

*Be one of the BEST! Be Thakeham!*

# Newsletter

07/03/25



## **This edition's front cover**

Two of our Thakeham pupils proudly showing off their fabulous World Book Day costumes! Thank you for the effort. It is fabulous to see.

# At Thakeham we CARE



## Welcome

We hope you all had a restful half term!

The second half of the Spring term has got off to a flying start with Wonder Class being detectives for the day, Beatles and Marley classes visiting Amberley Museum, Parents' Evenings, School Class photos and World Book Day! The children's costumes and hat designs were fantastic!

There is still time to order your Usborne books and help us to reach our target so the school can receive free books for the library! You have until March 12<sup>th</sup> to place your order following this link: <https://shorturl.at/GKEK0> - many thanks for your support.

Have a great 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: **96%**

Wonder Class: **95%**

Marley Class: **95%**

Franklin Class: **95%**

Well done everyone!





## Awards this Fortnight

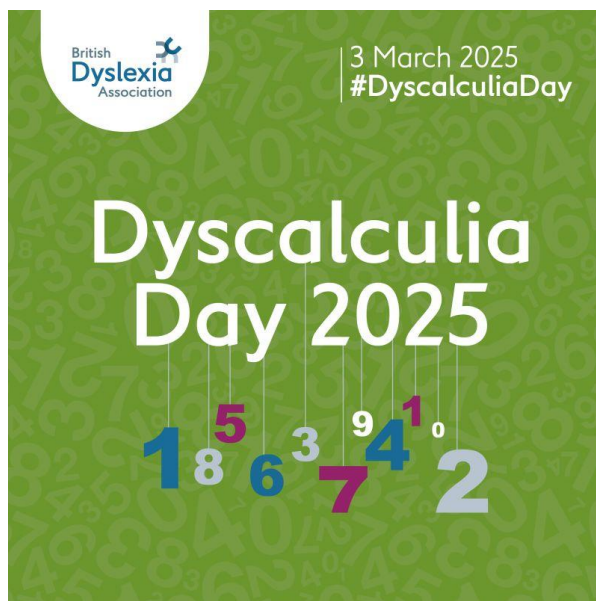
This year, we have moved away from using the Super Learning Hero Awards because they do not match our new school systems and values. The children helped us choose the new awards. They decided to base them on our 3Rs (Ready, Respectful, Responsible). The pupils who achieve an Honours Award will be invited 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
Darcey (Beatles) Harrison (Wonder) Amariaah (Marley) Bertie (Franklin) Alhannah (Franklin)	Elliot L (Wonder) Naia (Wonder)	Seren (Beatles) Talia (Marley)		

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## Inclusion Newsletter



As Dyscalculia day was recently celebrated this week, I just wanted to raise it's profile and awareness once again.

Dyscalculia is a learning disability that makes it hard to understand, learn, or use numbers and math. It's also known as a mathematics learning disability. Symptoms of dyscalculia include:

- Difficulty with counting, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing
- Difficulty with money management, such as making change or calculating a tip
- Difficulty in calculating time or distances
- Difficulty in spotting patterns with numbers
- High levels of anxiety

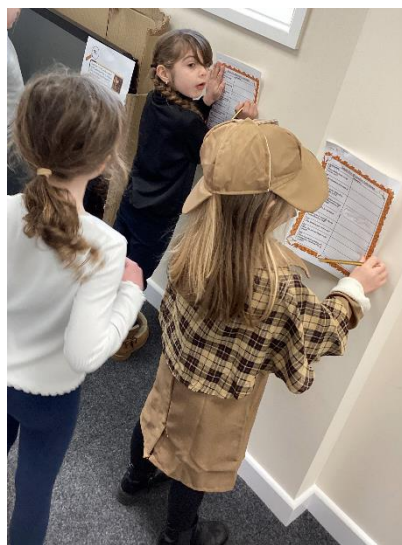
In school we are working on the early identification and support for our pupils who may show signs of dyscalculia. If you have any questions or concerns about your own child and their math knowledge/ skills, please feel free to speak to your class teacher or myself.

Kind regards, Mrs Stender

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## School Life

### Wonder Class Detectives Day



Headteacher: Mr Will McDonald  
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Emma Hopkins  
SENCO: Mrs Bex Stender  
Operations Manager: Mrs Georgina Ritchie

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### Amberley Museum Trip – Beatles Class



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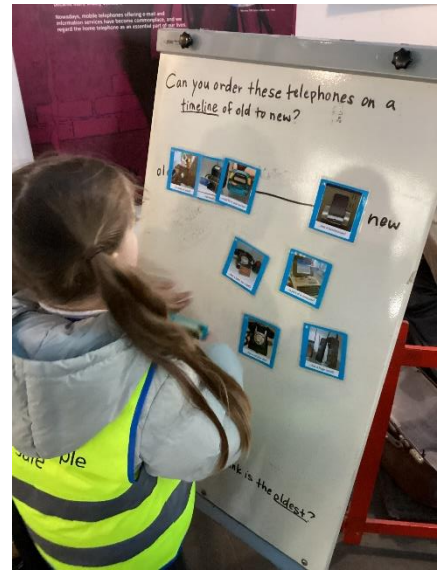
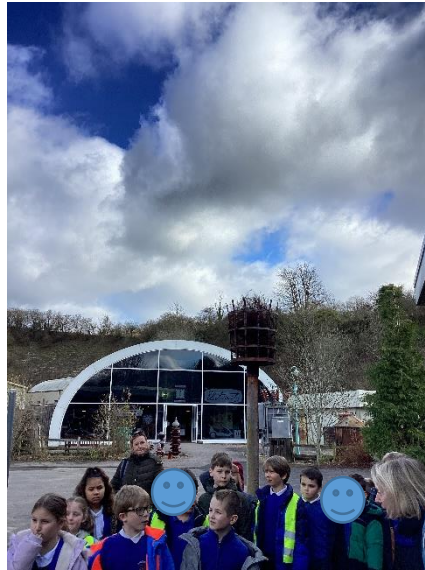
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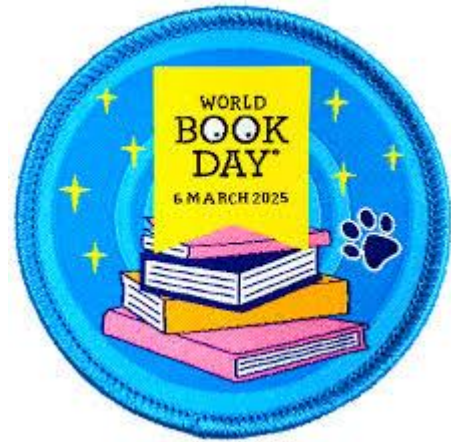
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### World Book Day 2025



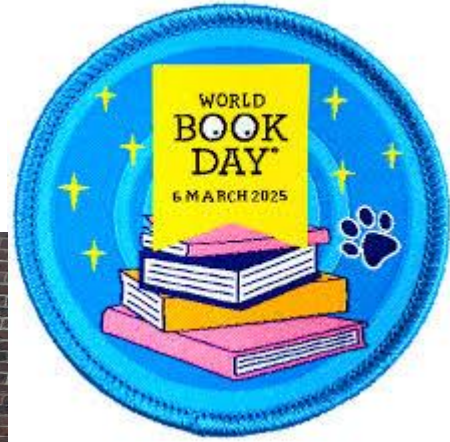
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## Dates for Your Diary



**28<sup>th</sup> March – March Music Festival (info to follow nearer the time)**

**4<sup>th</sup> April – end of Spring term**

**7<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April – Spring break**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April – Start of Summer term 1**

**5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May – half term**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June – Start of Summer term 2**

**18<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term**

**21<sup>st</sup> July – Inset Day**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Summer holidays**

One of our pupils Lucy will be taking part in a Sandra Wilson stage production of The Greatest Showman!!

The show is on Sunday 23rd of March at 6.30pm, at the Billingshurst Centre, Roman Way, Billingshurst, RH14 9EW.

There will be a **CASH ONLY** bar where wine, prosecco, beer and soft drinks can be purchased before the performance.

If anyone would like to attend please contact Gemma Banks on 07460677631 so tickets can be purchased at a cost of £9 each.

A really great evening for all!



The menu is set against a vibrant pink background decorated with several colorful Easter eggs in shades of yellow, white, tan, purple, and light pink. At the top center, a white silhouette of a rabbit is leaping over the word 'EASTER'.

# EASTER TREATS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

## MAINS

Beef Burger  
Chilli No Carne  
Jacket Potato & Beans

## SIDES

Spring Vegetables  
Seasonal Salad

## DESSERT

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Order via [ParentPay](#) no later than  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025



*Please Note: Special diets will remain in place.*

# THAKEHAM SEND

## PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

At Thakeham Village Hall

Friday 7th March  
7.30-8.30pm

Come and chat with parents and carers on a similar journey. Parents and carers of local villages welcome.

For further details, please contact: [hrthakehamsendgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hrthakehamsendgroup@gmail.com)





Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 6-7pm. Bohunt Horsham, Bailey Road, Horsham RH12 6AP. Tickets are priced at £4 each and can be purchased via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/explosive-food-tickets-1144078021159>



# Pied Piper Activities

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NEW



FREE

## PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE

A 5 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING AROUND SUPPORTING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH, OFFERING A SAFE SPACE TO REFLECT AND FIND PEER SUPPORT.

TOPICS INCLUDE SELF-ESTEEM, ANXIETY & EMOTIONS, COMMUNICATION AND MORE!

**WORTHING - 24TH APRIL - 5TH JUNE (WEEKLY)**

10AM-12NOON

8 -10 DURRINGTON LN, WORTHING BN13 2QG

**CRAWLEY - 19TH JUNE - 17TH JULY (WEEKLY)**

12:30-14:30

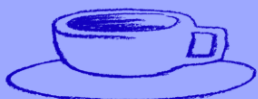
BEWBUSH CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE, DORSTEN SQUARE, CRAWLEY RH11 8XW

**BOGNOR REGIS - 18TH SEP - 16TH OCT (WEEKLY)**

10AM-12NOON

ARUN WEST FAMILY HUB, LABURNUM GROVE, BOGNOR REGIS PO22 9HT

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!



TO SECURE YOUR PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL: [PARENTINGSUPPORT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG](mailto:PARENTINGSUPPORT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG)

# FREE DROP-IN SESSION

This drop-in session will be held at  
Pulborough Library on Thursday  
13th March, 10:00-11:00.

This is a support group for  
Parents and Carers of Autistic and  
SEN children. Come along and  
meet with other parents on a  
similar journey to you. No  
diagnosis required, no pressure  
just a free cup of tea and a chat.

It will be staffed by our  
experienced Aspens/Autism  
Central Sussex Family Wrap  
Around Coordinator, who can help  
answer questions about autism,  
how to access support as well as  
offer guidance and advice.

The Autism Central South East  
Hub aims to help families to learn  
more about autism and the  
support available to them by  
signposting to useful resources  
and learning.

The address for Pulborough  
Library is Brooks Way, Pulborough  
RH20 2BQ. We hope to see you  
there!



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District  
Council**

- We are here to listen to you
- We are here to offer guidance
- Increase your knowledge
- Help you through challenges
- Increase your confidence
- Help you navigate services
- Provide you with skills that last
- Offer FREE 1:1 appointments

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## BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

DRAW A SPRING FLOWER!

### SPRING WORD SEARCH!

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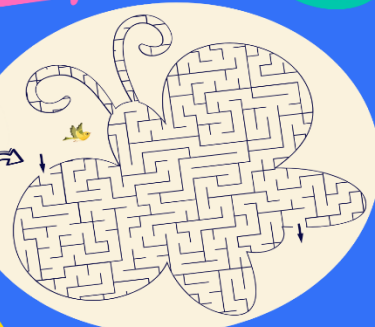
- BIRD
- SPRING
- RAINBOW
- BUTTERFLY
- TULIP
- BEE
- BUNNY
- BLOOM
- SEEDS
- CLOVER

LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION!  
Let's stay fit & healthy! Try these exercises!

- 5X PUSHUPS
- 5X LUNGES
- 5X STAR JUMPS
- 1 MINUTE PLANK!



HELP THE BUTTERFLY THROUGH THE MAZE!



How many birds can you see?

FUN FACT

Spring is a time of change: Animals like hedgehogs and bumblebees wake up from hibernation, and lambs frolic in the fields.

HEY!  
I'm BILLY Barracuda! Spring is coming and it's time to enjoy brighter and longer days!



Let's count together... in 6s!

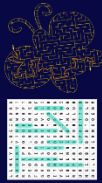
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Match the SPRING ANIMALS!

- Butterfly
- Bee
- Rabbit
- Hedgehog
- Badger
- Toad



ANSWERS



Visit [barracudas.co.uk](http://barracudas.co.uk)  
or call 01480 467 567

# Art Camp



Does your child enjoy creating art? Enrol them in our exciting 2-day Art Camp! This session, they'll explore the art of lino printing—carving their own designs and experimenting with prints on various coloured papers to create unique collages. It's a great chance for them to get creative, try something different, and make new friends along the way!

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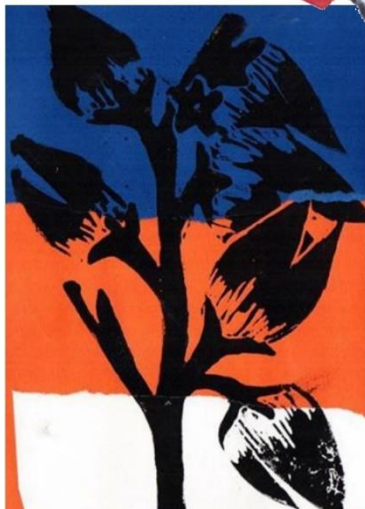
Age group: 8-13

Time: April 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
9am – 3pm

Place: West Chiltonington Village Hall  
Mill Rd, West Chiltonington,  
Pulborough  
RH20 2PZ

Cost: £80 per child  
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You can also email Debs Wilkinson ([d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk](mailto:d.wilkinson@chi.ac.uk)) to talk about the primary courses and Jeremy Smith ([j.smith@chi.ac.uk](mailto:j.smith@chi.ac.uk)) to discuss the secondary routes.



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## Our Lady of Sion School Senior School Open Day Tuesday 11th March Tuesday 18th March

11:00am-12:30pm  
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"Coming to Sion has  
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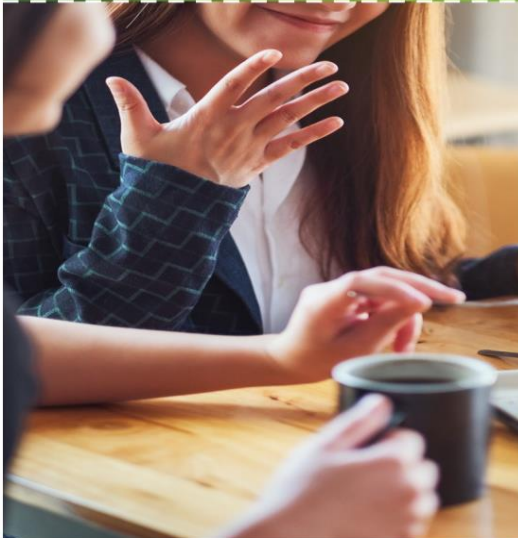
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# Journey

A support group for  
Parents and Carers of  
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Come along this month to any of our sessions and meet with other parents on a similar journey to you.

No diagnosis required, no pressure, just a free cuppa and a chat.



## Ashington

ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Friday 17 Jan 10am - 11am  
Friday 14 Feb | 10am - 11am  
Friday 14 Mar | 10am - 11am

Ashington Church, Church Lane, RH20 3JX

## Pulborough

Pulborough.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 16 Jan | 10:00 am 11:00am  
Thursday 13 Feb | 10:00 am 11:00am  
Thursday 13 Mar | 10:00 am 11:00am

Pulborough Library, Brooks Way, off Lower Street. RH20 2BP

## Storrington & Sullington

Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Tuesday 21 Jan | 10am - 11am  
Tuesday 18 Feb | 10am - 11am  
Tuesday 18 Mar | 10am - 11am

Storrington Library, (North Street) Car Park. 6 North Street Storrington. RH20 4NZ

## Southwater

Southwater.wardens@horsham.gov.uk

Thursday 23 Jan | 10:30am - 11:30am  
Thursday 20 Feb | 10:30am - 11:30am  
Thursday 20 Mar | 10:30am - 11:30am

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road Southwater. RH13 9LA

## Billingshurst

billingshurstwardens@horsham.gov.uk

Monday 13 Jan | 9.00am - 10.30am

The Depot, 83a High Street, Billingshurst  
\*further dates to follow



**FREE**

## MULTI SPORTS FOR AUTISTIC & SEN CHILDREN

### WEDNESDAY 4PM - 5:30PM

### 26TH FEB - 26TH MARCH

**DROP IN SESSION, COME AND HAVE A GO!  
PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPERVISE**

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**2025**  
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EFitness Group Exercise



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All abilities welcome



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**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**

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For more details contact Sarah

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