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Welcome

Happy Friday to you all!

We have certainly packed in a lot of the last two weeks of term with the Beatles class Hedgehog visit, Franklin class Chichester Planetarium visit, Wonder class Brighton Toy Museum, an interschool Year 5/6 girls football tournament hosted by SGS, many EYFS Sept 25 Stay and Play sessions and parent tours as well as a very successful FoTS Bake Sale and the Halloween Disco later on this evening! The library has had the beautiful clay leaves tree completed, many thanks to Wendy for an amazing job and the works on the new part of the school are nearing completion!

Don't forget that the clocks go back this weekend, we wish you all a restful, well deserved half term break and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 4th November.

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

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: **99%**

Wonder Class: **98%**

Marley Class: **95%**

Franklin Class: **96%**

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.

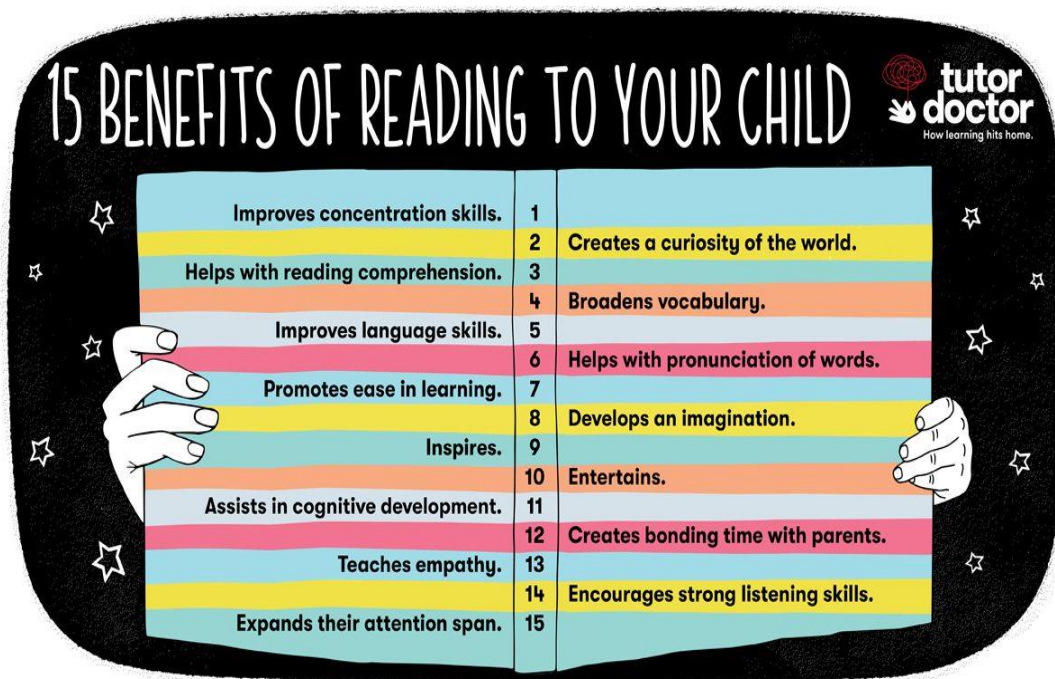
This week's weekly awards go to the following pupils:

Ready to Learn Award	Respect Award	Responsible Award	Headteacher Award	Honours Award
Harley (Marley)	Dimi (Wonder)	Elliot (Wonder)		
Jake (Marley)	Fynn (Marley)	Freddie (Franklin)		
Amelie (Franklin)				

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Inclusion Newsletter

We hope you have a lovely half term and enjoy some much needed family time. During your holiday, take time to continue to share books and read together. The benefits of reading to your child/children is widely researched and demonstrates the significant positive impact that reading has on so many areas of their development.



Mrs Stender

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School Life

Beatles Class Hedgehog visit



Franklin Class South Downs Planetarium trip



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School Life

Library Clay Leaves Display



Marley Class Fruit Crumble Making



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School Life

Wonder Class Toy Museum trip



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Thakeham Reporters

Franklin's Class Trip to the South Downs Planetarium

On Friday the 19th of October last week, Franklin class went on a class trip to the South Downs Planetarium in Chichester and during the day, we went into a dome, which is a place where the stars all come up onto the ceiling. There were also the applicable, well- behaved children gazing at the stunning images of the space race going on now and in the past.

The employees there were very helpful and yet some are volunteers so we would like to say thank you to them for granting Franklin their wonderful experience.

The Dome

Around 15 minutes after we arrived, Franklin went into the dome to look at all of the amazing things that the person talked to them about like: the space race, how you could see different planets and a galaxy in the night, at different times you could see different things at different times and the different rooms and parts of the ISS (the international space station).

The Quiz

Near the end of our trip, Franklin took a ten question quiz about different space subjects and you had to find the answers to the questions around the room in different places. When you found the answer to a question, then you would put it on your sheet, which you worked with someone else in your class.

Wonder Class's Trip to the Brighton Toy Museum

Wonder class went on a school trip to the toy museum on the 24th of October. They played with toys from the past and explored the toy museum under supervision at all times. They had lots of fun there. During the trip, Wonder looked at how Meccano was named and how it works. They looked at the history of Lego, which used to be wooden and fairly big, and they also saw the oldest toy- a spinning top that was 6,000 years old. The site was very small and very enjoyable. Of course, Wonder enjoyed the trip there and back, being on the bus. Whilst on the trip, they wrote stories about the past history of toys and fun things children used to do back in the day.

They had so many fun times. Both trips were very enjoyable for the classes and they all arrived back better than before!

By, Nikos and Gabe, (Thakeham Reporters)



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Dates for Your Diary

Mon 28th Oct-Fri 1st Nov – Half Term

Tues 5th Nov – Parents' Evening

Thurs 14th Nov – Parents' Evening

Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need Day

Thur 28th Nov – whole school flu clinic (please remember to complete the Consent Form stating Yes or No)

Dates with more info to follow nearer the time:

Tues 17th Dec: Beatles Nativity Play

Weds 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

Sat 7th Dec: FoTS Christmas Fayre

Weds 18th Dec: Whole School Nativity

Fri 20th Dec: End of term

Mon 23rd Dec-Fri 3rd Jan: Winter break

Mon 6th Jan: Start of Spring term

Christmas Lunch



Join our festive lunch by ordering on ParentPay for

.....Wednesday 18th December.....

MAINS

Roast Turkey in Gravy,
or
Quorn Roast in Gravy

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn
Mini Sausage & Stuffing



DESSERT

Festive Cupcake

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"My favourite thing about Thakeham is that it is a community. I know every adult will help me, I have so many friends and I know everyone cares." Quote from a current Year 6 pupil.

"Pupils and parents recognise the kind and nurturing nature of this school. Pupils feel included and welcome. Staff expertly identify pupils who need support. Behaviour is positive. Developing pupil leadership is given a high priority. Thakeham continues to be a good school." Ofsted 2024.



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Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2025

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 7 October 2024.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

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



How to apply

If your child's date of birth is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 it is now time to apply for their school place. You need to apply online by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Please be aware that the email address which you provide will be shared with your preference schools and allocated school, as parents and schools increasingly communicate electronically.

If you do not have access to the internet, free access to apply for a school place is available in all West Sussex libraries.

The website provides information needed for completing your application, including details of all the schools in West Sussex, your catchment school and important information for parents. Please read it carefully before making your application.

There are some benefits to applying online and we strongly advise all parents to do so. However, if you really can't access the internet you can obtain a paper form by calling **03330 142 903**.

Please note, you must provide a valid email address with your application in order to receive the outcome of your school offer.

Apply online at:

westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

You must apply on time

It is very important that you apply before the closing date of **Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

If your application is received after the closing date of **Wednesday 15 January 2025** your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Applications received after the closing date of **Wednesday 15 January 2025** are late applications and will only be considered after all those that were received on time.

It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that your application is received by the Pupil Admission Team on time.



Your preferences

We advise all parents to think very carefully about their three preferences and to use them wisely.

School places are allocated according to the published oversubscription criteria for that school. This can include criteria such as whether you live in the catchment area, whether there are siblings already at the school and the distance you live from the school.

Please be realistic in your preferences. You have a higher priority for local schools. If you chose an oversubscribed school, the further away you live the less likely you are to be offered a place.

Please note that personal circumstances, such as child care arrangements, are not part of the oversubscription criteria for any school and will not be taken into consideration.

Finally, we always advise parents to include their catchment school as one of their three preferences.

Admissions – key dates

Monday 7 October 2024

Online applications open.

You must provide an email address to apply. You can apply online for your child's school place by visiting westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

Schools will have their prospectuses available and will have arranged open events.

Wednesday 15 January 2025

National closing date for starting school applications.

You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Wednesday 16 April 2025

National offer day.

Applicants will be notified which school their child is offered by email, where an email address is supplied.

Making an online application

To make an application using the online system you will need:

- an email address; and
- create an account on Parent Portal if you do not already have an account.

Your Username will be your email address.

Your password must adhere to the following rules. It must:

- be at least 8 characters long;
- have at least one character that is UPPERCASE;
- have at least one character that is lowercase;
- have at least one special character (such as: * ! \$); and
- have at least one number.

To apply for a school place please visit westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or call **03330 142 903**.

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Starting school in September 2025

Deadline:
Wednesday 15 January 2025



Stay in touch

- West Sussex Matters
- @WSCCNews
- wscvideo



West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2025?

Do you think, for whatever reason, you may struggle with the Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:
Monday 2 September 2024.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:
Thursday 31 October 2024.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:
Monday 7 October 2024.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Wednesday 15 January 2025.

For more information on the admissions process:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk

www.westsussexsendias.org



SPOOKY (NOT SCARY!) STORIES

Join us this half term for some fiendishly
fun tales and a creepy craft activity!



Suitable for children aged 4+

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

Friday 1 November
10.30-11.30am

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS AT LODGE HILL



Monday 28th October
Tuesday 29th October
Thursday 31st October



BOOKING IS VIA EMAIL ONLY ADMIN@LODGEHILL.ORG.UK



£30 PER CHILD PER DAY!



- 9am—4pm
- These days are for 8-12 year olds
- Lunch is not included, please bring a packed lunch
- Biscuits and squash will be provided
- Spaces are limited and pre-booking is essential



⇒We are unable to store or administer medication
⇒No half day bookings

⇒Places cannot be held for friends. Each child must be booked by a parent/guardian.

⇒We can only secure your booking once we have received payment AND the completed consent form

⇒Payment is non-refundable and the days are non-transferrable

⇒Please note these days are not suitable for children with additional needs. Contact us for alternative events.

⇒Lodge Hill Centre, Watersfield, Nr Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1LZ



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

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course code: SS-STCFC-X-37

Area	Venue	Activity Dates
Sussex Steyning	Steyning Town Football Club	Thursday 31st October Friday 1st November
Timings	Ages	Cost
Start - 9.30am Finish - 3.00pm	5-12 Years Old	£48 Full Course

OCTOBER

NETBALL CAMP




Date: 30th October 2024

Venue: The Towers, Steyning Grammar School, Henfield Road

Time/cost: 9-11: mini's, U8, U9 - £12

9-12: U10-12 - £18

11-3: U13-16 - £24







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

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We would love to offer children attending your school a free taster lesson. Free taster lessons will be run in November but will book up quickly. We would appreciate it if you mentioned us in your next newsletter home to parents.

Our toasty warm and crystal-clear pool has spectator seating available poolside, along with 16 individual changing cubicles, a Water Babies shop on site stocking everything you'll need for your swimming journey, and a large, free car park. There's a garden centre and café next door, too!

We'll be there at every breath, kick and stroke of the way to help grow and nurture each child's abilities. And what's more, water confidence has also been proven to build life confidence. We tailor our programme specifically to each child's needs to make sure they'll be swimming confidently by themselves in no time. Our lessons will get even the most nervous child loving the water – at a pace that suits them.

To book the free taster, could parents please enquire at www.waterbabies.co.uk or email us at cheekymonkey@waterbabies.co.uk.

Kind Regards

Abigail



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