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Be one of the BEST! Be Thakeham!

Newsletter

13/06/25





Welcome

Another busy few weeks - Marley class enjoyed their trip to Wakehurst Place, some Year 5's spent the day at Christ's Hospital learning about science, we had a visit from Starfish Malawi and our Year 6 prefects did a fantastic job of welcoming our new Sept 25 Reception parents to a recent Parents' Evening.

From the 16th-19th June there will be a Book Fair available everyday after school in the New Hall. Children will be popping along during the day with their classes and a wish list to see if there are any books they might like to buy. Payments can be made online, via a card machine in the hall or by scanning the QR code which will be displayed in the hall.

Many thanks to you all for your amazing sweets donations on the FoTS Non-Uniform Day last Friday. The next Non-Uniform Day is on Friday 20th June in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola at the Summer Fayre.

The Summer Fayre is inching ever closer (Monday 7th July), if you are able help with set up and put down on the day, please do make yourself known to the FoTS team (Vikki, Jess and Sam) or email them on: fots@thakehamps.co.uk

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.

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: **96%**

Marley Class: **95%**

Franklin Class: **96%**

Well done everyone!





Awards for the last 3 weeks

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
Una (Wonder) Mary (Marley)		Emilia (Beatles) Thomas P (Beatles) Alia (Wonder) Faith (Wonder) Tommy (Wonder) Stanley (Marley) Iga (Franklin) Jeni (Franklin) Olive (Franklin)		

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Inclusion

I am delighted to share that we have recently been awarded the Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Inclusive Practice Award. Over the past 18 months we have received and delivered training to all our staff around how to identify and support children and families with signs of or diagnoses of dyslexia and dyscalculia. We have reflected on our school learning environment, classroom teaching styles and the way we adapt our learning tasks to ensure that we are enabling all learners to achieve their best. This is a continuous and evolving process and so we are already putting our action plan together for next year. Due to various events taking place this half term, including transition, we have been unable to organise any training or workshops for parents, but this is something we would like to do in the Autumn Term. As always if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's learning, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Many thanks, Mrs Stender



Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Inclusive Practice Award

This certificate is presented to

Thakeham Primary School

**In recognition of successfully achieving the
West Sussex Dyslexia and Dyscalculia
Inclusive Practice Award**

From May 2025 to May 2028



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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.



Well done to Bradley on achieving his second level Orange belt in karate and to Erin who received the golden boot trophy for the 24/25 football season for scoring a total of 24 goals for the under 11's Henfield girls. Amazing!!! 😊

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School Life

In 2010 and 2011 I had the pleasure of working with a charity Starfish Malawi and spent the summer holidays building a classroom and toilet, working with children and supporting the community in a town called Salima. The work that Starfish Malawi do is incredible and you can see the huge difference it makes to the children and educators in Malawi, as well as supporting the local orphanages and care centres there. Their projects also enable people to access basic healthcare and promote the rights of girls and women in tackling gender inequality.



Since the projects I have helped set up school links in previous schools. I think it is so important for children to be open to see the world, how life is like for others and be given an opportunity to share their experiences. The people we met in Malawi had so little financially but gave us so much in return.

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming Chris Knott, the founder of Starfish Malawi who led an assembly and sessions with the children in their classes. Chris is setting up a link between Thakeham Primary and a local school in Malawi and we will share more details as soon as we have them! The link will enable the children to learn about each other's school, their own life experiences and ways we can support each other.



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Marley Class Wakehurst Place Trip



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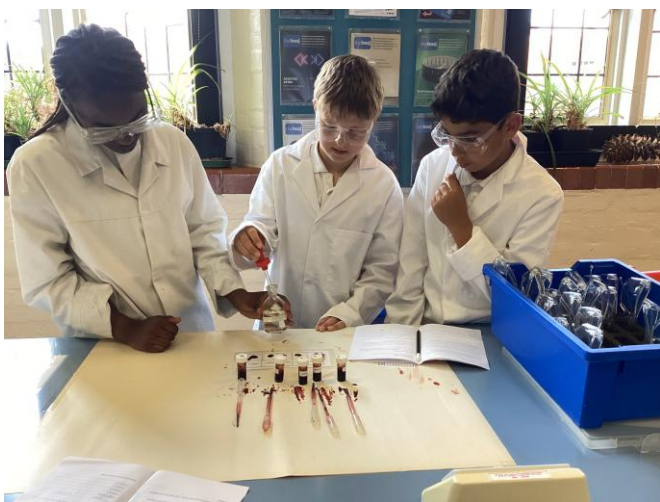
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CHRIST'S
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Year 5 Science Day at Christ's Hospital



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Dates for Your Diary

16th-19th June – Book Fair in New Hall

11th July – FoTS Disco

18th July – last day of term

21st July – Inset Day

22nd July – Inset Day

23rd July – 2nd Sept – Summer holidays



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

SCHOLASTIC **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

COME TO THE
BOOK FAIR

AND EARN
FREE BOOKS
FOR OUR
SCHOOL!

Illustrations from Beastie Bros © David O'Connell, 2025.

A colorful book fair poster. At the top, it says "SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS". Below that, a large green splash shape contains the text "COME TO THE BOOK FAIR". To the right, a yellow starburst shape says "AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!". At the bottom, four books are displayed: "Dog Man: Big Jim Begins" by Dav Pilkey, "Beastie Bros: The Cabbage Juice Crime" by David O'Connell, "Finding Bear" by Hannah Gold, and "Lottie Brooks's Essential Guide to Life" by Katie Kirby. The background is blue with green bushes and cartoon characters on the sides.

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THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAYRE

Monday 7th 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

**BOOK
TODAY!**



SEND FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES EVENT

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

ADVENTURE NETS

JUMPING PILLOWS

ADVENTURE GOLF

**SCAN THE CODE TO BOOK ONLINE
OR VISIT WWW.OUT-OF-BOUNDS.CO.UK**



OUT OF BOUNDS, GOLFERS LANE, ANGMERING, WEST SUSSEX, BN16 4NB
PLEASE VISIT WWW.OUT-OF-BOUNDS.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK. TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY.

**Trinity Methodist Church
Thakeham Road RH20 3NG**



Pet Service

Saturday 28th June

2.00pm

Car Park

**Pets, great and small, and
their owners are all welcome**



Followed by tea and cake

Trinity Methodist Church lives to share God's love in our community by loving God, loving
people, and making a difference



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!





SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

23-30 JULY 2025

8-16 YEARS



Music activities for children & young people

FIND OUT MORE AT
westsussexmusic.co.uk/holidayactivities

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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



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**NEW
VENUE**

Pilates course



Wednesdays 6:15 to 7:10pm
Thakeham Primary School
21st May to 25th June 2025
6 weeks £47.50

www.efitnessstudio.co.uk

 **EFitness Group Exercise**



HIIT **CLASSES**

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:15PM

£8 / SESSION - 1ST SESSION 50% OFF

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BOOK NOW

 **Text Emma: 07508 960 230**

All abilities welcome