

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct

Half Term

Mon 2 – Wed 4 Nov

Y6 Residential – Bowles
Rocks

Tue 3 Nov

Y2 Drusillas Trip

Tues 17 Nov

Y1 Theatre Royal

Wed 18 Nov

Y5 WonderDome

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



CompassEko
Trust

Friday 23th October 2026



Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term. It was wonderful to see so many of you attending our parents' evenings this week. We have been blown away by the progress all of the children have made and hope you enjoyed meeting with their teacher and looking through their books. Hopefully you noted an improvement in their handwriting which has been a big focus for us this half term!

Woodingdean School Parent Council – Family Update

Thank you to our Parent Council representatives for sharing feedback and suggestions at our recent meeting.

Our school priorities

I shared our three priorities for this year: adaptive teaching to meet every child's needs, improving writing and transcription, and promoting positive behaviour, kindness and a growth mindset. Encouragingly, Reflection Time sessions have halved compared with this time last year, and children and staff have noticed calmer classrooms and corridors.

Communication with families

We will resend our staff communication guide to help families direct queries to the right person, starting with the class teacher. We are also looking into duplicate Pings and ways to make school information clearer, particularly for new families. Parent Council representatives will help new parents connect through year-group WhatsApp chats.

Trips, clubs and events

Parents suggested clearer communication when trips change, exploring ways to help families budget for trips, and providing clearer deadlines for sporting team selections. We will continue to explore possible club changes where practical. We also welcome parent volunteers to support school trips, subject to the school's DBS process.

Working together

Future Parent Council agendas will be shared in advance so families can contribute questions and feedback. Meetings will focus on whole-school issues, with representatives listening respectfully and sharing the views of their wider parent community. Individual concerns about children or staff should be raised through the school's usual channels.

Thank you for helping us strengthen the partnership between home and school. If you have suggestions for the next meeting, please share them with your class representative.

Mrs. Chumnansin

Headteacher, Woodingdean School

Introducing Our Student Teachers

We are delighted to welcome our student teachers Lawrence, Millie, Noma, Lily, Sasha D and Sasha M to the school as they begin their teaching placements. They will be working alongside our experienced staff, gaining valuable classroom experience and supporting the children’s learning and development.

We are excited to support them on their teaching journey and know that they will be a wonderful addition to our school community. We look forward to seeing them grow in confidence and develop their teaching skills during their time with us.

Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!

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 a half day every Half term.

Doing What? Sorting phonics resources, making new resources.

Please contact the office for further information.



Mrs Fish’s Half Term Challenge

Can you catch your child being respectful in the community? We have been working very hard this half term on our manners and kindness to others. Mrs Fish would like to fill a whole page of our next newsletter with pictures from parents of their child being respectful in the local community. Holding doors, saying please and thank you and helping others. Please send photos into admin for the attention of Mrs Fish - Good luck!

Join our fantastic staff team!

We’re looking for caring, enthusiastic and reliable Midday Supervisory Assistants to ensure our children experience happy and positive lunchtimes.

More information and application details can be found here:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/152424/EDV-2026-WPS-60198>

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: Elephants Class Thursday: Tigers 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 Lenny B and Carly A achieve our target of 100% attendance this week. Fleur C and Matilda D showed great improvement in their attendance. They are all invited to join Mrs Chumnansin after half term for a hot chocolate.



The Weekly Wow

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
29	33	28	21
137	143	129	148

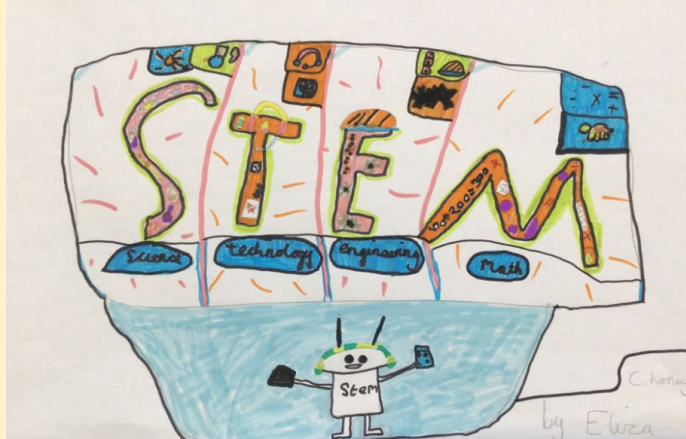
House
Points

Value Leaves

Respectfulness	Subhana F, Oscar S and Meral K
Kindness	Rosa D
Resilience	Denver C and Mason R
Co-operation	Maeve C-B
Creativity	Lettie L, Elsie M, Casper N and Theo R
Loyalty	Matty D

- Matty** in Giraffes for being a helpful and supportive friend
- Rosa** in Zebras for always being kind to all her peers in play
- Subhana** in Hummingbirds who works so hard at school always actively listening and showing respect
- Maeve** in Leopards for being a great role model for working with other, looking out for her friends and working in groups
- Oscar** in Honey Bees for always being an amazing role model to others. Oscar has such lovely manners and ensures that he is respectful to all members of staff
- Meral** in Gorillas for the respect and kindness she always shows to her peers and adults
- Lettie** in Polar Bears for her fantastic Greek Day outfit
- Elsie** in Orangutans for outstanding creativity in designing and making her Greek pot this week
- Casper** in Sea Otters for incredible creativity when writing his poems and fabulous expression when reading them. What a talent!
- Theo** in White Tigers for fantastic imaginative ideas when writing poems in our poetry lessons. You are amazing!
- Denver** in Lions for working incredibly hard during his assessments this week and showing great commitment to his learning
- Mason** in Bonobos for outstanding writing

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!

Freddie S in Giraffes for his confident work on odd and even numbers

Eli C in Zebras for trying hard in maths learning this week

Caela M in Hummingbirds for her amazing addition and subtraction skills

Lyla P in Honey Bees for thinking scientifically and ensuring a fair test was done with looking at different rocks and their properties

Sophia C in Gorillas for her amazing scientific work on soil and rocks this week. Sophia always works and thinks scientifically in all our sessions

Sophia P-R in Polar Bears for her help and knowledge of putting together our class skeleton

Harper H in Orangutans for superb resilience and great effort with her times tables fluency

Bernie J in Sea Otters for resilience with some very hard challenges this week in maths

Josie H in White Tigers for explaining your reasoning clearly in our maths lessons this week

Forest I-D in Lions for always pushing himself towards a challenge in maths

V.I.M Holiday Club

October Half Term 2026



Join us this October Half Term at:

Woodingdean Primary School

Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October

Autumn Explorers and Spooky Science!

Themed Activities Include:

**Den Building • Autumnal Scavenger Hunts •
Pumpkin Art & Crafts • Leaf Printing •
Lego Challenges • Outdoor Team Games •
Storytelling & Cosy Chill Out Corners • Junk
Modelling • Spooky Potion Making • Lantern
Making • Sensory Play • Halloween Discos • Face
Painting • And More!!**

**Sibling & Full
Week Discounts**

**Childcare
Vouchers & TFC
Accepted**

**For more information or to book, visit vimcamps.com
or email info@vimcamps.com**





SPECIAL NEEDS MUSIC & MOVEMENT CLASSES

(AGES 2 - 11 YEARS)

FUN, INCLUSIVE & MADE JUST FOR LITTLE ONES WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.



Created and led by **Jayden** who has cerebral palsy.
As an individual with special needs, I understand how tricky it can be
to find SEN friendly groups.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Fun, engaging music
- Movement at your child's own pace
- Sensory-friendly activities
- Fully inclusive environment
- Encouragement, confidence building & smiles

WHERE & WHEN



Church of the Ascension
Church Hall,
41 Bramber Avenue,
Peacahaven, BN10 8HR.

**Saturdays -
Afternoon Sessions**

WHY CHOOSE US

- Fully inclusive for all little people with additional needs
- Fun, weekly sessions
- Welcoming leadership
- Built on real-life experience.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE



Learn more about us,
see FAQs and visit:

**speciallittlevoices.
neocities.org**



**EVERY CHILD IS WELCOMED AND
EVERY LITTLE ACHIEVEMENT IS CELEBRATED!**



ENQUIRE TODAY!

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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