

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



17th January 2025

Welcome to 2025!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Spring term is the beginning of longer days, lighter mornings and more activities happening in the school.

This term year 1-5 have the chance to go swimming at the Arun Leisure Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to work in mixed groups to develop their swimming ability and have the chance to develop more water confidence.

Acorn Class will be starting to learn the Cornet, which makes for quite a noisy Tuesday afternoon. It is always fantastic to see the children developing a new talent, with many able to use skills from other musical instruments to support them. We are very much looking forward to their performance at the end of the term, which parents will be invited to.

Over the next few weeks the children will be once again be planting bulbs around the school, getting ready for the warmer months. If you have any spare gloves or equipment we could borrow, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.
All the best,
Laura Webb
Headteacher

This half term we have been thinking about generosity. The children have been focusing on sharing and how it links to kindness. Galatians 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Dates

20/01	Start of prayer week
20/01	Splash Assembly
22/01	Year 4 Play leaders
23/01	Yr 5/6 Football
04/02	Travelling book fair
05/02	Netball tournament
07/02	Benchball Yr 5/6
10/02 - 12/02	Year 6 Bikeability training
12/02	Catkins and Acorns trip to the Novium.
13/02	Chestnut Class trip to the D-day museum
24/02	Inset day
25/02	Performing arts deanery day
06/03	World Book Day
07/03	Start of British Science week
17/03	SPLASH assembly
19/03	Marine STEM workshop for yr 5/6
25/03	Sussex Cricket workshops
31/03	Parents evening
01/04	Parents evening
02/04	Easter Service

What's happening in school?

Save the date!

This years summer fair will take place on the 21st June!



What is my child learning?

Do you ever wonder what your children have been learning in school? Ever think about how best to support them in their learning at home? Well, look no further...

The teachers have been working hard and have updated the class pages on the school website. On these pages you will find an overview of learning for the year, as well we knowledge organisers, which detail the vocabulary and key questions they will be asked in the foundation subjects.

Please find them at:

- Catkins - https://www.slindonprimary.co.uk/web/spring_term_-_first_half_term_2025_/703325
- Acorns - https://www.slindonprimary.co.uk/web/spring_term_2025/703389
- Chestnuts - https://www.slindonprimary.co.uk/web/spring_term_2025/703390

Maths fact – What is a square number?

A square number is the result when a number has been multiplied by itself.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \times 1 = 1 \\ 2 \times 2 = 4 \\ 3 \times 3 = 9 \\ 4 \times 4 = 16 \\ 5 \times 5 = 25 \end{array}$$

SPAG fact- Pronoun

Used in place of the noun, e.g. You need to be home by 9pm





Little Lifesavers

Chestnut Class had the wonderful opportunity of taking part in the Little Lifesavers workshop, at school on the 13th January. Please see below a synopsis from the class, along with some pictures.

Chestnut class were fortunate enough to be able to take part in Little Lifesavers this week, which was all about using skills to help save others. We met David, Karen and Mary, who taught us the skills to save someone who was choking, or who needed CPR. The class then looked at the recovery position and worked in pairs to practice. The class approached this session with great maturity and it was great to see them retain all of the knowledge that they had acquired. Well done Chestnut class!

Miss Coote



Safeguarding at Slindon

What is safeguarding?

Visitors coming on to school premises, including the playground, have a duty of care towards the welfare and safety of the children and adults in the school. This is called safeguarding.

Safeguarding means that:

- children are protected from maltreatment
- a child's health or development is protected
- children grow up with safe and effective care
- action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of children in our care to protect them from harm. **We take this responsibility very seriously** and we work in close partnership with parents and professionals to protect all of our children. The school will take any reasonable action to ensure the welfare and safety of its pupils is maintained.

Our staff and governors have been trained on safeguarding in line with the KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION document and have taken part in 'PREVENT'.

If you worried about a child's safety you can contact IFD (Integrated Front Door) directly on [01403 229900](tel:01403229900)

Who to contact in our school

If in doubt, talk to someone... Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Laura Webb, Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Deputies

Mrs Hazel Flower, School Business Manager

Mrs Karen Cooper, School Secretary

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Katy Horner

Or you can email: dsl@slindonprimary.co.uk

REMEMBER, KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOO!

School governor vacancy – Slindon CofE Primary School

Parent Governor vacancy

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. As a governor you will be able to:

- Use your own experience of education and life beyond school to inform conversations
- Develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment
- Make a valuable contribution to education and your community
- Support and challenge the school so that it improves for pupils and staff
- Bring your unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision-making in the interests of the school community

Governors set the aims and objectives for the school or group of schools and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. In action, this means:

- Managing budgets and deciding how money is spent
- Engaging with pupils, staff, parents and the school community
- Sitting on panels and making decisions about things like pupil exclusions and staff disciplinary
- Addressing a range of education issues within the school including disadvantaged pupils, pupils with special needs, staff workload and teacher recruitment
- Looking at data and evidence to ask questions and have challenging conversations about the school
- Appointing and performance reviewing the head teacher and senior leaders, including making decisions about pay

For an informal conversation please contact Phil Johnson, Chair of Governors –
pjohnson@slindonprimary.co.uk

Skills

Anyone aged over 18 can be a governor and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education.

Schools needs and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.

It is also important that you have time to commit to the role. School governors typically attend 6-12 meetings per year, as well as making school visits and having background reading and training.

Other specific questions for school to answer

You will also need to undertake a DBS check with the school and pass all relevant disqualification checks.

Standard School Year 2024/2025

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2024/2025 for West Sussex

The School Year

	2024			
	September	October	November	December
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 28
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29

	2025			
	January	February	March	April
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27

	May	June	July	August
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31

Bank and Public Holidays 2024/2025

Christmas Holiday	25th December 2024	May Day	5th May 2025
Boxing Day	26th December 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
New Year Day Holiday	1st January 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025		
Easter Monday	21st April 2025		

Useful Information

Term Lengths (days)

School holidays		September to October half term	40
		October to December	35
Bank holidays and national holidays		January to February half term	30
		February to April	30
Start of Term		April to May half term	23
		June to July	37
End of Term		Total	195 days

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2025 will not be determined until the 2025/26 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.

Headlice

We have recently had cases of headlice in the school. Please ensure you are checking your child's hair regularly and treating any lice found. More information on how to treat headlice can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

ENJOY ARCHERY, FENCING, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TENNIS,
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or contact the College Office: 01730 812451



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