in school through:

- ISP target setting and reviews
- Targeted interventions for Social, Emotional, Mental Health, Cognition and Learning, Communication Interaction, Physical and sensory and medical needs.
- Adapted lessons and learning
- Provision maps for pupil planning
- ELSA training and sessions for pupils
- WOWSI training and sessions for pupils and families
- Thoughtful sessions for pupils
- Meeting with preschools and preschool agencies
- Meeting with High School SEND teams
- Achieving the Dyslexia, dyscalculia award

We have also been supported by our West Sussex Teams:

- Learning, Behaviour Advisory team
- Autism and Communication team
- Early years Advisory team
- SALT team
- Educational Psychologist
- Occupational Therapy
- School nurse

If you would like support from any of these teams, please feel free to get in contact next term.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and enjoy time together as a family.

Many thanks, Mrs Stender

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School Life

FoTS Summer Fayre

Many thanks again to FoTS for a wonderful Summer Fayre. They raised an impressive £1000 which will go towards lots of things for the children in the new academic year I'm sure! I think we can all agree that the bottom middle photo is absolutely epic!!! Well done Mr McDonald for being such a good sport for Splat the Teacher!



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School Life

Year 5/6 Summer Production of Super Stan!



Headteacher: Mr Will McDonald
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Emma Hopkins
SENCO: Mrs Bex Stender
Operations Manager: Mrs Georgina Ritchie

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150th Anniversary Children's Tea Party



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Our Grown Up Ducks!!

We thought you might like to see how our Beatles Class ducklings are now getting on! A parent very kindly took them in, they have settled well into their new home, bonded well with the geese and have certainly grown a great deal since they “flew the nest” here!



LOOK WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER!

Friends of the School have raised...

£
3,397.02

Thank you for every cake baked,
ticket bought, raffle entered,
and event attended--you've
helped enrich the school experience
for all of our children!

Here's what your generosity has paid for this year:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ✓ Fire workshop (Marley) | ✓ Forest School sessions |
| ✓ Orchestra trip (Marley) | 📖 Usborne books |
| 🚗 Lodge Hill leavers' trip | ✓ Entrance mosaic |
| 🎄 Christmas tabelcloths & crackers | 🎨 CARE art corridor display |
| 🚌 Coach trip to Thakeham Church | 🦆 Duckling hatching (Beatles) |
| 🏊 Swimming 2024 | 🦔 Hedgehog workshop (Beatles) |
| 🏆 Leavers' trophies | ✓ Role play resources |

We're already planning next year's events –if you'd like to get involved with FOTS, please come and chat with us! Every little bit of help makes a big difference!



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Dates for Your Diary

18th July – last day of term

21st July – Inset Day

22nd July – Inset Day

23rd July – 2nd Sept – Summer holidays

3rd Sept – Inset Day

4th Sept - Return to school



Please refer to letter sent out on Tuesday 20th May with a whole list of important dates.

We are recruiting

Our kitchens are recruiting.

Term time contract and school friendly
hours.

ID for an enhanced DBS will be
required.

Please contact us at
westsussex@chartwells.co.uk
to find out more.



Chartwells
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Story Garden

Join thousands of children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 12 July
View our [Story Garden video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the **online registration form** at arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src
- Tell library staff the **secret code word**
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- **Collect rewards** for reading library books and completing special 'Extra Mile' Book Quests
- Read **any library books** you like—it's just for **FUN!**
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!



It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part
Let's get GROWING!



ESCAPE THE ORDINARY GO OUT OF BOUNDS!

Get Active This Summer!
50% Off High Ropes & Zip Lines






USE CODE: NOSCREENHR AT CHECKOUT

We know how important it is to keep young people active, engaged, and away from screens—especially during the long summer holidays. That's why Out of Bounds is excited to offer a special summer promotion exclusively for schools.

 **50% OFF** our High Ropes & Zip Lines Adventure!

This is a fantastic opportunity for your students and their families to enjoy an exciting, outdoor activity that promotes physical exercise, confidence-building, and fun.

Here's what's included:

-  **High Ropes & Zip Lines** – a thrilling aerial adventure course designed for ages 8 and up
-  **A safe, supervised environment** that encourages teamwork, resilience, and outdoor play
-  **50% discount** on all bookings using the code at checkout: **NOSCREENHR**
 **Valid from now until 31st August 2025**
-  **Unlimited use** – families can use the code as many times as they like throughout the summer!

Why we're doing this:

At Out of Bounds, we're passionate about helping young people stay active and healthy. With screen time on the rise, especially during school breaks, we want to offer a fun and accessible way for families to get outdoors and move their bodies.

Warm regards,
The Out of Bounds Team

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CHOOSE YOUR FUN AT OUR AWARD-WINNING ACTIVITY CENTRE



01903 788 588
www.out-of-bounds.co.uk
info@out-of-bounds.co.uk

Please see terms and conditions [here](#).

BRINGING THE EXTRAORDINARY TO WORTHING

SUMMER OF CIRCUS

**FREE CIRCUS SHOWS
THIS AUGUST**



CODE

Saturday 9 August, 1pm & 4pm - Homefield Park, Basketball Court

Justice in Motion's urban odyssey into county lines and knife crime, is a spectacular blend of physical theatre, parkour and trials bike stunts with live rap and music.

Ages: 11+ - Duration: 40 minutes



PIRATE TAXI

Saturday 16 August, 11:30am & 2:30pm - Outside Pavilion Theatre

With live music, humour, an ingenious set, and extraordinary aerial performance, **Pirate Taxi** tells the director's own take of finding their way via Cirque to Somerset - weaving in themes of journeys, companionship, and the annual migration of birds.

All Ages - Duration: 45 minutes



FISH BOY

Saturday 30 August, 11am & 2pm - Outside Pavilion Theatre

Follow Tommy as he tries to find where his best friend 'fish' has gone. With humour, fun and surprise this outdoor dance adventure celebrates friendship, uncovers what's polluting our rivers and demonstrates the power of never giving up!

Ages: 6+ - Duration: 45 minutes



OUT OF THE BOX

Saturday 30 August, 10:30am & 3pm - Outside Pavilion Theatre

This family-friendly comedy show is packed with surprises as an unlikely character and his mysterious box take you on a whirlwind of wonder. Expect trick shots, mini performances, and laugh-out-loud moments that invite everyone to join in the fun.

All Ages - Duration: 30 minutes



FAMILY CIRCUS DAY

Saturday 30 August, 11am - 3pm - Pavilion Atrium

Join us for a fun day of family-friendly circus activities. Learn to juggle, poi dance, hula hoop or plate spin with the talented team from Poi Passion Circus. No need to book, just drop in.

All circus shows are free but we recommend registering your interest so we can notify you should there be a venue or time change due to adverse weather.

To find out more and to register your interest visit wtm.uk/soc

THE HIGHDOWN BIG DIG

2025
19 JUL
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WTM Worthing Theatres and Museum National Trust THE HEADLEY TRUST Working Archaeological Society

THE HIGHDOWN BIG DIG 2025

Highdown Hill, West Sussex

19 July – 1 August 2025

Join us for a unique opportunity to witness archaeology in action at Highdown Hill, one of West Sussex's most historically rich landscapes. The **Highdown Big Dig 2025** will see **Worthing Museum** join forces with the **National Trust Archaeology** and **Worthing Archaeological Society** for this community big dig.

This rare chance allows you to watch archaeologists at work, find out what we've uncovered and learn more about the history of the area with free tours and workshops suitable for children and adults.

What are we hoping to discover? Well, Highdown Hill is a place full of incredible history dating back to the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age. We know there was once a Roman Bath House and an early Saxon Cemetery. We might find jewellery, weaponry, glassware and maybe even skeletal remains.

Big Dig Open Day

Join us on **Saturday 26 July** for The Big Dig Open Day where we will have the Weorod living history group demonstrate Anglo-Saxon life, flint knapping-demonstrations, bug hunts hosted by The National Trust Ranger team, workshops for kids and adults and the chance to see artefacts uncovered so far.

All artefacts uncovered at The Big Dig will be showcased in a major exhibition at Worthing Museum next year.

How To Get There and Facilities

Littlehampton Road, Worthing West Sussex, BN12 6FB

Free parking and toilets available at Highdown Gardens

It is a fifteen-minute walk from Goring-by-Sea train station, along the path adjacent to the A259. There are no gates on the hill, so wheelchair access is possible; however, there are roots in certain areas that could make it challenging at times.

For full details about The Big Dig visit wtm.uk/bigdig

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and Museum

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**28TH JULY -
30TH JULY**

**4TH AUGUST -
6TH AUGUST**

**26TH AUGUST -
28TH AUGUST**

MORE DETAILS:

- ✓ 09:45-15:00 (EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE)
- ✓ HALF DAY OPTION (09:45-12:45)
- ✓ 4-13 YEAR OLDS
- ✓ £12.50 FOR HALF DAY, £20 FOR FULL DAY
- ✓ £55 FOR ALL THREE DAYS

WHAT WE DO:

- ✓ FUN SESSIONS!
- ✓ LOTS OF MATCHES!
- ✓ COMPETITIONS!
- ✓ HAVE LOTS OF FUN!
- ✓ MAKING LASTING MEMORIES!



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TOYS THROUGH



WEALD &
DOWNLAND
LIVING MUSEUM

Time

22 JULY TO 2 SEPTEMBER

Schools out for Summer and the bell has rung for playtime!

Explore the evolution of toys and games from the Medieval period to the 20th Century over this six week celebration of all play things from the past.

Visit our website to find out more about the changing activities over the summer holidays.



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



Find out more at wealddown.co.uk

01243 811363

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JUN
29TH

JUL
27TH

AUG
31ST

FROM 4PM TO 6:30PM

EXCLUSIVE OPEN ACTIVITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL
NEEDS AND DISABILITIES. FAMILIES AND SIBLINGS WELCOME.

TEN PIN BOWLING

SOFT PLAY

CLIP 'N CLIMB

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JUMPING PILLOWS

ADVENTURE GOLF

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RIRI'S DANCE

First class **FREE**
Every Wednesday from
5pm - 6pm

Boys and Girls Welcome
from ages 5-19

A place to have fun and
express yourself

Held at Thakeham
Village Hall
07398272615



NEW DRY FOOD REFILL SERVICE

Would you like to be able to purchase
these dry foods without the plastic?

Pasta - Rice - Porridge oats - Mixed nuts - Lentils
Dried beans - Breakfast cereals - Granola - Sugar
Flour - Seeds - Protein powder - Spices
Overhead oat m*lk powder - Anything else?

**PLEASE
COMPLETE OUR
REFILL SURVEY**



Service will start Wed 23rd July 9am - 12 noon - then every 4th Wed each month
Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road, Storrington, RH20 4BG -
refill & return service for dry food (survey will define the range) plus personal
hygiene and household cleaning product bottle refills



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www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/refill

Little Growers Farm

Welcome to Little Growers Farm summer pop-up, where the seeds of imagination are planted! Little Growers Farm is family owned and reflects our values, emphasising kindness, respect for our environment and learning through play. Each visit is designed to include instructed activities for kids aged 2-10 as well as plenty of self-guided fun. From crafting paper towel creature critters and making soda rockets to our bouncy house and weekend bubbleology, Little Growers Farm offers a great day out for the whole family!

Little Growers Farm is open from

July 26th-August 22nd

with limited tickets available.

www.littlegrowersfarm.co.uk



Peacocks Lane,
Pulborough RH20 2LS



www.yourspacetherapies.org

🐾 **Summer Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day's for Kids!** 🐾

Explore Calm, Connection, and Confidence with Our Gentle Ponies!

Dates: Friday 8th August, Monday 11th August, Monday 18th August, Monday 1st September.

Time: 9am- 2pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9BH

Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.

Your Child's Special Day with the Ponies will include:

💖 **Mindfulness Time with Ponies, Pony Care, Riding and Mounted Games and Mindful Nature Art.**

Spaces are limited to 15 children per session! Please visit the Eventbrite links below now to ensure your spot. *Once your booking is confirmed we will contact you to gather further information.*

Friday 8th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Monday 11th August Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Monday 18th August Mindfulness pony Day. Book now!

Monday 1st September Mindfulness Pony Day. Book now!

Contact: bookings@yourspacetherapies.org

Cost: £140

Join us for an unforgettable experience that combines mindfulness and pony magic!



Join us for a fun packed SIX weeks, where every penny you spend goes directly towards helping the work of Aldingbourne Trust, supporting adults with learning disabilities and / or autism to live independent lives.



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Country Centre

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Super weeks SIX of Summer!



NEW EVENT!
Teddy Bears
Picnic!

Saturday 19th July to Sunday 31st August
10am - 4pm (last admission 3.30pm)
Aldingbourne Country Centre, PO18 0JP

First Class
Falconry



Tom's Talking
Reptiles



The Lovely
Bubbly Show



Knucker Dragon
Knight School



(IN THE DOUNCH)
AldingBounce



See website for
more details



and so much more...

Play All Day | Free Parking | Events All Day

Your day pass includes entrance to our Summer events.
Visit our website for entry prices and full details of events -
aldingbournecountrycentre.org

WEEK ONE



Sat 19 July	Music Mayhem
Sun 20 July	Outdoor Games
Mon 21 July	AldingBounce <small>(NEW BOUNCE!)</small>
Tues 22 July	Tom's Talking Reptiles
Weds 23 July	Outdoor Games
Thurs 24 July	Outdoor Games
Fri 25 July	Lovely Bubbly Show
Sat 26 July	Teddy Bears Picnic
Sun 27 July	Teddy Bears Picnic

WEEK TWO



Mon 28 July	Lab Explorers
Tues 29 July	Lovely Bubbly Show
Weds 30 July	Outdoor Games
Thurs 31 July	Outdoor Games
Fri 01 Aug	First Class Falconry
Sat 02 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic
Sun 03 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic

WEEK THREE



Mon 04 Aug	Wet & Wild
Tues 05 Aug	Lovely Bubbly Show
Weds 06 Aug	Outdoor Games
Thurs 07 Aug	Carnival Games
Fri 08 Aug	Ain't My First Disco
Sat 09 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic
Sun 10 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic

WEEK FOUR



Mon 11 Aug	Outdoor Games
Tues 12 Aug	First Class Falconry
Weds 13 Aug	Carnival Games
Thurs 14 Aug	Ain't My First Disco
Fri 15 Aug	Lovely Bubbly Show
Sat 16 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic
Sun 17 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic

WEEK FIVE

Mon 18 Aug	Outdoor Games
Tues 19 Aug	Tom's Talking Reptiles
Weds 20 Aug	Outdoor Games
Thurs 21 Aug	Lovely Bubbly Show
Fri 22 Aug	Outdoor Games
Sat 23 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic
Sun 24 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic

WEEK SIX

Mon 25 Aug	Outdoor Games
Tues 26 Aug	First Class Falconry
Weds 27 Aug	Knight School
Thurs 28 Aug	Knight School
Fri 29 Aug	Lovely Bubbly Show
Sat 30 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic
Sun 31 Aug	Teddy Bears Picnic



Also running throughout the Summer Holidays:

Fundraising
Event:
Evening Summer
Barn Dance
09/08/25



Booking Essential!



Book Readings
in Book Nook



Brent Lodge:
Nature Craft



Face
Painting*



Farm
Experiences*



Weekly
AR Trails

See website
for more
details



Visit our Quarry Café for freshly made lunches, kids' meals,
snacks, and cakes crafted with local ingredients.

*Paid additional activity.

All information is correct at time of print. It is advised you wear suitable outdoor footwear. These events are subject to weather conditions & animal welfare. Aldingbourne Trust cannot be held responsible for any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Aldingbourne Country Centre, Blackmill Lane, Norton, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0JP
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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

23-30 JULY 2025

8-16 YEARS



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

23-30 JULY 2025

Interactive Soundtrack & Music Creation Workshop

Horsham: 23 July

Worthing: 24 July

Led by professional musicians from The Enchanted Cinema company you'll use your voice, hands and feet, and then instruments and ingenious Foley sound effects, to create a magical one of a kind soundtrack to on screen works from incomparable Japanese animators, Studio Ghibli.

Music Production & DJ Workshop

Bognor Regis: 24 - 25 July

Crawley: 28 July

Get a hands-on introduction to music creation and mixing. Learn beat-making, sound design, track arrangement with professional tools, DJ-ing, beatmatching, and seamless transitions. This workshop offers practical skills and insights into both the creative and technical aspects of music production and DJ-ing.

Rock & Pop Band Workshop

Worthing: 24 - 25 July

Using the state of the art recording facilities at Northbrook College, this workshop is a must for all budding rockers. You'll form your own rock & pop band and collaborate with other musicians to work on covers or original songs and develop skills in song arrangement, stage presence and live performance techniques.

Rap & Lyric Writing Workshop

Bognor Regis: 29 - 30 July

Explore the fundamentals of rap and songwriting, from rhythm and flow to crafting compelling stories through lyrics. This hands-on workshop encourages creativity, self-expression, and collaboration - whether you're new to rap or have experience, you'll walk away with practical tips to enhance your songwriting skills.

Free for pupils in receipt of free school meals

£37 per day for paying pupils

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