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# Newsletter

04/07/25



Celebrating 150 years of serving our  
community  
1875 - 2025



## Welcome

As we inch ever closer to the summer holidays, the past fortnight has been a hive of activity, culminating in our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Tea Party. Many thanks to everyone that came and who also helped to make it a wonderful event!

As we count down to the end of another academic year, we look forward to the FoTS Summer Fayre on the field on Monday afternoon, the Franklin summer production, pupil's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Party, the FoTS Summer Disco and Leavers Treat Day and Assembly. Tickets for the FoTS disco can be purchased with cash or card on the school gates from the FoTS team.

Please remember to return any unused tickets and stubs with monies to the office by Monday morning. There will be the opportunity to purchase more tickets at the fayre if you wish to buy some more.

A polite reminder that if you have a period of absence booked, please ensure you have cancelled your child's Chartwells hot meals in advance as the school still has to pay for meals that have been ordered but not taken.

Have a lovely 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.

# 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: **95%**

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
George (Wonder) Jonas (Wonder) Emily (Marley)	Mathilda (Wonder) Joseph (Marley)	Oscar M (Beatles) Willow (Beatles) Ella (Franklin) Holly (Franklin)		



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## Inclusion

As we draw to the end of the school year, we know that transition and change can cause some anxiety and worry for our school. Over the past half term, we have been working together in school to ensure that the children have a smooth transition from their current class into their new class in September.

Here are some of the things we have done/are doing:

- Teachers have visited their new classes to spend time seeing the children in their current learning environment, as well as sharing stories or asking questions.
- The children have spent time in their new classes and have a second visit on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July where they have got to know the learning environment, staff and other pupils they will be learning alongside.
- Teachers have met together and talked through all the children in their new class- both academic and social needs.
- We have held our ISP (individual support plan) meetings, and these have been shared with all staff for pupils in their class next year.
- We have had a meet the teacher event where hopefully you were able to hear about the learning and routines of your child's September class
- I have met with the SENCO and pastoral teams of the High Schools where our Year 6 pupils are moving to

As you can see, it has been a busy half term of transition. If you would like any other transition support, please feel free to talk to your class teacher or myself.

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

Many thanks, Mrs Stender

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## School Life

### Water Awareness Visits

We were very grateful to one of our parents who is a swimming instructor for giving up their time to come along and teach water safety to each class.



### Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament





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### Beatles Class – Keeping Healthy



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### Sports Day – Beatles Class



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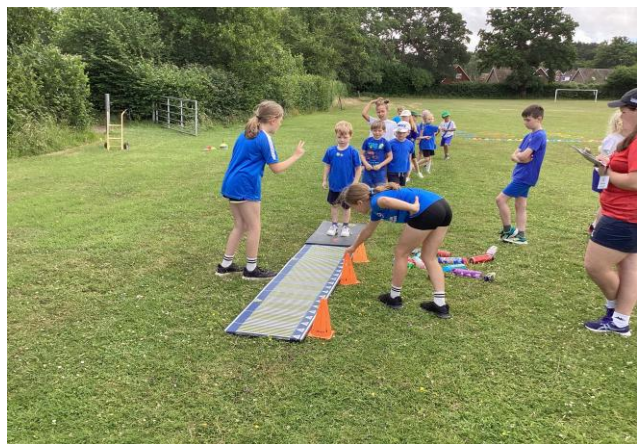
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### Sports Day – Wonder Class



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### Sports Day – Marley Class



### Sports Day – Franklin Class



### Sports Day Winning House – Parks!!





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### Story-Telling Workshop Day – Wonder Class



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## Dates for Your Diary

**7<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre 3:15-5:00pm**  
**11<sup>th</sup> July – FoTS Disco**  
**18<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July – Inset Day**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset Day**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Summer holidays**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Inset Day**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sept - Return to school**



**Please refer to letter sent out on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May with a whole list of important dates.**



THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SUMMER FAYRE

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Bouncy Castles  
Ice Cream van**

**Provided by Bounce About Sussex**

**Join us  
from  
3.15pm**

**Raffle  
Tombola  
Games  
Popcorn**

**Balloon Cart  
Face Painting  
Refreshments**



Organised by Friends Of Thakeham School

# SCHOOL DISCO

## FRIDAY 11TH JULY

### KEY STAGE 1

& Reception

4PM - 5PM

MUSIC

PARTY GAMES

FACE PAINTING

REFRESHMENTS

£4 A TICKET

Theme: Fancy Dress



### KEY STAGE 2

5.30PM - 7PM

MUSIC

GLOW IN DARK

TATTOOS

REFRESHMENTS

£5 A TICKET

Theme: Neon



**PLEASE PAY FOTS AT THE GATES  
EITHER BY CASH OR CARD**



# FOTS

**FRIENDS OF THAKEHAM SCHOOL**



# *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](mailto:westsussex@chartwells.co.uk)  
to find out more.



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**BOOK  
TODAY!**



## SEND FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES EVENT

JUN  
**29<sup>TH</sup>**

JUL  
**27<sup>TH</sup>**

AUG  
**31<sup>ST</sup>**

**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**

**ADVENTURE NETS**

**JUMPING PILLOWS**

**ADVENTURE GOLF**

**SCAN THE CODE TO BOOK ONLINE  
OR VISIT [WWW.OUT-OF-BOUNDS.CO.UK](http://WWW.OUT-OF-BOUNDS.CO.UK)**



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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 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9am - 12 noon - then every 4<sup>th</sup> 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

@sussexgreenliving

[www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/refill](http://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](http://www.littlegrowersfarm.co.uk)



Peacocks Lane,  
Pulborough RH20 2LS





[www.yourspacetherapies.org](http://www.yourspacetherapies.org)

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

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

**Dates:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.



Aldingbourne  
Country Centre

Charity No: 226484

# Super weeks SIX of Summer!



**NEW EVENT!**  
Teddy Bears  
Picnic!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 BOUNCE)  
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](http://aldingbournecountrycentre.org)



## WEEK ONE



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

## WEEK TWO



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

## WEEK THREE



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

## WEEK FOUR



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

## WEEK FIVE

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

## WEEK SIX

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



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



Booking Essential\*

Also running throughout the Summer Holidays:



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



Music activities for children & young people

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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

[westsussexmusic.co.uk/holidayactivities](https://westsussexmusic.co.uk/holidayactivities)



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