

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



24th October 2024

End of the half term!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the end of the half term and I can't believe how quickly it has flown past. The children have continued to amaze us with their perseverance and response to the changes this half term.

Chestnuts had a fantastic time on residential and really challenged themselves to take part in activities, which they have never done before. Please see the report later in this newsletter.

We have also had our annual pumpkin parade, with a variety of fun designs showing up in the school foyer and being admired by all who see them. As well as a formidable cross country run, taken part in by the whole school.

As we move into autumn 2 we have a whole host of Christmas activities and performances. Please keep your eyes peeled for updates from our PTA and the dates for Catkins Class nativity.

As always, if you have any questions or are unsure of anything, please do come in and ask us.

Thank you for your continued support.

All the best,
Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

25/10	INSET day
4/11	Yr 5/6 Girls and boys cricket at the Arena
6/11	Reading morning
7/11	KS2 Netball
12/11	Messy Church
13/11	Acorn Class to Pizza Express
14/11	Maths morning
15/11	Children in Need Day
19/11	Catkin Class to Goodwood Farm
19 th and 20 th / 11	Parents evening
21/11	Chestnut class Parliament trip
09/12	Whole School Pantomime
12/12	Christmas Jumper Day
12/12	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
15/12	Christingle Service at St Mary's
18/12	Christmas Carol Service
19/12	Christmas lunch and parties

Our collective worship theme for the next half term is thankfulness, linked to goodness.

We will be exploring what we can be thankful for.

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.

What's happening in school?

Pumpkin Parade

I am always amazed at creativity of the children when it comes to our annual pumpkin parade. This is a very traditional celebration for the school, highlighting the importance of pumpkins to Slindon Village. Although the farm and display may be gone, we continue to honour this tradition at our school.

The children all had the chance to come and look at the wonderful display, picking out their favourites and admiring the ingenuity of some of the designs.

Which ones do you like the most?



Maths fact – Do you know the 5 times table?

0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60

What do you notice about the second digit?

How is it similar to the 10 times table?

How is it different to the 10 times table?

Does this pattern continue?

How far can you go?

SPAG fact- Collective noun.

To describe a group of animals, things and objects.

- A murder of crows.
- A parliament of owls.
- An army of ants.



Whole School Cross Country

On the last day of this half term all of the children took part in a cross country run around the field and playground.

Our house captains, were on hand to check that no rules were broken and that everyone had fun. Catkins did two laps of the field and playground, Acorns three laps and Chestnuts four laps. All of the children did amazingly and should be very proud of themselves.

The top three from each year are:

Catkins:

1st Louis, Billy and Teddie

2nd Rosie, Phoebe and Duke

3rd Carter, Jaxen and Harper.

Acorns:

1st Arnie and Henry.

2nd Octavia and Jasper.

3rd Frederick and Ted.

Chestnuts

1st Arthur and Harry.

2nd Maple and Oliver.

3rd Jesse and Noah.

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 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/>



St Philip Howard

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



OPEN EVENING

Thursday
26th September
5.00pm - 8.00pm
Talks from Headteacher at
5.15pm and repeated at
6.15pm and 7.15pm

OPEN MORNING TOURS

9am on Monday,
Wednesday and Friday
between 30th September
and 25th October

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 7th November
6.00pm - 8.00pm



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Elm Grove South Barnham West Sussex PO22 0EN

www.sphcs.co.uk



More information will be available on the school website

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.



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Magic of Maths

A fun morning of codes,
puzzles and number tricks
For pupils in Years 3 & 4 from local
primary schools



Westbourne
House School
CHICHESTER

Saturday 9 November 2024, 10am-12pm

Register for free: westbournehouse.org/events

All I am,
everything I can be

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

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

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Please see reverse for dates, schools, booking links, and contact information.

For more information, email Zachary Dray, our HOLIDAY ACTIVITY MANAGER at zdray@jc-sportsonline.com, or call 0800 994 9164

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Friday 8 November

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2024

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- 🔥 No parking on-site
(disabled parking available if booked in advance)

Admission

Family of 4 £16
Adult £6
Child £3.50

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CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS

Henri Rousseau: Tiger in a Tropical Storm

Tuesday 29 October 2024, 10.30 – 12.30

Children's art workshop in Arundel Museum. October's Art Workshop will focus on the Naive Art of Henri Rousseau's 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. A chance for the children to explore creating their own, brightly-coloured jungle with a tiger hiding in the dense undergrowth of the forest floor. Exciting, see you there!

Cost £12 to include all materials and refreshment break

Book by emailing office@arundelmuseum.org



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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