

Dates for Your Diary

Tue 29 Sep

Y6 Residential Trip

Meeting 3.30pm

Tues 20 & Wed 21

October

Parents' evening

Fri 4 Dec

Celebration of
Learning and Art/DT
Gallery 2.30pm

Mon 14 Dec

EYFS Nativity 10am

Tues 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

Reception are desperately in
need of cooking utensils and
muffin trays for their mud
kitchen. Can you help?
Donations would be very much
appreciated.

Thank you!



CompassEko
Trust

Friday
25.09.2026

SMARTPHONE FREE SCHOOL

On Monday we have a whole school assembly led by students at Varndean School. They will be talking about being a smartphone free school and the impact it has had for them. Children will be given the opportunity to ask them questions.



Our PTFA Needs You! ♥

Dear Parents,

Please help us keep our amazing PTFA going by coming along to the AGM on Monday at 7pm in the canteen.

It's really important that we gain some new members. Even if you can only spare a little bit of time or help occasionally, every bit of support makes a huge difference.

If you can't make the meeting but would still like to get involved, please email the PTFA directly at wps.ptfa.team@gmail.com.

It would be such a shame to lose the incredible work the PTFA does for our children. They raise amazing amounts of money and help provide our children with some truly special experiences.

Please come along and support them if you can — they really need you! ♥

Hope to see you there.

Mrs Fish

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 30 September: Honey Bees Thursday 1 October: Gorillas

The Weekly Wow

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
32	29	24	35
44	41	34	46

House
Points

Value Leaves

Respectfulness	Gabriella G, Carly A and Dean H
Kindness	Zachary B and Keeli-Rose S
Resilience	Blossom R, Lauren S, Poppy C-M and Eleni L
Co-operation	Luca G
Creativity	Elsie-Rose G
Loyalty	Olive H



Blossom: for really trying with her hard writing

Lauren: tried hard with her writing this week even when it was a bit challenging

Gabriella: has made an amazing start in Year 2 and shows respect to her peers, her teacher and our school

Poppy: for her wonderful efforts in her letter formation

Zachary: for always being a kind, caring friend to everyone in the class

Keeli-Rose: for being such a kind and caring human being, we are very lucky to have her in Gorilla Class

Eleni: for becoming the teacher to teach the whole class the Greek alphabet this week. She overcame her nerves to be an excellent teacher

Carly: for always showing the same regard to every adult and child in the school - Carly is a role model of respectful behaviour

Dean: a fantastic start to Year 5. Respectful and hard working, I am very very proud of you Dean

Luca: for consistently doing the right things, listening to other and being a wonderful team player in our classroom every single day

Olive: for being a truly supportive friend during our school council elections

Elsie-Rose: for her exceptional work in art about our focus artist Hokusai. Well done Elsie.

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



ATTENDANCE AT WOODINGDEAN

The classes with the reward
for extra playtime for great
attendance of over 96% this
week are:

97%



98%



98%



98%

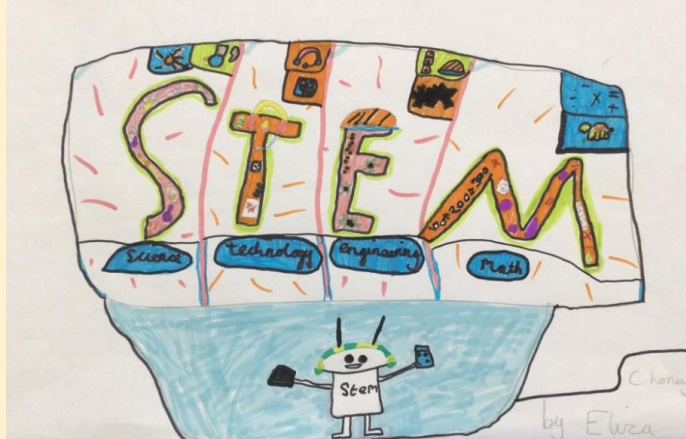


99%



97%





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!

Caleb K-W in Giraffes Class: for his great contributions in our DT lessons

Jude M in Zebras Class: for thinking like a chef when participating in our DT lessons

Dara H in Hummingbirds Class: for his independent learning skills in Maths

Ruby H in Honeybees Class: for her amazing pattern spotting and explaining her mathematical thinking

Tiarnee G in Gorillas Class: for her great use of resources when working on place value in maths this week

Nellie -Rose W in Orangutans: for her enthusiasm for learning all her squared numbers in our times tables fluency sessions

Ralph T in Sea Otters Class: for working so hard in maths and staying focused

Ben M in White Tigers Class: for his enthusiasm and love for learning especially in maths.

Well done for challenging yourself.

Luca C in Lions Class: for his dedication to his science poster

Emmi A in Bonobos Class: for her determination and resilience in maths this week

Important update: Free school meal eligibility expansion – apply now

From September 2026 free school meals eligibility has changed

What has Changed?

Transitional Protections: Previous temporary legacy protections ended in August 2026, meaning eligibility is assessed under the new expanded criteria detailed below.

Targeted FSM / Pupil Premium: Households earning **£7,400 or less** continue to qualify for traditional/targeted FSM. This gives you access to HAF during the school holidays (Holiday Activities and Food) and the school can provide a school PE T-shirt and jumper/fleece free of charge. It also attracts extra school funding (Pupil Premium) helping to support your child and the school.

Expanded FSM: All children from households receiving **Universal Credit** can now get a free school meal, regardless of household income.

Please note:-If you already had FSM you do not need to apply again

Why You Should Apply

- It saves your family money.
- Application checks are quick and confidential.

Even if you applied before and were turned down due to earnings over £7,400,
you may now qualify.

How to Apply

Visit <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Complete the online application

Brighton and Hove City Council will check your application and confirm eligibility with yourself and the school.

If you have questions, please contact the Brighton & Hove City Council Free School Meals Team on 01273 293497.



Everyone
Welcome!



AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



MONDAY
28TH SEPTEMBER



7:00PM



SCHOOL
CANTEEN

All positions available
FOR RE-ELECTION



POSITIONS INCLUDE:



CHAIR



SECRETARY



TREASURER



OTHER COMMITTEE
ROLES

The PTFA plays a vital role in raising money and providing extras and experiences for all the children at Woodingdean Primary School.

*But we can't do it
without you!*

GET INVOLVED!

Whether you'd like to put yourself forward for a role, get more involved, or just come along to find out more about what we do — we'd love to see you there.

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

7PM

SCHOOL CANTEEN



**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