



Be the BEST! Be Thakeham!

Newsletter

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Welcome

Happy Friday to you all!

Another busy fortnight with continuing EYFS 25 parent tours, Pupil Consultation evenings, pupils taking part in several events in the local Community and supporting Children in Need!

Reminders to please return your flu vaccination consent forms (stating Yes or No), FoTS are holding a Mufti Day on Friday 22nd Nov in exchange for a bottle for their Christmas Fayre bottle tombola and if you are able, a £1 contribution to the School Council fund as part of Anti-Bullying week.

The Chartwells Christmas lunch (Weds 18th December) will also need to be ordered via ParentPay by the cut-off date of Thurs 5th December. The menu can be viewed further down the Newsletter).

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: **98%**

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 fortnight's weekly awards go to the following pupils:

Ready to Learn Award	Respect Award	Responsible Award	Headteacher Award	Honours Award
Oscar T (Beatles) Daisy (Wonder) Isla (Wonder) Ava (Marley) Reilly (Marley) Olivia P (Franklin)	Daisy (Beatles) Edward (Wonder)	Eryn (Franklin)		

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Inclusion Newsletter

This week is anti-bullying week and the theme is **'Choose Respect'**.

In school we always focus on the positive language. We model what we should be doing or saying and support children in doing the same.

Take some time to share these positive actions that your child/children could do to make sure they are a great friend and showing **respect** to those they meet.

HOW WILL YOU **CHOOSE RESPECT** TODAY? 

Pay attention and listen to what someone is saying, especially if you disagree.

If you know that you've made a mistake, be the first person to say sorry.

Say 'thank you' when someone does something for you. 

Use kind words, and think before you speak.

Be a role model by showing respect in all your actions, every day.



Best wishes, Mrs Stender

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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.

Lucy, Holly and Alannah all attended the Sandra Wilson School of Performing Arts Halloween camp over half term. They all had a great time acting, doing arts and craft, playing games, cooking and showing off their talents in the Halloween show.



Reuben and Malakai took part in the Remembrance Day parade in Storrington with their local Beavers group.

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School Life

Rotary Lunch Community Award

As part of their community award, some of our Year 5/6 prefects served lunch to residents in the local village hall organised by the Rotary Club and our neighbourhood wardens.



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Year 5/6 Basketball and Football Tournaments

Some of our pupils represented the school in some locality school tournaments in Steyning, organised by SGS.



Little Big Sing

Our Year 2s took part in a singing event at Storrington Primary School



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Our Book Worms led in assembly on Thursday morning sharing their 'choice' books from our library with the school.





Thakeham Reporters

We have had a busy time at school with lots of events that our pupils can take part in: the prefects have been to the Storrington Rotary Club serving a delicious mid-day meal at the Storrington Village hall. Our prefects told us: "We got to serve people and feel good about ourselves." We were also told: "They were all really kind and we got a brownie at the end to say thank you." Furthermore: "Everyone there was very friendly and always said thank you," said Erin, Evelyn and Nikos. They all had a great time talking to all of the elderly people and loved going to help them. Showing our school values excellently and they would all like to go next time.

At the other end of the corridor - Wonder- the year 2s have had an exciting time at the Little Big Sing. We were told lots of wonderful things about the experience: "My favourite song was 'Plant a seed'" (Amber). "It was very fun," (Madi). "I liked the car journey," (Matilda). "I liked the break time," (Lexi). "I liked when she played the piano," (Arlo). "All of the songs were amazing," (Edward). "My favourite song was Rain Rain beautiful rain," (Bodhi). I'm sure that they will all remember this experience fondly and all want to go again next time.

This term we have been preparing for this year's Christmas Nativity. KS2 are going to be the vocals and KS1 are the cast. We are getting ready by practicing our festive songs. We feel this year's Christmas Nativity is going to be outstanding! We are sure that our hard work will pay off. Everyone is very excited as the Nativity approaches in the distance.

Reported by: Amelie and Eloise.

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Friends of Thakeham Primary School (FoTS)

FoTS recently hosted a Bake Sale and a Halloween Disco which were both an amazing success, raising lots of money for the school! Your support was much appreciated. Next event is Mufti day on Friday 22nd November in exchange for a bottle for our bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre (Sat 7th Dec 1-3pm).



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Friday 22nd November – Mufti Day in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola. Second hand Christmas jumpers and clothing donations can be bought into the school office ahead of the Christmas Fayre (Sat 7th Dec 1:00-3:00pm) – 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!

The poster has a dark blue background with festive illustrations of Christmas jumpers in red, green, and white. It features a curved banner at the top, large cursive text for the main message, and a small logo at the bottom left.

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

The poster is framed with a red and white striped border. It features festive illustrations of a reindeer, snowflakes, and an angel. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout, with the event name in large, elegant script and the date and time in bold, block letters. A location pin icon is used to indicate the school's address.

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Dates for Your Diary

Fri 22nd Nov – FoTS Mufti Day in exchange for a bottle for the Xmas Fayre bottle tombola and if you can, £1 for the School Council fund.

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

Sat 7th Dec: FoTS Christmas Fayre

Dates with more info to follow nearer the time:

Tues 17th Dec: Beatles Nativity Play

Weds 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

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

*Scan QR code to order, no later than Thursday 5th December,
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enjoyment



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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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Be THAKEHAM!
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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.

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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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Pilates 1020-1115 (term time only)

Fridays

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Thakeham Primary School

Mondays

Yogalates 1800-1900

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