

## Dates for Your Diary

**Tue 20 Oct**

Y4 Greek Workshop

**Tue 20 & Wed 21 Oct**

Parents' evening

**Thu 22 Oct**

3.15-4.30pm – PTFA Infant

Disco

4.45-6.00pm – PTFA Junior

Disco

**Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct**

Half Term

**Mon 2 – Wed 4 Nov**

Y6 Residential – Bowles

Rocks

**Tue 3 Nov**

Y2 Drusillas Trip

**Wed 25 Nov**

Reception Owls Visit

**Mon 30 Nov**

Individual photos

**Fri 4 Dec**

Celebration of Learning  
and Art/DT Gallery 2.30pm

**Wed 9 Dec**

Year 3 Stone Age

Workshop

**Fri 11 Dec**

Christmas Dinner Day

**Mon 14 Dec**

EYFS Nativity 10am

**Tue 15 Dec**

KS1 Christmas Show

9.30am

**Wed 16 Dec**

KS2 Christmas Songs

9.30am and 2.15pm

**Fri 18 Dec**

Christmas parties / non  
uniform

**LAST DAY OF TERM**



**Friday 16th October 2026**



We'd love to see as many parents and carers as possible at our upcoming Parents' Evenings on Tue 20<sup>th</sup> & Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October.

It's a lovely opportunity to take a little time to talk with your child's teacher, hear about the progress they're making and celebrate their successes. It's also a chance to share any questions or concerns and find out how you can support your child's learning at home.

**Your feedback and partnership are really valued**, and working together helps us make sure every child feels supported and continues to thrive.

Booking is done via SchoolPing.

**Hello, Infants are in need of some more spare clothes, if you are having a clear out we are particularly short of..**

**underwear (boys and girls) ages 3-6**  
**Trousers/ trackies/leggings ages 3-6**  
**socks ages 3-6**

**If you are able to donate any of the above please hand to the school office or a member of the reception team. Thanks for your continued support.**

Mrs Jenkins needs.....a parent phonics ambassador  
When...? A time that suits you  
How long...? As much as you can give, perhaps an hour a week or half a day every half term  
What doing...? Sorting phonics resources, making new phonics resources  
This role is not client facing but as you will be working in the school you will need a DBS check.  
Please contact [admin\\_woodingdean@ekotrust.org.uk](mailto:admin_woodingdean@ekotrust.org.uk)

**Parking Reminder:** Old Parish Lane is reserved for vehicles displaying a Blue Badge only.

## Forest School

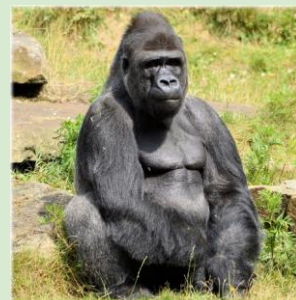
Each year group has a Forest School session per half term. Please look here each week to see when your child's year group will be having their session. They will need to wear suitable (non-uniform) forest school clothing.

Wednesday: Lions Class Thursday: Bonobos Class



# ATTENDANCE AT WOODINGDEAN

The classes with the reward  
for extra playtime for great  
attendance of over 95% this  
week are:



We were pleased to see Bertie A and Leo B achieve our target of 100% attendance this week. Charlotte H and Roman H showed great improvement in their attendance. They were all invited to join Mrs Chumnansin today for a hot chocolate.



# The Weekly Wow

| Earth | Air | Fire | Water |
|-------|-----|------|-------|
| 15    | 19  | 17   | 24    |
| 105   | 108 | 95   | 114   |

House  
Points

## Value Leaves

|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Respectfulness | Theodora N                               |
| Kindness       | Olive P and Parker K                     |
| Resilience     | Isla F, Florence G, Laura S and Bernie J |
| Co-operation   | Frankie M                                |
| Creativity     | Alice T, Anaya P and Luca C              |
| Loyalty        | Lilith S                                 |



**Anaya** for always being busy making amazing things at the creative table

**Isla** has been trying really hard to be a good role model and remember our classroom rules this week

**Lilith** has shown incredible loyalty to learning by working at home to improve her spellings in her own homework journal

**Theodora** for always showing wonderful respect and kindness to her classmates

**Florence** for her amazing resilience in Maths this week and trying to work out sums with independence

**Alice** for creativity in story planning

**Laura** found making Greek pots in Art this week tricky but she never gave up and kept going

**Olive** for always being a superb learning partner and being a respectful and kind member of class

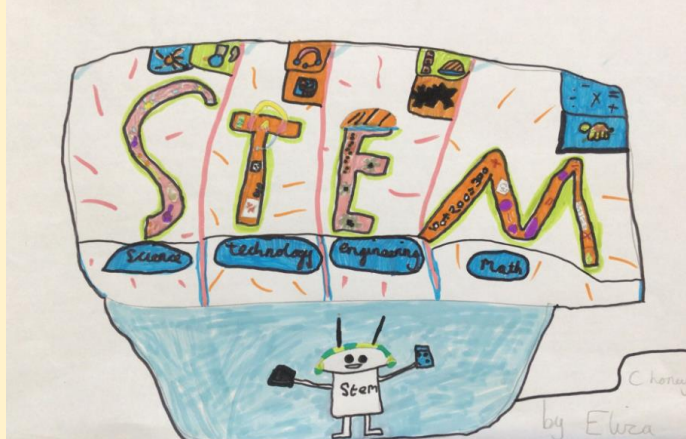
**Bernie** for helping his group and cooperating on a directions and compass task - he helped his group work together and be successful

**Parker** for being a kind and loyal friend to his classmates and always looking out for others

**Luca** for the effort he has put into his English work this week, pushing himself to try a challenge

**Frankie M** for his cooperation with adults and his great teamwork in English with a friend

**Don't forget you must allow photo permission for your child to appear on our newsletter.**



## **STEM star of the week!**

Here at Woodingdean Primary, there is so much exciting STEM learning happening in all year groups. The STEM subjects and their curriculums provide our pupils with much of the knowledge and skills that they need in the world around them, both now and for the future.

As a school we are determined to raise the profiles of all the STEM subjects and make sure our children understand their importance and relevance in their everyday worlds. Therefore, each week, every class teacher will nominate a STEM star. Someone who has shown great learning in one of the STEM subjects, whether in class, around school or at home. The STEM stars' names will be published here in our newsletter and their achievement celebrated in class.

As a school we look forward to giving our STEM stars the recognition they deserve!

Mr Pye

## **STEM Star of the Week!**

**Miles** in Giraffes for being a good partner in maths

**Lauren** in Zebras for her great learning of recognising odd and even numbers

**Wolfy** in Hummingbirds for his amazing Science knowledge regarding life processes

**Oscar** in Honey Bees for sharing his amazing knowledge about fossilisation

**Lee** in Gorillas for his outstanding scientific work with rocks this week

**Elliot** in Orangutans for his amazing effort on TTRS this week

**Harley** in Sea Otters for great progress with multiplying and dividing by powers of 10

**Bertie** in White Tigers for explaining his reasoning fantastically to the class in every lesson

**Mahinullah** in Lions for working hard on his multiplication and division

# Christmas Hampers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have such a great community spirit in Woodingdean and always support and help those within our community that might need a little helping hand.

The Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club alongside the Woodingdean school community will make up some Christmas Hampers for our families who really do need that extra helping hand this Christmas. If your family would like to be considered for one of these hampers, or you are aware of a family that attends Woodingdean School that would benefit from this offer, please contact Emma Durant via the school office.

We do need to know numbers by Wednesday 21st October 2026 please. There is no judgement, we want to ensure all our families can enjoy this Christmas and as a school we want to help where we can.

Many thanks,  
Mrs E Durant  
Inclusion Mentor and DSL



**Languages unite!**



**European Day of Languages  
26 September**



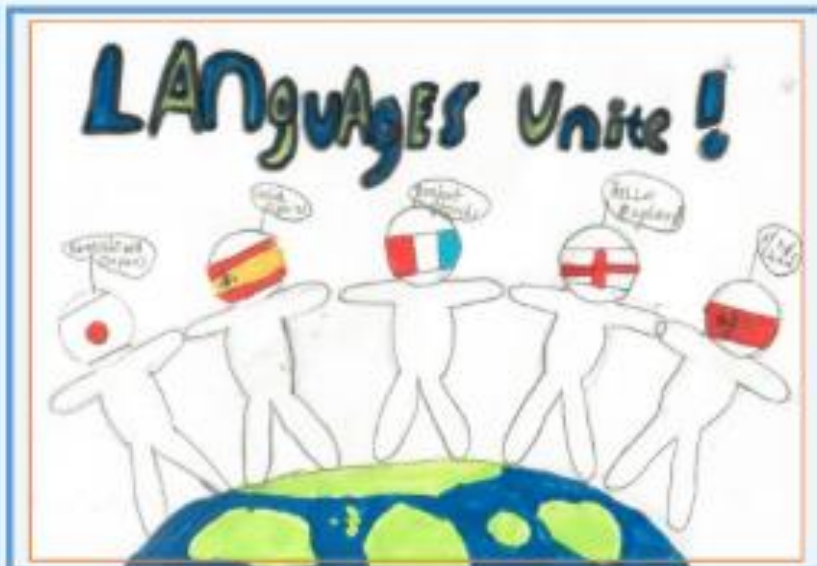
## **Our 2026 Poster Competition Winners!**



### **Alice R. - Tigers**

Best in EYFS/KS1

Celebrating her dual heritage  
in both English and Polish!



### **Abel R. - White Tigers**

Best in KS2

Eye-catching design and clear message!

### **Ruby H. - Honeybees**

Special Mention for Creativity with her  
Library of Languages!





A great turnout for Woodingdean's parkrun takeover event. It is wonderful to see our numbers increasing each time. Theo in year 5 has done 16 parkruns after his first one with Woodingdean last year. Well done everyone & to all the grown ups trying to keep up with their children!





**Dear parents ,  
We are currently collecting the following for our  
local Woodingdean foodbank:**

**Tinned meat or fish  
Rice  
Tinned vegetables  
Tinned fruit  
Rice pudding  
Custard  
UHT milk  
Toiletries**

**If you are able to donate any of the above items  
please give them to your class teacher who will  
be collecting them.**

**Thank you so much in advance**

Woodingdean Primary School

**SEND**

**Coffee Morning**

with the  
Parent and Carer Council (PACC)



Wednesday  
21st October



9.00 -  
10.30am

Come and  
meet other  
SEND parents

Support  
from PACC

An opportunity  
to create a support  
network of SEND  
parents at  
Woodingdean



A relaxed and friendly space  
to chat, share experiences and  
build connections with other  
SEND families at Woodingdean.





# Drawing Club

Wednesdays

3.20 until 4.20

all materials are provided



Open to Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 kids

WHATSAPP LEIGH on 07795118257  
TO JOIN THE CLASS or FOR QUESTIONS



**TERM 2**  
**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

# BASKETBALL

**WOODINGDEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **DATES**

**FRIDAYS**

**6<sup>TH</sup> NOV - 18<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

## **TIME**

**3:15PM - 4:15PM**

## **PRICE**

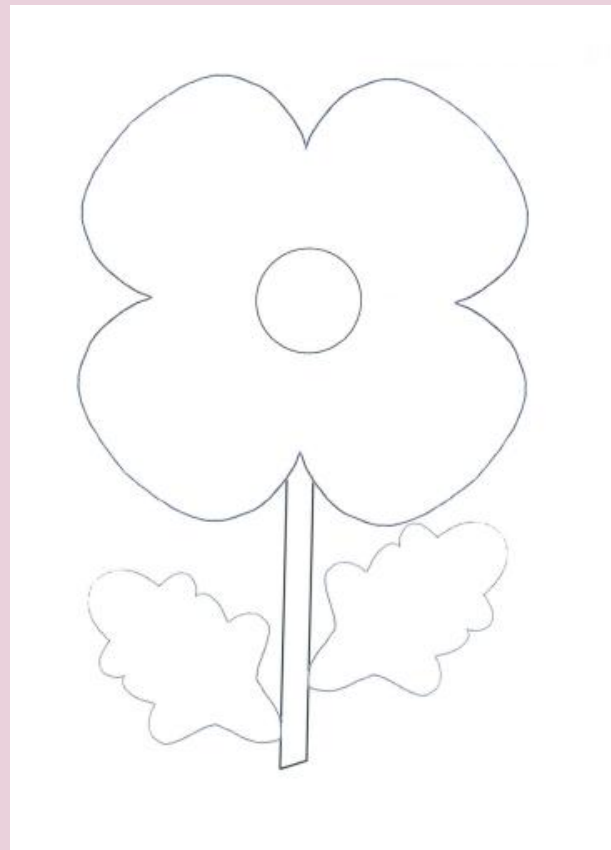
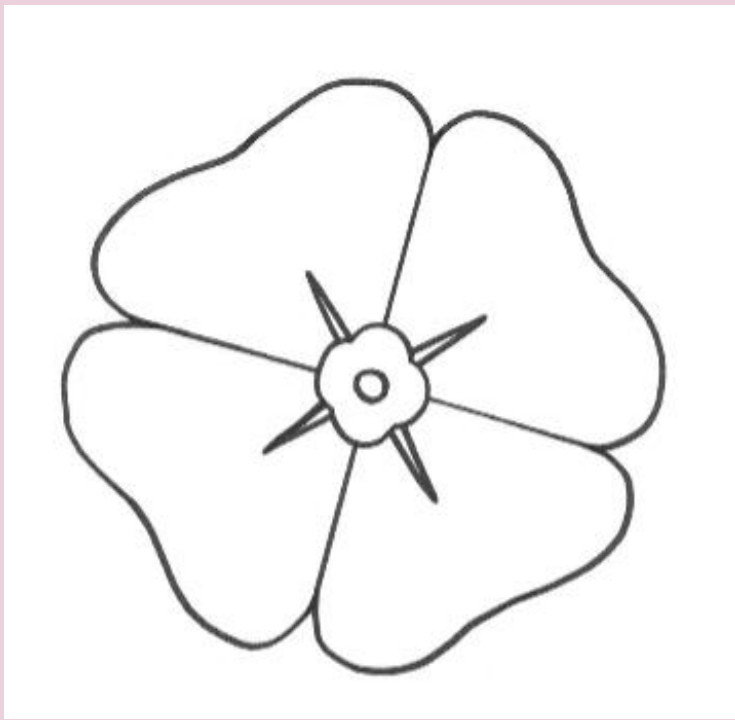
**£49**

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## Co-op Funeralcare Warren Road Woodingdean

We would like to invite pupils to design a poppy for Remembrance Sunday, which will be displayed in our office window during the first two weeks of November.

Anyone who would like to participate can either use one of these templates or create their very own poppy from scratch.

Completed designs should be brought in to our office.

There will be prizes for the best designs.

Take care and let the creativity begin.

# OCTOBER HALF TERM SALTDEAN



**SoccerFix**

**LOCATION:**  
HILL PARK  
COOMBE VALE  
SALTDEAN  
BRIGHTON  
BN2 8HJ

**DETAILS:**  
10AM-3PM  
AGES 5-13  
£26.50 / £50

**DATES:**  
26/10/26  
27/10/26





**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**



## Learn to Ride holiday course

Learning to ride a bike is a big milestone for children, and we're here to help every step of the way.

**Thursday 28 October**

**13.15 - 14.15**

**Ages 8 to 15**

Course being held at Hove and Preston Park

Places are limited and on a first come first served basis

Our friendly instructors will guide your child through the essential skills needed to ride confidently, including getting on and off the bike safely, braking, steering, balancing, and pedaling.

The session is designed to be fun, supportive, and pressure-free, helping children build confidence at their own pace and feel comfortable on their bike.

All training takes place in a safe, traffic-free environment, giving children plenty of space to learn, practice, and enjoy riding.

To book a place visit <https://cycling.envelope.host/courses>

or contact 01273 293847 or email [cycletraining@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:cycletraining@brighton-hove.gov.uk)