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Welcome

Happy Friday to you all!

Preparations are well underway for the FoTS Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December, please remember to return any stubs, monies and unused tickets to the office, Plenty more books available should you wish to have more for friends and family. We have some amazing prizes to be won! FoTS would also welcome any donations of children's Christmas clothing and any coloured household items that you may not use that match your child's class basket colour – Beatles (Yellow), Wonder (Green), Marley (Red) and Franklin (Blue).

Reminders were sent out re. ordering via ParentPay for the Christmas Lunch on Weds 18th Dec, order cut-off date is Thurs 5th Dec. You are also now able to order a meal for Census Day on Thurs 16th Jan 25. This is an extremely important day for school funding so if your child is entitled to a free school meal (automatically because they are in Years R-2 or you receive Pupil Premium), even if they don't usually have a meal, please order one as the school gets funding for every meal booked! Cut off date for ordering is Thurs 2nd Jan so easily forgotten over the winter holiday break).

Seat spaces can also be booked for the whole school nativity plays on the 18th and 19th Dec – please refer to the letter sent out earlier this week for the Google form link.

Sat 30th Nov is the last day to boost the Asda Cashpot for Schools campaign – many thanks for your support so far 😊

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.

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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: **97%**

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 fortnights weekly awards go to the following pupils:

| Ready to Learn Award | Respect Award | Responsible Award | Headteacher Award | Honours Award |
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| Thomas P (Beatles) Naia (Wonder) Herbie (Marley) Ella (Franklin) | Bailey (Beatles) Oscar M (Beatles) Reuben (Wonder) Sevren (Marley) | Amaya (Franklin) | | |

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Inclusion Newsletter

Christmas is a really exciting time for many of us, but it can also be quite overwhelming for many children. Here are some top tips to help keep everyone calm and able to enjoy the festivities.

Think about ways that will make the festive season work for you!

Don't feel pressurised to do something just because that's what other people do!

Christmas can be overwhelming...

People, lights and noise can be too much. Create a quiet space where you can go for a break and have time for you to recover.

Presents can be overwhelming!

For example, the number of them, the wrapping paper itself and the unwrapping.

To reduce the anxiety, some autistic people go through the presents days before to check they're working or what they expected. Others use clear cellophane to wrap presents. Some abandon wrapping presents at all, do whatever works for you!

Best wishes, Mrs Stender

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Operations Manager: Mrs Georgina Ritchie

Share the plan! A family calendar or visual timetable might be useful.



If everyone knows the plan it will reduce anxiety!

Plan the most suitable decorations for your home.

You may need to avoid Christmas lights (or it could be lovely and "stimmy")! Some find Christmas cards are enough decoration to have. Whatever you decide, consider doing it gradually with everyone involved so that it's not a surprise.

Talk to everyone involved and decide what works for

YOU.

Enjoy your festive season, your way!

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Time to Shine!

If there's anything you would like us to celebrate, please email (with photographs attached) office@thakehamps.co.uk.

Arlo, Daisy and Bradley all recently achieved their red belt grading in karate – well done to you all!



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School Life

Beatles enjoyed using the forest school areas as part of their learning on the story, Stick Man. They shared the story together and then the children explored the forest looking for their own Stick Man. They then used their Stick Man to retell the story and send Stick Man on different adventures.



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School Life

Some of our Year 3/4 children took part in an inter-school football taster hosted by SGS on their astro-pitch in Steyning. They all had a great time learning skills as well as playing with and against mixed school teams.



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Friends of Thakeham Primary School (FoTS)

Second hand Christmas jumpers and clothing donations as well as any new or unused items matching the colour of your child's class basket (Beatles – Yellow, Wonder – Green, Marley – Red, Franklin – Blue) can be bought into the school office ahead of the Christmas Fayre. Raffle tickets available in the office. Many thanks for your support!

BE PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We need your
Christmas jumpers

FOTS WOULD LIKE YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CLOTHING FOR OUR SECOND HAND SALE.

ANY UNUSED CHRISTMAS CLOTHING INCLUDING JUMPERS, T SHIRTS AND PYJAMAS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL.



Get ready to get cozy!

Please join us to support your local school and businesses

FREE ENTRY

Christmas

FAYRE AT THAKEHAM SCHOOL

Gifts, Food & Drinks

LOTS OF AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON, STALLS, A TOMBOLA, GAMES, AND OUR SPECIAL GUEST..... SANTA!!!

SAT DECEMBER 7TH
FROM 1PM-3PM

 THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROCK ROAD



Organised by FOTS

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Dates for Your Diary

Sat 7th Dec: FoTS Christmas Fayre 1:00-3:00pm

Tues 17th Dec: Beatles Nativity Play 9:30-10:00am

Tues 17th Dec: KS2 Christmas Carol Performance – St Mary’s Church, Crays Lane, Thakeham, RH20 3ER 6-7pm (open to KS2 families only).

Weds 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

Weds 18th Dec: Whole School Nativity - 9:30-10:30am

Thurs 19th Dec: Whole School Nativity - 2:00-3:00pm

Fri 20th Dec: End of term

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

Mon 6th Jan: Start of Spring term

Erin W in Franklin class is appearing in this so please come along and support her!

HENFIELD
THEATRE
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presents

Sponsored by

COLES
AUTOMOTIVE

Scrooge!

Book, Music and Lyrics
by Leslie Bricusse
Directed by Mandy Ainsworth

9, 10 January at 7.30pm
11 January at 1.00pm and 6.00pm

THE HENFIELD HALL

Tickets on sale now from Stevens Estate Agents
or online at www.henfieldtheatrecompany.com

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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

*Scan QR code to order, no later than Thursday 5th December,
Or visit [ParentPay.com](https://www.parentpay.com)*

**Special diets will remain in place.*

American

ALL STARS



Thursday 16th January 2025



MAINS

Burger and Chips
Mac & Cheese

SIDES

Sweetcorn or Baked Beans
Seasonal Salad

DESSERT

Frosted Vanilla Celebration Cake

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than Thursday 2nd January 2025



ALL-TIME GREATS FROM THE
UNITED STATES





Watoto Christmas Party



**YOU'RE INVITED!
19TH DECEMBER**

A charity Xmas themed fun splash session open to all children age 0 - 12yo

Swipe →



Watoto

The Party itself will be on Thursday the 19th of December here at our pool in the heart of West Sussex. We will have Christmas music and games as well as a pop up shop with merchandise produced in the Watoto villages out in Uganda.



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Watoto



Each session is 45 minutes and costs £15 per swimmer. This will include a free present for the kids to take away!

**Sessions run between
12:00 & 19:00**

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Watoto

All of the profit from these bookings will go directly to Watoto and make a real difference to children in need of support.

**Booking is available on our website at
WGSa.co.uk**

We hope to see you there!

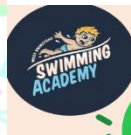


Watoto

All money raised from the event will go Watoto, a charity supporting orphaned children in Uganda and specifically toward building a hydrotherapy pool to help babies and toddlers.



Swipe →



Watoto

Many of these children have been sat for long periods and need support regaining basic fundamental movement skills. We want to raise as much as we can to help them create a larger pool.



Swipe →

RECYCLE YOUR TREE

Rotary
Storrington &
Pulborough District



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**Chestnut
Tree House**
{Children's
Hospice Care}



TO REGISTER"
SCAN HERE!

www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

- Registration Opens 15th Nov 2024
- Registration Closes 7th Jan 2025
- Collecting 11-14th January 2025

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Registered with
**FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR**

After costs, 50% of the monies raised will go to Chestnut Tree House. The remaining 50% will be distributed by Storrington and Pulborough District Rotary Club to many worthy causes in the local community.

JustHelping supports volunteers, businesses, and charities to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for charities in the local community.



105 amazing pupils
16 inspiring adults
149 years established
4 fun-filled classrooms
1 nurturing school

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CARE
courage
ambition
respect
enjoyment



Join today!

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Looking for a school place?

Thakeham is unique in the area. Why? We offer a Small School setting but with BIG school facilities and opportunities. Our small size means we really do know each of our 105 pupils. We can nurture them in a way a large school cannot. Our pupils feel safe; they are happy; and they are celebrated for who they are! Our outcomes are well above the National Average in all areas from Early Years through to Year 6. **In short... our pupils are the BEST and achieve the BEST!**

"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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Be THAKEHAM!
Be one of the BEST!

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](https://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.

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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



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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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