Friday 13th November 2026

Dates for Your Diary

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
PTFA Winter Fair 3-5pm
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

Woodingdean Primary School – Be The Best You

Compass Eko Trust

As requested at the Parent Council meeting, please refer to this guide on who to contact and when:

Who Should I Contact?

A quick guide to who can help with your enquiry or concern.

General enquiries and concerns

Office Staff	Payments, letters, clubs and general day-to-day questions.
Class Teacher	Your first contact for homework, friendship issues or concerns about your child's learning (academic achievement).
Phase Lead (Mini-Head) EYFS & Year 1 – Mrs Jenkins Years 2–4 – Mrs Woodford Year 5 & 6 – Mrs Stillwell	For more serious issues, or if the class teacher has not been able to answer your question.
Deputy Head Mrs Fish	For issues that need the attention of a senior member of the Leadership Team.
Headteacher Mrs Chumnansin	On rare occasions, an issue can be referred to the Headteacher. This is usually through the Deputy Head or Phase Lead.
Chair of Governors Mr Darren Arbon	If you are not satisfied with the Headteacher's response, you can contact the Chair of Governors, who will investigate and respond within 10 working school days.

Other key contacts

Safeguarding Lead / Inclusion Mentor Mrs Durant	If your child or family receives support from Mrs Durant, she may be the best first contact, as she has a close relationship with the mentees.
SENCo Ms Hawkins	For any questions or concerns about Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Additional Needs.

In summary: the usual order

1. **Class Teacher** – first contact.
2. **Phase Lead (Mini-Head)** – if needed.
3. **Deputy Head** – for more serious issues.
4. **Headteacher** – on rare occasions.
5. **Chair of Governors** – if you are not satisfied with the response.

Parking Reminder – Old Parish Lane

A polite reminder to all parents and carers that **Old Parish Lane must not be used for parking or dropping off/picking up children.** This area iis reserved exclusively for Blue Badge holders to ensure that accessible parking remains available for those who need it.Please respect this arrangement and make alternative parking arrangements when bringing your children to and from school.Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep the area safe and accessible for everyone.

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 18 November: Leopards Class
Thursday 19 November: Hummingbirds Class



ATTENDANCE AT WOODINGDEAN

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







We were pleased to see Caleb K-W, Alesha B-V and Cleo C achieve our target of 100% attendance this week. Bella G and Subhana F 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
18	16	18	13
171	174	165	176

House Points

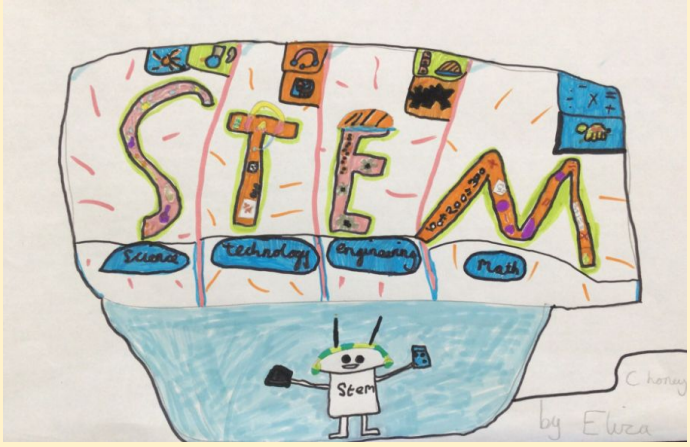
Value Leaves

Respectfulness	
Kindness	Banks B, Fleur C,Lily-Mae F and Gloria G
Resilience	Wolfy M and Romie M
Co-operation	Luke S, Caleb K-W, Lyla P and Luca G
Creativity	Konstantin K, Dylan S and Halle P
Loyalty	

Luke S in Elephants for turn taking when playing, especially with his talk partner in maths.
Caleb K-W in Giraffes for sharing and working well with his friends.
Konstantin K in Zebras for his creativity when thinking of different ways to use our tricky word in his writing.
Wolfy M in Hummingbirds who has been working so hard with his independent writing skill. He remembered our non negotiables and rules for presentation too.
Banks B in Leopards for showing kind and caring behaviour to his classmates. A wonderful role model.
Lyla P in Honey Bees has become a mini teacher this week and has been helping others in the class with their learning once she has finished.
Fleur C in Gorillas for being a kind and caring member of Gorilla Class.
Romie M in Polar Bears for fantastic resilience and wonderful progress in her times tables facts.
Dylan Shelley in Orangutans for always bringing new ideas and thoughtful contributions in all his subjects especially his writing.
Lily-Mae F in Sea Otters who is always kind and went out of her way to help someone who was very upset this week. Exceptional.
Luca G in White Tigers for always following instructions and doing everything she is asked to do. Luca completes every task with care.
Gloria G for being kind and supportive to all her classmates and to Ms Pollard when she lost her voice!
Halle P in Bonobos for her exceptional poetry writing which was full of emotive language. Excellent work and so creative.

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!

Pip J in Giraffes for his super maths learning all about number 8
Jesse McE in Zebras for his great knowledge about rainfall and the seasons
Olivia S in Hummingbirds for her amazing sewing skills in DT
Lucas H in Honey Bees for his problem solving skills when exchanging for addition and subtraction in maths this week
Robyn-D-B in Gorillas for her marvellous maths calculations involving an exchange this week
Olive P in Orangutans for a great eye-catching poster on dental health
Imani L in Sea Otters for being so resilient with her work in fractions with Mrs Tucknott
Fabien F-T in Bonobos for his exceptional work on fractions in maths



Cross Country Champions!

On Wednesday Year 5 and Year 6 competed at Waterhall against 42 other schools in cross country. We took 27 children, all of whom were amazing,with lots finishing in the top 100. Well done!







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Residential November 2026 to Bowles Rocks

A huge thank you to the school staff that planned and gave up their own time to attend the trip. Without them, this would not have been possible.

Last week Year 6 stayed away for three days at their residential in a beautiful place called Bowles Rocks. Here are some of the highlights. Well done year 6 we are so proud of how brave you all were facing your fears and giving everything a go.










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HEAD


WAVE SPORT


EDELRID






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Jackson


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Woodingdean Primary School PTFA

Winter Fair

Friday 4th December

3pm – 5pm

- Year Group Stalls
- Refreshments
- Tombola
- Hook a Duck
- Teddy Sale
- Book Sale
- Beanbag Toss
- Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar
- Year Group Decorations for Sale

Join us for an afternoon of festive fun for all the family!

PTFA





Christmas Food Collection

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will once again commence food collections to provide hampers for those most in need within our school community.

If you can help in any way, we will leave a drop point in the school reception area.

We are looking for long dates, non-perishable foods that will last over the Christmas period, for example, tins of fruit and vegetables, dried pasta, rice, chocolate, and sweet treats.

Many thanks for your continued support as always,

Emma Durant

Safeguarding Lead & Inclusion Mentor

Christmas Donations Needed!

We are collecting:

Children's Christmas Jumpers





Also needed:

Warm Coats

Larger Size School Uniform Jumpers and Fleeces etc.



All donations to

Emma Durant

via the School Office please.



Thank you for your kindness! ♡



V.I.M Holiday Club

Christmas 2026









Join Us Monday 21st December at:

Woodingdean Primary School
Warren Road, Woodingdean, BN2 6BB

For a Day of Festive Fun!

Den Building • Toy Making • Christmas Village Building • Elf Training Games • Winter Lanterns • Sleigh Building • Cosy Chill Out Corners • Party Hat Making • Christmas Discos • Snowman Skittles • Christmas Crispy Treat Making • Mini Winter Worlds • Outdoor Fun • Treasure Hunts • And More!

Sibling Discounts

Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted

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





ARE YOUR CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE HOLIDAY CLUBS?

If your child qualifies for **targeted free school meals** during term time, you can claim FREE **holiday club sessions** with us at Easter, in the Summer and at Christmas, via the HAF (Holidays and Food) scheme.

Each child can claim 16 sessions over the summer and 4 at Easter and Christmas. These sessions include a healthy meal at lunch time and we are very proud to be a provider for this programme.

To book, go to vimcamps.com/haf-programme.

If you have any questions or are in receipt of expanded free school meals and would like to know what support is available to you, please get in touch on info@vimcamps.com and we will be happy to help.

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VIM CLUBS



Silent Disco!

After School Club
Monday, December 14th

Choose from 3 playlists! 🎧

Alternative activities will also be offered!





Simply book after school club with the 6pm finish if you would like your child to take part.

Numbers are limited!

£1 per child will be donated to the PTFA

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LONGHILL HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 5th December 2026
11-2pm
Join Us for a Festive Celebration!
• Christmas Stalls Games Live Entertainment • etc.
• All PTFA proceeds will support Longhill High School, ensuring a fun and safe event for all ages.
Contact: PTFA@longhill.org.uk, School Hall, Falmer Road, BN2 7FR