

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



15th November 2024

Thankfulness

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we have been discussing with the children the things we are thankful for, and as always, the children have come up with some marvelous ideas, thoughts and feelings.

Just some of the ideas are:

- Thankful for my family.
- Thankful for my teachers.
- Thankful for my pets.
- Thankful for dinosaurs.
- Thankful for all the fun things.
- Thankful for my food.
- Thankful for trips.

For the final point, Acorn Class visited Pizza Express this week and had a wonderful time exploring the origins of pizza, what it is made from and then of course, having the opportunity to eat it. This linked in with their work on digestion and healthy eating in science, focusing on seasonality.

As a school, we are also thankful to those of you who came to our reading and maths morning, it was fantastic to have you all in the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

All the best,
Laura Webb
Headteacher

Our collective worship theme is thankfulness, linked to goodness.
As a school we will be thinking of what makes us thankful at home..

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

19/11	Catkin Class to Goodwood Farm
20/11	Re-scheduled girls football.
19 th and 20 th / 11	Parents evening
21/11	Chestnut Class Parliament trip
29/11	Own clothes for a tombola prize.
4/12	Own clothes for a bottle.
6/12	School Christmas Fair
09/12	Whole School Pantomime
12/12	Christmas Jumper Day
12/12	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
13/12	Christmas shopping day
13/12	Catkin Class Nativity (PM)
15/12	Christingle Service at St Mary's
16/12	Christmas film night
17/12	Messy Church
18/12	Christmas Carol Service
19/12	Christmas lunch and parties

What's happening in school?

Residential visit

Chestnut Class had a fantastic time on our residential to CYE where we spent two nights living on a boat and three jam-packed days of land and water activities.

Chestnuts said:

On our residential we did an assault course, and everyone enjoyed it. Although some people were a bit scared, we all conquered our fears! We all went on a late-night walk around the area and sat on the beach to reflect on our wonderful day and the amazing activities.

One of our favourite activities was tunnelling and there was even the second longest tunnel in Europe!

On the water we went sailing and rafting, which was hard work, but we made it all the way to Bosham!

We had the most delicious, scrumptious cake every day!



Maths fact – Minuend

The first number in a subtraction. The number from which another number (the subtrahend) is to be subtracted. minuend – subtrahend = difference

SPAG fact- Future perfect progressive tense
The future perfect progressive tense is used for an ongoing action that will be completed at some specified time in the future.

For example:

John will have been baking a cake.

They will have been painting the fence.



Acorn Class visit to Pizza Express

On Wednesday 13th November, Acorn Class ventured to Pizza Express in Arundel, to take part in a pizza making workshop.

While there, the children also learnt about the traditional toppings placed on pizza (no pineapple), why Pizza Express was set up and where they source their ingredients from. However, the most exciting part for the children was the making of the pizza!

The children started this process by stretching the dough, with many of them covered in flour, by the time they had the perfect shape. They then used tomato sauce, mozzarella and basil to finish off their masterpieces, before they were placed in the searingly hot Pizza Express ovens.

We were very impressed with the children's resilience in not eating the pizza in one go and hope they enjoyed sharing it with their families.



PTA dates



The PTA are busy putting together our Christmas events, here are a few dates for your diary...

Christmas Dates!

Friday 29th November – Own clothes day in exchange for a tombola prize.

Wednesday 4th December – Own clothes day in exchange for a bottle.

- **Christmas Fair- 6th December- 3.45pm- 5.30pm.**
- **Christmas shopping day- Friday 13th December**
 - **Presents to cost £3 each.**
- **Christmas movie night- Monday 16th December**
 - **£2:50**

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.

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

Christmas Lunch



Join our festive lunch by ordering on ParentPay for
.....Thursday 12th 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 28th November, Or visit
ParentPay.com*

**Special diets will remain in place.*

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



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.



WS110(M) 08.24



December-
21st,
23rd,
30th
and 31st

Winter Holiday club



Ages 8 to 12 years old

**Free for those accessing
benefits related free school
meals**

**Book in through the link
or
haf@westsussex.gov.uk**

dalesouthcoastskateclub@outlook.com



-Skateboarding-

-T-shirt design-

-Games-

-Skateboard design-

-Art and crafts and more...



**Unit 8, 33 Chartwell rd,
Lancing, Bn15 8sp**



MUSIC CENTRES



BOGNOR REGIS

THU 16:30 - 18:00

CHICHESTER

SAT 09:00 - 12:30

HORSHAM

SAT 09:00 - 14:30

WORTHING

FRI 16:30 - 19:30 & WED 16:30 - 17:30

FIND OUT MORE:

 www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/make-music/music-centres/

 **01403 286330**



Supported using public funding by



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



2 - 3 JANUARY

BOGNOR REGIS - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

CRAWLEY - DJ & MUSIC PRODUCTION

LITTLEHAMPTON - ROCK & POP BAND

AGES 8 - 16YRS

SIGN UP HERE


WWW.WESTSUSSEXMUSIC.CO.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES



Supported using public funding by



ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam



Brownies

Westergate Methodist Church
6-7:15 pm on Thursdays



Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure




for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: Exempted from registration



Join a local Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

in partnership with
westsussexwest
School Sport Partnership



ARENA
SPORTS CENTRE

Ring
reception
to book:
01243
870000

Christmas holiday camps

Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers,
coaches & School Games Organisers. Activities include:

**Football, Tag rugby, Golf, Athletics, Striking
& Fielding, Arts & Crafts and much more!**

Please note activities may vary daily

Bookings open **Monday 4th November** (limited places available)

Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00

School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 24-25)

Dates **Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th December
& Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January**

(individual day bookings available)

£19.75 or £74 for all 4 days! - Includes a hot meal!

All children accessing benefits related free school meals can access for
free via HAF, check with West Sussex County Council for more information.

HAF places please book via the WSCC website:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf



Booking deadline for all dates above:
Saturday 14th December

Please contact us for booking:

Tel 01243 870000 www.arenasportscentre.com

Email **bookings@arenasportscentre.com**



Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD





Walberton Players Youth Theatre
are looking for children aged 7-17yrs old
to come and join us and be part of our
next show **Shrek Jr.**

Rehearsals start on
Thursday 9th January 2025
18.30-20.30pm
At Walberton Village Hall.

Contact Claire for more information at:
Youth@walbertonplayers.org