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Welcome

As 2024 draws to a close, we have reached the end of the autumn term and what a packed and fun-filled one it has been!

The FoTS Christmas Fayre was fantastic, the KS2 carol concert at St Marys Church in Thakeham was simply wonderful and the children all performed beautifully in their school nativity productions. The festive spirit is well and truly alive here at Thakeham!

May we take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support this term for your attendance at our Pupil Consultation Evenings, nativity performances, donating items towards the FoTS cake sale and Christmas Fayre, purchasing raffle tickets, volunteering at and attending the Fayre and so on. We are truly grateful.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your family and loved ones and we look forward to welcoming you all back for the Spring term on Monday 6th January.

Seasons greetings 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:

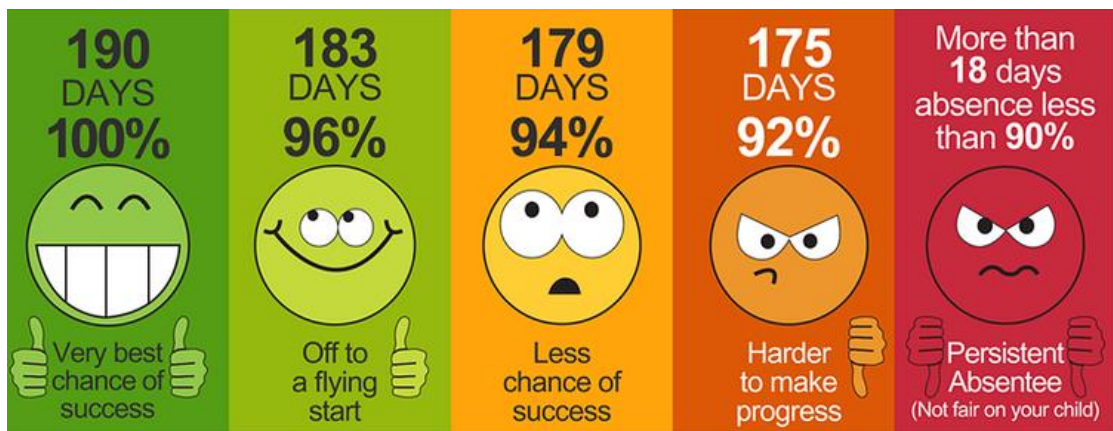
Beatles Class: **97%**

Wonder Class: **97%**

Marley Class: **95%**

Franklin Class: **95%**

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
Eddie (Beatles) Seren (Beatles) Isla (Wonder) Fiyin (Marley) Gabrielle (Marley) Stanley (Marley) Ella (Franklin)	Sophie (Beatles) Jasper (Marley)	Rose (Wonder) Amelie (Franklin)	Tamira (Franklin)	Nikos (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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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.

Erin was invited to decorate the parish council Christmas tree at St Michaels Church after school one afternoon.



Many thanks to all who purchased a poppy/poppy related items for Remembrance Day, we raised £100.50 for the RBL so well done all! The district total was an impressive £8538.58!

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School Life

Wonder class had a visit from local author Jane Hissey.



Year 6 served a Rotary Christmas lunch for their Community Award.



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School Life

Fizz Pop Science Assembly



Our Year 6 Bookworms with some KS1 children.



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School Life

KS2 Carol Concert – St Mary’s Church, Thakeham



School Nativity, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



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Friends of Thakeham Primary School (FoTS)

Huge thanks to everyone that came along and supported the FoTS Xmas Fayre, to all the businesses that donated raffle prizes, the parents for their kind donations of bottles for the bottle tombola, items for the class hampers and volunteers' help on the actual day! We raised an impressive £1,094.45!!! Look out for upcoming FoTS events for 2025! 😊



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Spring Term Clubs (for Years 1-6) – w/c Monday 6th January 2025

Tues morning Karate

Weds morning Multi-sports:

<https://forms.gle/1eyLF3ek9HZPP5Z16>

Thurs morning Pottery

Thurs afternoon Football (Y1-6):

<https://forms.gle/Hvt9CLfAa1n8p9GP8>

Fri afternoon Fizz PopScience Club

All information on Clubs schedule previously sent.

Have-A-Go Pottery Club

Hello Everybody,
My name is Wendy and I offering a Morning Pottery club at your school on Thursday 8am to 8.45am.
Here are some images of samples of what we have made.
During the term you will get to make and paint 3d Animals, 2d items learning different techniques like Coil building and Pinch pots.



Spring Term 12 weeks 9/1/25 to 3/4/25 Total Cost £82.20 sign up for the whole term but can you pay in two payments £41.10
Please can children bring their own apron or old t-shirt thank you.
Please email me to save and place and then I will send you my account details. Thank you From Wendy ☺
Email wendy@have-a-go.co.uk

FIZZPOP SCIENCE

Experiment! Discover! Inspire!

School: Thakeham Primary School
Day and Time: Fridays 1515-1615
Dates: 10/01, 17/01, 24/01, 31/02, 07/02
5 Week Programme Cost: £42

SCIENCE AT WORK

DETECTIVE SCIENCE!
Become a super sleuth Scientist as we work together with Science to see if we can find out Whodunnit!
Discover finger prints and other clues left at the scene of the crime!

MARBLE RUN ENGINEER!
We are the builders of the future so let's be prepared! We will use the Science of engineering to build the best structures to carry our marbles over bouncy towers and radical rails!

SPACE EXPLORERS (1 & 2)!
It's life as an astronaut in this astronomical double session. From finding out about our solar system and using Science to discover life on other planets, to making our own rockets ready for launching! 3...2...1... LIFT OFF!

CRAZY CHEMISTRY!
We learn about the 4 clues of a chemical reaction; from Colour changing liquids to bouncing balls, this is sure to get a reaction from everyone. Chemistry at its best!

FUN GRADUATION!
Hopefully we have given you a taste of the vast array of different scientific work that you may wish to pursue. You will be rewarded with a certificate and a special gift in this fun filled final session.

Terms and Conditions - Refunds can only be given for cancellations made seven days prior to programme commencing. Any cancellations not made within this period will be charged £5.00 administration fee. No reimbursements will be given for any child asked to leave the programme due to bad behaviour. Refunds can not be given for children missing sessions. Programmes may change without prior notice, however every effort is made to keep to workshops as those stated above.

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Dates for Your Diary

Fri 20th Dec: End of term

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

Mon 6th Jan: Start of Spring term

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



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

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

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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
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CARE
courage
ambition
respect
enjoyment



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Looking for a school place?

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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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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.

To apply for a school place please visit westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or call **03330 142 903**.

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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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