



Autumn Term

October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

# newsletter

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### Welcome

Dear All,

As summer has finally left us, we look ahead to the autumn months and have had another busy fortnight with September 2024 Reception Open Events, school photos, a Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament and a Wonder Class Open Morning!

At the time of publication, children will be enjoying our Movie Night, watching Toy Story. Many thanks to all of you who supported the FoTS event to raise funds for the school.

Next week Franklin class will be going on their PGL residential week to Marchants Hill – we're sure they'll have a great time and will make lasting memories! We look forward to hearing all about it!

Reminders that the online shop for ordering your child's Christmas card design closes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and the deadline for free delivery to school for orders of school photos is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Parents Evening slots are available to book for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

As this is our last Newsletter now before the half term we wish you a restful October half term in advance and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family  
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



Florence (Wonder)  
Zack (Marley)  
Lucy (Franklin)

Ava (Wonder)  
Sam (Marley)

Charlie (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: **99%**

Wonder Class: **99%**

Marley Class: **96%**

Franklin Class: **97%**

## 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'.

## 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!

**Some of our pupils performing in a production of Alice in Wonderland with Sandra Wilson's School of Performing Arts – well done girls!**



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

### Branson's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!

Our Therapy Dog Branson celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday with us on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The children gave him lots of birthday cuddles and treats!  
Happy Birthday Branson!



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Franklin class had a visit from one of our local village wardens Chris where they learnt about his role in the community and about "Safe Spaces" and where they can go to if they need help.

Some of our Year 5/6 pupils took part in an inter-school Basketball tournament hosted by Steyning Grammar School at their Shooting Field site – well done Team Thakeham!



Wonder class showed off their amazing writing skills in our Celebration Assembly today!



## Dates for Your Diary

- **16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October:** Franklin Class PGL Residential trip
- **18<sup>th</sup> October:** EYFS September 2024 Open Morning 9:30-10:30am
- **18<sup>th</sup> October:** Christmas Card design online shop closing deadline
- **19<sup>th</sup> October:** School photos free delivery to school order deadline
- **23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October:** Half term
- **30<sup>th</sup> October:** Return to school
- **1<sup>st</sup> November:** EYFS September 2024 Open Morning 9:30-10:30am
- **2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Whole School Parents Evening (3:45-6:45pm)
- **7<sup>th</sup> November:** Wonder/Marley/Franklin classes Parents Evening (3:45-6:45pm)
- **8-9<sup>th</sup> November:** Bag2School drop off in the Excess Hall
- **10<sup>th</sup> November:** Bag2School collection
- **17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need Day (more info to follow)
- **1<sup>st</sup> December:** School Christmas Fayre (SAVE THE DATE)
- **11<sup>th</sup> December:** Beatles class Nativity – (9:30am - more info to follow)
- **12<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole School Nativity – 2:00pm (more info to follow)
- **14<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- **15<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term
- **18<sup>th</sup> December-1<sup>st</sup> January** – Christmas holidays
- **2<sup>nd</sup> January:** Inset Day
- **3<sup>rd</sup> January:** Return to school

### Inset Days 2023/2024

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Apply online at:  
[westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://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.





# Thakeham Primary School Open Events for EYFS September 2024



Thakeham Primary School is a small, caring, happy school; a really special place to learn and grow together. We focus on each individual child's needs, developing their skills and nurturing their talents within a strong family environment.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure creative, engaging learning experiences, designed to foster the skills and attitudes needed for life-long learning, enabling children to approach the challenges of an ever changing world, with confidence and resilience. As well as meeting national expectations, our curriculum is personalised to meet the needs of our children in our community.

[If you are considering a place for your child at Thakeham Primary School, please contact us to attend one of our open events.](#)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3:45-4:30pm) Stay & Play

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3:45-4:30pm) Stay & Play

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (9:30am-10:30am) Open Morning

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 (9:30am-10:30am) Open Morning

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (5:00pm-6:00pm) Open Evening

#### Contact details:

01903 740176 / [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk)

Thakeham Primary School  
Rock Road  
Pulborough,  
West Sussex  
RH20 3AA

Further information can be found on our website:

[www.thakehamps.co.uk](http://www.thakehamps.co.uk)





**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

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



SUPPORTED BY HEADS ON AND NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER'S COVID APPEAL

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://westsussex.gov.uk/libraries)

**TouchBase**  
Supporting those impacted by relational trauma & loss  
...Learning security

**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](mailto:info@touchbase.org.uk) for more information

[touchbase.org.uk](http://touchbase.org.uk)  
TouchBase\_UK  
TouchBaseBrighton

**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.

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**THAKEHAM**  
**VILLAGE HALL**

**Craft Fair**  
**+ Table**  
**Top Sale**

**4TH NOV**  
**12PM - 4 PM**  
**THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL**  
**1 ABINGWORTH CRESCENT, THAKEHAM RH20 3GW**

**LOCAL MAKERS & VENDORS**

**APPLY FOR A STALL**  
**VIA THE VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE**  
**[WWW.THAKEHAMVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK/BOX OFFICE](http://WWW.THAKEHAMVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK/BOX OFFICE)**

# A Roaring Good Time



Join us for some dinosaur half-term holiday fun with stories and craft activities

Suitable for children aged 4 years and up

**Booking essential – please book your place with the library**  
Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.30am – 11.30am**



Storrington Library  
Ryecroft Lane  
Storrington RH20 4PA  
01903 839050

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## 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



OCTOBER  
HALF-TERM

# PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS



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ACTIVITY



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



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## YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

Worthing	Adur	Arun	Storrington
West Park Primary School  Our Lady of Sion Senior School	Sompting Village Primary School	Barnham Community Hall	Chanctonbury Leisure Centre *Multi Activities, Performing Arts & Gymnastics camps *8.30-4pm *£24.95 *Year 1 - 6

All venues Ofsted registered, Childcare Vouchers accepted  
Worthing Leisure Centre & Lancing Leisure Centre -  
Book direct with South Downs Leisure

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

A bucket load of fun activities, every school holiday. 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.

**Book now** for a school holiday full of fun!

## THINGS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



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

\*Ts&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



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## PLEASE BRING

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

# ACE Football Academy

## OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

**FOOTBALL  
CAMPS**



**GOALKEEPER  
CAMPS**



**MULTI-SPORTS  
CAMPS**

VENUE	DATE	SESSION	TIME	AGE	COST
<b>LANCING</b> SIR Robert Woodard Academy	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>PORTSLADE</b> Portslade Leisure Centre	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>STORRINGTON</b> Chanctonbury Leisure Centre	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>WORTHING</b> Worthing Town FC	24/25/26 OCTOBER	Football Camp	09:30 15:30	4-13 YRS	SINGLE DAY - £15 3 DAY CAMP - £39
<b>MILE OAK</b> Mile Oak Primary School	23 & 27 OCTOBER	Multi-Sports Camp  Goalkeeper Camp	09:30- 15:30	4-13 YRS	£15 PER DAY

Holiday courses for all children aged 4-13 years.

All abilities welcome. All courses are led by qualified coaches in a professional, safe environment.



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INFO@ACEFOOTBALLACADEMY.CO.UK  
07772 073926 | 07817 304334

# BOOK NOW





# FREE TASTER LESSON

**The Towers, Upper Beeding, Monday 23rd October**

Book now a free taster swimming lesson for:  
Monday 23rd October, between 4pm to 6pm, at The Towers,  
Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding BN44 3TG.



## BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

<https://qrco.de/Free-trial>

 01273 901756



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swim@unitedswimmingacademy.com



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07391 420931



**Swim England**

Swim School Member

Swim England Affiliated Swim School (Reg: 13410494)

Life  
Community Church  
Storrington

# COME AND JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY

(Term Time)

FOR FUN  
FOR GAMES  
FOR FRIENDS  
FOR LAUGHTER  
FOR EXPERIENCES



*Fireworks*

*Kids Club*

*Chanctonbury Leisure  
Centre Storrington*

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](mailto:Nick@lccstor.org).

Monthly  
Talk

History of the

*For Gallantry*



**Victoria Cross**



&

**George Cross**

*For Valour*

by **Tony Gledhill GC**



Friday  
3rd  
November  
2.30pm

**Members:**  
£6  
**Non-members:**  
£8

Storrington & District Museum,  
The Old School,  
School Lane,  
Storrington,  
RH20 4LL

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Donation Code



# ART



# EXHIBITION

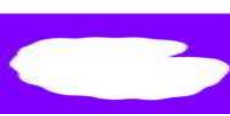
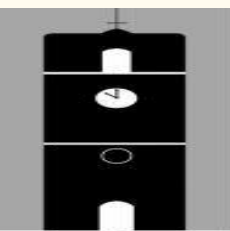
18-19 NOVEMBER  
WEEKEND  
10AM-4PM



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM,  
THE OLD SCHOOL,  
SCHOOL LANE,  
STORRINGTON,  
RH20 4LL



FREE ENTRY  
WORK BY LOCAL ARTISTS  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE







**SHACKLETON – MAN & MYTHS by Michael Smith**

**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 p.m. at Storrington Museum,**

**The Old School, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LL.**

**Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton** (1874 – 1922) was an explorer who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic.

After the race to the South Pole ended in December 1911, with Roald Amundsen's conquest, Shackleton turned his attention to the crossing of Antarctica from sea to sea, via the pole. Disaster struck this expedition when its ship, *Endurance*, became trapped in pack ice and was slowly crushed before the shore parties could be landed. The crew escaped by camping on the sea ice until it disintegrated, then by launching the lifeboats to reach Elephant Island and ultimately South Georgia Island, a stormy ocean voyage of 720 nautical miles (1,330 km; 830 mi). The wreck of *Endurance* was discovered just over a century later.

Michael Smith is an author and journalist who specialises in the history of Polar exploration. He has written books on Polar history and lectured extensively.

Michael's latest book is *Shackleton – By Endurance We Conquer* (2014).

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

Members £6. Non Members £8. All welcome