Dates for Your Diary

Wed 25 Nov
Reception Owls Visit
Fri 27 Nov
Non uniform Day for chocolate donations for Winter Fair
Mon 30 Nov
Individual photos
Tue 1 Dec
Reception Owls Visit
Fri 4 Dec
Celebration of Learning and Art/DT Gallery 2.45pm
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

Friday 20th November 2026

Welcome to our PGCE student Miss Wilson in Honey Bees class

School Development Priority 2

As part of our school development plan this year we are working on our handwriting skills. We are doing this from Reception to year 6 and the children and staff have been taught the following phrases that we wanted to share with you to support at home:

Writing Ready:

It is really important we are sitting in the correct position for writing. We call this being writing ready. Here is what we mean by being



- Writing Ready
- Seating position
- Feet on the floor
- One hand on book/paper
- Correct Pencil Grip
- Sharp school Pencil

We would appreciate your support at home by you speaking to your child/ren about how to be writing ready and the importance of doing this to support our handwriting.

Celebration of learning

You are all invited into your child's class at 2.45pm on Friday 4th December to look at their art & DT work. You can then head straight to the hall for our Winter Fair!

Attendance and Home Visits

We would like to remind parents and carers that, where a child is absent from school for **three or more consecutive days**, and the absence has not been notified in advance (for example, a planned holiday), the school may arrange a home visit as part of our safeguarding and welfare procedures.These visits are simply to ensure that children are safe and well and to offer support to families where needed.Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us keep all our children safe.

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.

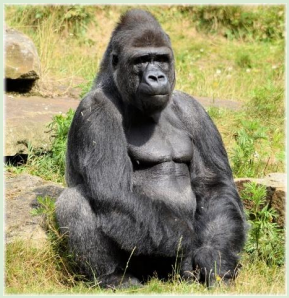
Wednesday 25 November:Honey Bees
Thursday 26 November:Gorillas



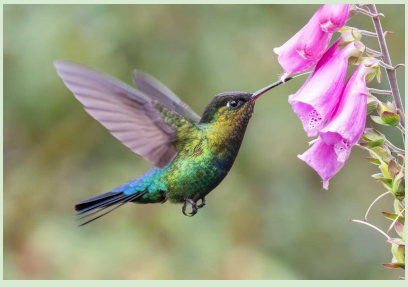
ATTENDANCE AT WOODINGDEAN



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











The classes with the reward for extra playtime for improved attendance are:



We were pleased to see Luca G and Jasmine B achieve our target of 100% attendance this week. Oscar M and Elsie G 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	18	19	22
187	192	164	198

House Points

Value Leaves

Respectfulness	Sophia C and Summaya H
Kindness	Louis P, and Millie D
Resilience	Bella B, Asiyah I and Ralphy T
Co-operation	Jude M
Creativity	Edgar N and Grace P
Loyalty	Holly E and India-Rose D







Holly in Giraffes for being a supportive friend and a great school councillor.
Jude in Zebras helped his peer build their construction and was very supportive!
Bella in Hummingbirds for resilience in her learning. Bella will always try her best and have a go even if learning is tricky.
Asiyah in Leopards for showing resilience in all of her learning and playing.
Louis in Honey Bees for his kind, encouraging words to his learning partner when teaching them how to do a puzzle.
Sophia in Gorillas for the respect she shows to all her peers and adults alike. Always kind and caring and wanting others to succeed in all that they attempt.
Millie in Polar Bears for being such a kind and helpful friend to all the children in the class.
India-Rose in Orangutans for upholding all the school values this week. Respectful to adults and children alike and always doing her very best.
Ralphy in Sea Otters for amazing commitment to all of his work. A fantastic growth mindset.
Sumayya in White Tigers who is always ready to learn and listening. A very attentive student.
Edgar in Lions for his incredible scientific drawing of a newly designed creature in science.
Grace in Bonobos for her fantastic written responses in guided reading and participation in class discussion.

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The Weekly Wow

Value Leaves Last Week

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.

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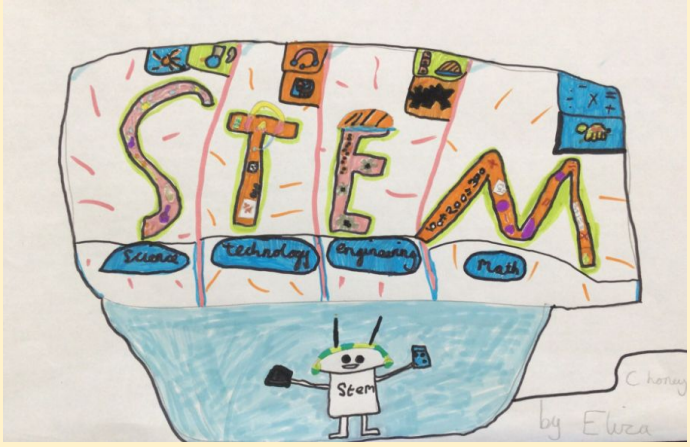

STEM star of the week!

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!

Blossom R in Giraffes for using the rekenrek well in maths this week.
Lucia P-R in Zebras has been our marvellous mathematician in finding number bonds to 10.
Rowan B-W in Hummingbirds who has been working hard with exchanging in Maths.
Faith E in Honey Bees for her amazing resilience in Maths with equal groups.
Hali G-F for his outstanding loom work when weaving this week. A very talented young man!
Winnie-Bo D in Polar Bears for her fantastic knowledge on why animals have different teeth for different diets.
Elliot E in Orangutans for working super hard to turn his TTRS heatmap green.
Leo B in Sea Otters for outstanding knowledge about space.
Jasmine B in Lions for her enthusiasm about adding and subtracting fractions.
Emmie A in Bonobos for exceptional progress in maths with adding and subtracting fractions.

PTFA NON-UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

On Friday 27th November, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of chocolate to support our upcoming Winter Fair! We would be very grateful for donations of chocolate bars, boxes of chocolates, selection boxes or other unopened chocolate treats to help stock our Winter Fair Chocolate Tombola.

Donation boxes will be available at:

- Junior playground entrance
- Infant playground entrance
- Reception entrance

Every donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated and helps us put together a fantastic Winter Fair for our school community.

Winter Fair – Friday 4th December, 3pm–5pm

Thank you so much to all our families for their continued generosity and support!

Woodingdean Primary School PTFA



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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

The Book Nook is visiting

Woodingdean Primary School

on the 7th and the 9th December 2026

Come and browse the beautiful books on offer straight after school in the hall.

It is a great chance to pick up a few **Christmas Gifts!**



WOODINGDEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Shows

Come and join us for our festive performances

MONDAY 14th December

EYFS Nativity

10am

TUESDAY 15th December

KS1 Christmas Show

9.30am

WEDNESDAY 16th December

KS2 Christmas Songs

9.30am & 2.15pm

Tickets limited to 2 per child at the KS2 shows

Refreshments served at all shows by the PTFA



Please help our school council by bringing in new or nearly new teddies for a tombola & cakes for the cake sale on Friday 4th December

Santa's Special Gifts – Wrapping Paper Appeal!

Woodingdean Primary PTFA is busy helping Santa prepare some special Christmas surprises for the children! We're looking for donations of **new, unused Christmas wrapping paper** to help make Santa's gifts extra magical this year.If you have any spare rolls of Christmas wrapping paper that you'd be happy to donate, we'd be incredibly grateful! **Donations can be dropped off at the school reception.**Every donation, big or small, will help us spread a little extra Christmas magic! Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support.**Woodingdean Primary PTFA**



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! ♡







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

WOODINGDEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your dance or gymnastics club looking for a new home?

Hire our school hall every Saturday.

Exclusive use	The whole hall is yours, all day.
Every Saturday	A regular weekly slot for your club.
Pricing on request	Get in touch and we'll talk through the options.

Get in touch to enquire about pricing

01273 680811
admin_woodingdean@ekotrust.org.uk

Brighton Half Marathon

YOUTH RACE 2027

Supported by Lancing College

Join us at the 2027 BRIGHTON HALF MARATHON YOUTH RACES!



SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY
FIRST RACE 12:30PM

- Open to 7-17 year olds of all abilities
- Officially measured 1-mile course
- Receive a medal, Race T-shirt and Goody Bag
- Prize Presentations

ENTER HERE!

Run a mile along Hove Promenade and be a part of the **BRIGHTON HALF MARATHON WEEKEND!**

Find all the event details at:

https://brightonhalfmarathon.com/take-part/youth-race/

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

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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