Friday 6th November 2026



It's been another fantastic week at Woodingdean!

Year 2 had a wonderful time on their trip to Drusillas, making lots of memories and enjoying the experience together. Meanwhile, our Year 6 children have been away on their **two-night residential at Bowles Rocks**, taking on new challenges, developing their teamwork and, no doubt, having plenty of fun along the way!

We also held the first meeting of our **Green Team** this week. It was lovely to see our young environmental champions coming together, sharing ideas and thinking about how we can make our school an even greener place.

A big well done to all our children and a huge thank you to the staff who make these opportunities and experiences possible.

Wishing all our families a lovely weekend!



Dates for Your Diary

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
Tue 1 Dec
Reception Owls Visit
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

Polite reminders

Please remember that children should not be using the play equipment before or after school for safety reasons.
You child will need soare wellies or boots to go on the field.
Please can families be aware of pedestrians walking down by the community centre and try to avoid children on bikes and scooters.
Sweets and Cakes are not permitted to be given out on children's birthdays - thank you for your support.

Running Event
Junior Mile is a great event for all children to take part in. Please let us know if you sign up. Mrs. C will be there with her children too to cheer you on!
https://runbaseevents.eventrac.co.uk/e/brighton-10k-10764?referring_user=2454606

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.
Thursday 13 November : Giraffes and Zebras Class



ATTENDANCE AT WOODINGDEAN

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





We were pleased to see Olly B and Luther C achieve our target of 100% attendance this week. Elaina S showed great improvement in their attendance. They are all invited to join Mrs Chumnansin for a hot chocolate.



The Weekly Wow

Earth	Air	Fire	Water
16	15	18	15
153	158	147	163

House Points

Value Leaves

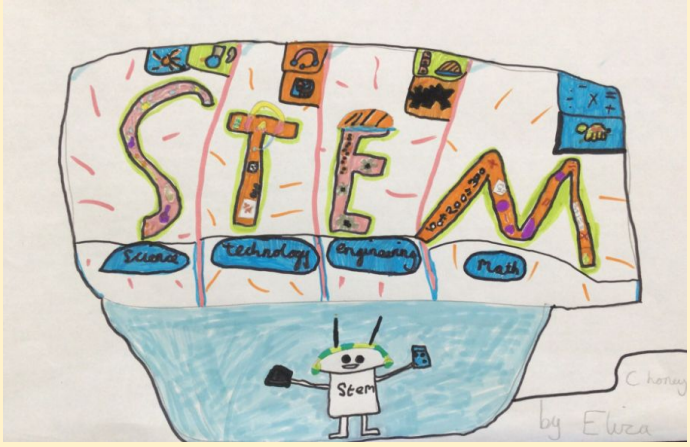
Respectfulness	Isabella L, Cleo F-M
Kindness	Robyn D-B
Resilience	Rudi H-D, Roscoe L, Nellie R-W, Dustin J, Maeva G, Declan M, Austin J
Co-operation	Eddie H-D, Sophia P-R, Junior L
Creativity	Dolly F, Rae G-M
Loyalty	Evie M



Maeva G in Elephants has continued to practice writing her name and has shown great resilience in doing so
Cleo F-M in Tigers for always being so kind and polite to everyone
Dolly F in Giraffes for her creative and imaginative ideas
Declan M in Zebras has been trying really hard in writing
Austin J in Hummingbirds for his resilience when working with different adults who are less familiar to him
Junior L in Leopards who showed wonderful cooperation skills on our school trip, in P.E. and Computing this week
Rae G-M in Honey Bees for her spectacular ideas all about a circus that is coming to town
Robyn D-B in Gorillas for the kindness she shows to all her peers each and every day. Thank you Robyn for being so kind and caring to your friends
Sophia P-R for working really hard with Miss Bullock to come up with her own ideas on ways to help her focus in the classroom
Nellie-Rose W in Orangutans for always trying to do her very best in her learning and really working on her TTRS practice this week
Isabella L in Sea Otters for always doing the right thing and working so hard. A great example to others
Dustin J in White Tigers for being so resilient with his learning and never giving up and helping the supply teacher
Rudi H-D in Lions for being willing to push himself out of his comfort zone and have a go at every activity on our residential
Evie M in Bonobos for her courage, always thinking of others and helping out her teammates
Eddie H-D in Bonobos for listening to all the members of his team and taking on board their ideas even when he had his own.A true gentleman!
Roscoe L in Bonobos for taking on new challenges with a smile and helping Mrs Fish when she got stuck!

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 there importance and relevance in their everyday worlds. Therefore, each week, every class teacher will nominate a STEM star. Someone who has show 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!

Finley O in Giraffes for his great Science learning about seasons
Isla F in Zebras has been helping her peers in our maths learning
Gabriela G in Hummingbirds for her amazing DT skill making a puppet
Florence G in Honey Bees has been working so hard in Maths this week and has been a pattern detective, seeking out when to exchange when adding two numbers together
Fleur C in Gorillas for her amazing addition calculations with an exchange this week
Lenny W in Orangutans for superb participation and enthusiasm for our new Science topic
Hazel G in Sea Otters for working so hard with Mrs Tucknott

Storytrail: Sculpture Bench

There is one last event for the trail, the Farewell Weekend https://amazesussex.org.uk/thestorytrail/farewell-weekend/ coming up on 27th – 29th November where you can view our sculpture bench alongside the 73 others for one last time at the Wing at the Brighton Centre.

Merchandise:

There is some fantastic merchandise featuring our school's sculpture, including a sticker book and a tea towel. You can order these: https://amazesussex.org.uk/thestorytrail/shop/ or visit our shop in Churchill Square which is open Thursdays – Sundays until 8th November.

Our Just Giving page link is:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/woodingdeanps?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL
We have raised £318 but would love to get nearer to our target of £750.



Fortunately, Unfortunately

Created by: Woodingdean Primary School
Location: Forbidden Planet

Our book bench inspired the children to write their own story about a character called 'Bob the Blob'. We then drew creative comic strip style illustrations to the story. We hope that people can enjoy reading 'Fortunately, Unfortunately' whilst sitting on the bench.



Hummingbirds enjoyed a hands on interactive rainforest workshop at Drusillas this week.



Letter from Chris Ward MP: Christmas Card Design Competition

Chris Ward MP would be delighted to invite your pupils to take part in a constituency-wide Christmas Card Design Competition.

We are extending the offer of entry to all primary school children within the Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven Constituency, with the winning design to be printed on Chris Ward's official Christmas card for the year 2026. We will be sending these cards out to community leaders, charities, politicians and others across the country.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your pupils to showcase their creativity and celebrate the festive season. All entries will be warmly acknowledged, and the winning artist (along with runners-up) will receive recognition from Chris Ward on his website and social media, as well as a personalised letter.

Those wishing to participate should send a clear photograph or scan of their design to chris.ward.mp@parliament.uk . Emails should include the child's name, age and school, as well as a contactable email address so that we can reach out to any winners. Entry deadline is 22nd November.

We would be very grateful if you could let your pupils know about our launching this competition, so we can encourage as much engagement as possible. If you would like to take part, we can also send a poster over to put up around school! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you very much for your support in helping us make this a joyful and community-spirited event. We are really looking forward to seeing the imaginative and festive designs from your pupils.

Kind Regards,

The Office of Chris Ward MP



Have you seen me? I am a Jelly Cat squirrel and I have lost my owner who is very sad. Please return to Miss Hawkins if you find me.

