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A HEADS UP!

A gentle reminder that next week is the last week of the academic year. Friday 19th is our last day. Pupils will return September 4th.



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Welcome

Happy Friday to you all!

This has been such a wonderful week. We had the fabulous summer production by Franklin Class which showcased some incredible, creative talent! A enormous well done to the cast and a special thanks to Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Bowbrick and Mrs Elvery for making sure the actors were able to shine.

On Wednesday, the school took part in our second 'moving up' day. The children spent time, together, in their new classes. There was a real buzz in the air and we are excited to see what September brings.

A gentle reminder that our back-up Sports Day date is Tuesday 16th July. The weather is currently looking awful again (!). If we do have to cancel Sports Day for a second time, we have a plan C mapped out which we will communicate to you.

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.



Awards this Week

Super Learning Hero Awards

- **Positive Perry:** Jasper (Wonder), Ruben (Wonder), Holly (Marley)
- **Caring Chloe:** Mathilda (Wonder)
- **Reviewing Rowan:** Elliott (Beatles), Elsie (Beatles), Gabrielle (Marley)

Headteacher Awards

- James (Franklin)
- Pollie (Franklin)

Winning House this Week

Congratulations to **Rosen** for scoring the most points this week!

Best Kept Cloakroom

Thank you **Beatles Class** for being the tidiest with a score of **17/20**.

Congratulations to all pupils who received an award this week. Everyone at Thakeham Primary School is proud of you. Well done for espousing our values of: courage, ambition, respect and enjoyment!

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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: **96%**

Franklin Class: **96%**



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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.

Our choir recently took part in the locality 'Big Sing' event.

They went to Storrington Primary School and sang alongside other choirs from local schools.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Also, the staff running the event commented that our pupils not only performed the best but did so with a huge level of confidence and expertise.

Well done Thakeham Primary School Choir!



Inclusion Newsletter

Dear Families,






Thank you for joining me this week to review the targets on pupil's ISPs (Inclusion Support Plans). The meetings were great and it was wonderful to hear from both staff and parents alike about how much progress the children had made. If you ever have any queries, please feel free to email me at senco@thakehamps.co.uk.

Best wishes, Mrs Stender

Anxiety Busting!

The next time your mind is stuck on anxiety and worry, try the following simple exercise!

Look around you and notice:

-  **5 things you can see:** Your hands, the sky, a plant.
-  **4 things you can feel:** Feet on the ground, the chair.
-  **3 things you can hear:** Birds chirping, your breath.
-  **2 things you can smell:** Coffee, your lunch, clothes.
-  **1 thing you can taste:** A mint, gum, the fresh air.

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Governor Update

Dear Families and Friends of Thakeham Primary School,

We are the members of the Governing Body. You can find out more about who we are by visiting the school's website. The Board has three roles. These are:

[1] Monitor the strategic direction of the school.

[2] Oversee the financial performance of the school and ensure money is well-spent.

[3] Hold the Headteacher and Leaders to account.

The Chair, Mr Tom Gray, is usually in school and on the gate with Mr McDonald every Friday. Mrs Karen Bridle is our Parent Governor.

We are delighted by the progress the school has made over the past two and a half years as evidenced by the fantastic outcomes reported this academic year. It is looking like Thakeham Primary School will not only be the best performing school in the area but also one of the best in West Sussex and England! This is wonderful!

Thank you for your support and we wish you the best of summers!

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Friends of Thakeham Primary School (FOTS)

We are delighted to announce that a new central committee is now in place for September. This is really exciting! 😊

We will be meeting in September to plan out an exciting year ahead of fundraising. FOTS is an essential part of Thakeham Primary School.

If you are interested in supporting FOTS, please make contact with either Vikki Byatt, Sam Murrell or Jess Boyle.

Thank you to Vikki, Sam and Jess for agreeing to be part of FOTS. We are ever so grateful.



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School Life



*Well done, Franklin, for a
fantastic end of year summer
production!*

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Dates for Your Diary

- **July 16th 9am to 12pm:** Sports Day (a heads up that we may need to move the date once more as the weather is predicted to be poor again).
- **July 16th 3:30pm to 4pm:** Meet the Teacher Event.
- **July 18th:** Year 6 End of Year Treat Day at Lodge Hill.
- **July 19th 2pm:** Year 6 leavers assembly
- **July 19th:** Last day of the academic year for all pupils.
- **September 4th:** First day of the Autumn 1 Term.

A reminder that the End of Year reports are being sent home today. For Beatles, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6, the reports also contain information about the statutory assessments they undertook.

Should you have any questions, then teachers know that you may be approaching them next week.

Please speak with them at pick-up to arrange a time to talk.

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Have a nice Weekend

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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!

Thakeham Primary School

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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Chartwells

So much more than fantastic food

We have been listening to feedback from schools and parents, and we are very pleased to be able to share with you the brand new website link for Chartwells West Sussex:

Web: [West Sussex | Chartwells](#)

Scan me:



Parents can find all the links on here including, the menu, theme day menus, ParentPay guides (an FAQ will be added shortly), and of course, Chartwells' direct contact details.



Strength and Motion Fitness Classes



Thakeham Village Hall

Mondays

Yoga 1245-1355

Gentle Weights 1400-1455

Relaxation 1500-1530

Tuesdays

Yogalates 1030-1130

Thursdays

Pilates 0920-1015

Pilates 1020-1115 (term time only)

Fridays

Yoga 700-800

Thakeham Primary School

Mondays

Yogalates 1800-1900

Laurie Apted Building Southwater

Fridays

Pilates 1100-1200

For more details contact Sarah

Tel: 07878 366950 Email: sarahpasby@btinternet.com



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Feelings

Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource
for learning about health



Parents and Carers!

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Text your School Nurse team for confidential advice and support:

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Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday from 9 am - 4.30 pm (excluding bank holidays and weekends). If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

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	£24.95 Per day	£24.95 Per day	
	5 - 11 Years	5 - 11 Years	
	8:30 dropoff - 4pm pick up	8:30 dropoff - 4pm pick up	

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A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
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Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Whitsun half-term.

Children can meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

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Windlesham House School Holiday Camp (Pulborough)

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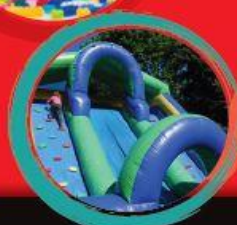
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Providing fantastic OFSTED registered childcare with over 60 different activities for children to take part in, you will have complete peace of mind knowing that your children are not only having a great time but are safe and cared for too.

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WEST CHILTINGTON VILLAGE SHOW

2024

Celebrating our Community

Saturday 13th July 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Recreation Ground, West Chiltington

ALL THE FUN OF THE VILLAGE SHOW

Supporting 3 charities:

**ABC Animal Sanctuary, Family Support Work,
Mary How Trust as well as smaller groups**

Good food and drinks with a difference!

Over 40 craft stalls

**Competitions: Handicrafts,
Photography, Painting, Produce**

**Dog Show: 9 classes, choose
as many as your dog likes!**

Garage: vintage cars on show

**Raffle Prizes: great prizes, including tours of
vineyards, a massage, theatre tickets**

Fun games for children

**Balloon Modelling, Punch & Judy,
Family Magic Show**

Tombola, Teas and cakes, Ice cream van

... and much, much more

Everyone welcome - Free entry





Autism and Social Communication Advisory Team

Exploring Autism for Parents and Carers

A new and updated programme
offering up to date thinking and links
to research-based evidence for parent
carers of autistic children
and young people.



Sessions to explore Autism and strategies to support acceptance, empowerment, and relationships in family life.

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person, aged 8-16 years, who is autistic or on the social communication pathway and have not attended this course before?

This NEW programme has been redeveloped to ensure that it is current and up to date. The course is an excellent source of information for those new to Autism or for those requiring a little more in-depth knowledge. Parent carers and the facilitators will learn and collaborate together. The programme is free of charge to families of children in West Sussex maintained schools and academies, at this time.

Course aims:

- to give a broad and balanced and positive view of how autism and social communication differences may impact on the child/young person's life and that of the family.
- to explore key practical strategies that can support autistic children.
- to provide a forum for families to share their experiences and expertise together.

Course outline:

The six sessions will be focused on both theoretical and practical aspects of autism and the resulting strengths and challenges. These recorded sessions can be watched when convenient to the family, followed by the one hour weekly group meeting. This provides opportunity to participate in discussions and ask questions via an online platform. We ask that parents attend each of these weekly online discussion groups.



In order for participants to fully benefit from this course we ask that they attend **all** sessions.

Topics covered by session:

Session 1: Autism Acceptance

Develop understanding of autism, discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis and identify how autism can affect families.

Session 2: Communication

Develop understanding of communication difficulties and strategies to improve communication and interaction skills for the autistic child/young person.

Session 3: Sensory Needs

Consider how sensory information and experiences may be processed differently by those who are autistic, share strategies to help with sensory differences.

Session 4: Anxiety

Improve understanding of the signs of distress that autistic young people may display and consider approaches to support self-regulation.

Session 5: Social Thinking and Masking

Explore the differences autistic young people may have with socialising and developing relationships. Look at ways to develop social thinking, explore the idea and impact of masking.

Session 6: Adolescence and Independence

Consider ways to encourage independence and manage adolescence challenges including puberty, sensory impact and social differences.

Exploring Autism Welcome Video:

<https://youtu.be/JqGPImJHRMs>

Dates:

Spring 2: Every Thursday 12-1pm from 22nd February to the 28th March 2024.

Summer: Every Thursday 6.30-7.30pm from 18th April to the 23rd May 2024.

Summer 2: Every Wednesday 1-2pm from 5th June - 10th July 2024.

Summer Holidays: 6.30-7.30pm Dates TBC.

For further details please contact:

Email: ASCT@westsussex.gov.uk

Please note there are a limited number of places on this course.

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SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

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- 16TH APRIL BEREAVEMENT
- 15TH MAY SUPPORTING PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION
- 13TH JUNE SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP CARERS
- TBC JULY CYBER SAFETY



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THE STREET THAKEHAM

SUNDAY 14th JULY, 2-4 PM

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BUCKET FOR DONATIONS- PLEASE BRING CASH.

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