

William Penn Newsletter – 12.12.24

Wishing you all a very restful holiday

Everyone at William Penn would like to pass on their best wishes to you for Christmas and for the New Year. We hope that you have a peaceful and enjoyable time and look forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 6th January 2025.

This week we have said goodbye to Joy Waelend whom many of you have met at our parent meetings. She has supported and inspired pupils, staff and governors in moving the school to the stronger position we are now in. We wish her a very happy retirement.



IRock end of term concert

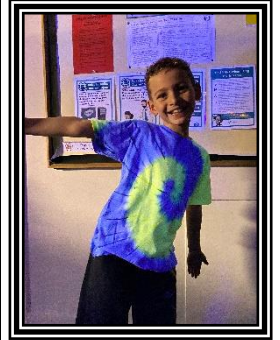
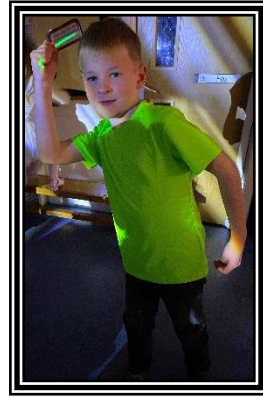
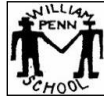
What a fantastic show of talent from our young rockers. All the energy and dedication when practising paid off! There were 3 brilliant performances from the bands; Rocking Chicken, Rock Villagers and Over Cooked Chicken Nuggets. Thank you to the parents for supporting this event. What a joyful performance with smiles all round from the children, parents and staff.



Choir at Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival

Last Saturday, the William Penn Choir performed at Sumners Pond as part of the Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival. What a fantastic event. The children gave a brilliant performance showcasing some of the songs from the Nativity on Wednesday night. Thank you to all the parents who supported this.





Disco

Thank you to the PTA for organising an amazing Christmas disco. Children danced the night away, enjoying their glowing accessories whilst boogieing to some classic songs provided by DJ80. They also participated in some highly active games like the Limbo and munched on delicious snacks having a really fun night.

"I enjoyed dancing to Gummy Bear best," Max.

"I loved making a hula hoop out of my glowing bracelets," Lilly.

"I loved all the dancing," Poppy.

"I liked having fun dancing to all the songs," Sonny

"I loved doing the Limbo. I had to go so low and I managed to do every one!" Jackson.

"I loved the sing off!" Oscar J. A night to be remembered! A big thank you to the PTA for arranging such a fantastic night of fun.

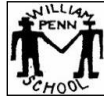


Christmas Pop up shop

Another fantastic event held by the PTA. There was so much kindness on display. Children were giving other children their spare tokens if they needed them. Those who needed help with wrapping their presents were being offered support by other pupils. The children were really interested in what each other had bought and for whom. The PTA our William Penn children were. We hope you enjoy receiving the gifts as much as the children have enjoyed selecting them! Thank you PTA – it took a lot of organisation (and storage!) and it is greatly appreciated. The parents really appreciated the event too:



"I was going to send a note to say thank you to all the PTA for the Pop Up Shop. Both the girls were so pleased to be able to put presents under the tree that we hadn't had to sort. Thank you. Great idea x"



“Thank you from us to all the PTA mums too. William absolutely loved the pop up shop and bringing presents home to put under the tree. It was such a lovely idea, and your efforts are really appreciated xx”

“The boys absolutely loved the pop up shop and they’ve loved choosing gifts. Great idea. Thank you PTA xx”

“Oscar loved it so much too, such a brilliant idea!! He even picked out a present for himself 😊! Hope the wrapping all went ok. Thank you so much xx”

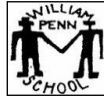


Christ Hospital Christmas Concert

Mr Hindhaugh writes: What an evening we had at Christ's Hospital on Wednesday as we performed Christmas with the Aliens. The enthusiasm was fantastic and I am so proud of everyone! From our singing to our actions, the narration from JBB and confidence of performance that we saw across the school - well done to all. Thank you to our community for joining us, and for your donations. As you can imagine, the cost of putting our nativity is high when we take into consideration the performance license, coach hire and venue hire.

All that leaves me to consider is... What will we do in 2025? How can we top that?





Dogs Trust Visit



We were very lucky to be visited by the Dogs Trust this week. Steph from Dogs Trust spent the day with us to educate us all about how to stay safe around dogs. The day started off with an assembly to listen to advice about what to do when approached by a dog. Classes then enjoyed interactive workshops about 'Happy Dog Rules' looking at 5 safety rules about how to behave around dogs.

This workshop helps support Children's right to be safe "UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 24 and 27: The right to a safe environment.

Attendance Matters

Class	Attendance
Reception	94%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	95%
Whole school	94%
National Average	94.2%

Congratulations to Year 6 for having the highest attendance this term. We are currently in line with national attendance. Let's work together next term to exceed the national percentages.

Health and Safety

Thank you for the considerate parking this half term. Let's keep this up in the Spring to ensure the neighbours are happy and the children are safe when moving outside the school.

Visit from Carrie and Father Christmas

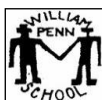
It was great to have Santa visit with his important messages about recycling this Christmas. According to environmental charity Wasteonline, we generate about 3 million tonnes of rubbish in less than two weeks of partying and some of that could be heading to a landfill near you. Don't let your rubbish go to waste. Be sure to recycle what you can. Visit <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/> to read more about what the team have achieved this year.



King of the Dojos

Max B is our King of the Dojos with an amazing 227 Dojos! He is an all-round super star who is able to play well with his friends, is always ready to learn and treats equipment responsibly. He is trustworthy, hardworking and embodies our Quaker values. All of us at William Penn can learn from his example.





Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 13.12.24

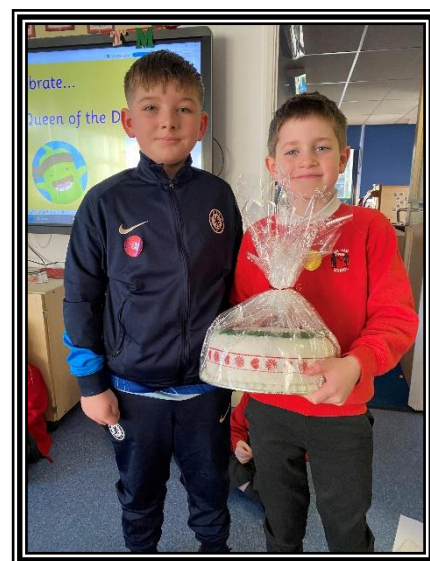
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Zara-Grace For always setting exemplar behaviour at school during lesson times, lunchtimes and playtimes! Well done!	Francesca This is for your amazing phonics this week! Your enthusiasm is infectious, well done!	William You have really shone in our maths assessments this week. Your maturity and knowledge have shone through – well done.	Arthur For being a shining star in the Nativity rehearsals this week. You have been amazing! Well done, what a fantastic attitude!	Fabien and Arlo For being so confident when performing to the whole school this week. You should feel incredibly proud of yourselves! Well done boys!	Jenson For pushing yourself to learn how to play the glockenspiel ready for our Christmas performance. You have really focused on making sure you hit the right notes at the right time!	Lennon For applying yourself in every assessment this week. You have proved to yourself that you can achieve when you put your mind to it!
Presentation stars	Oscar For using his CVC words to write sentences independently! Keep up the hard work Oscar.	Ellie Your phonics book has really taken off. Thank you for focussing on your handwriting, it is really improving!	Elena Just look at this phonics book – wow! Every day, it is IMMACULATE!	Jimmy For presenting your Christmas song so beautifully to the rest of the school. What a great achievement! Well done!	Theo For completing an AMAZING amount of maths this week. You have worked your socks off. You should feel incredibly proud of yourself. Well done Theo!	Indie For self editing your 'trickster' story this week. You upgraded words to make the story gripping and tense for the reader! Well done.	Oliver For always ensuring your handwriting is to the highest standard. You should feel proud of your efforts!

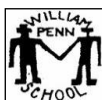
Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 20.12.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dojo winners	Oscar What can I say?! You set such an example to your friends in Cadbury. You work well in a team and include others. Following Cadbury rules first time every time! What a super star!	Evie You are amazing, Evie. You listen, try hard and set an example to others. Thank you for doing the right thing every single day!	Lola Your personality is infectious. You are so kind and friendly, cheering others with your smile. Thank you for being an example, and for all your extra help with classroom jobs!	Arthur You have had such a fantastic start to Key Stage 2. You are a role model to all your peers in class and around school. You are an asset to Fry class. Thank you for being you! Well done Arthur!	Layla S What more can I say except that you are absolutely fantastic! You are kind, caring and helpful to everyone in school. You always give 110% in everything that you do. Thank you for being amazing! Well done Layla!	Ollie Your cheeky and positive attitude is an inspiration to everyone around. You know the perfect moment to crack a joke to make everyone laugh but equally the time to focus and work hard. Well done!	Oliver O Over this last term you have really stepped up to being a Year 6 student. You are working hard every day, coming into school with a smile on your face and a great attitude towards learning. Well done Oliver!

PTA Christmas Cake Raffle ticket winner!

The winner of Max and Rory's nan's Christmas cake is Elliott! He will be able to enjoy birthday cake and Christmas cake tonight! Thank you to all of those who bought a ticket. This raised the PTA a fantastic £77.50 for the school.





Diary Dates

January 2025	
6 th	Spring Term commences
14 th	Cadbury Class Health Check with School Nurse 8:45am
February 2025	
14 th	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
17 th – 21 st inclusive	Half term
March 2025	
25 th and 27 th	Parent Consultation Evenings 3:30pm-6pm
April 2025	
3 rd	PTA Easter Extravaganza: 3:15pm
4 th	Whole school Singing Concert: 1:00pm Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
22 nd	Summer Term commences
30 th	Class photographs
May 2025	
5 th	Bank Holiday
w/o 12 th	Test Week for Years 5&6
23 rd	May Day Celebration and family picnic: 12:00pm
26 th – 30 th	Half term
June 2025	
4 th	Welcome Meeting for new parents 7pm
5 th	New intake taster sessions 1:00 – 3:00pm
6 th	May Day Celebration Rain Off 1:30pm
12 th	New intake taster sessions 9:00 – 11:00am
27 th	Sports Day 1:30pm
July 2025	
4 th	Sports Day Rain Off 1:30pm
6 th	PTA Summer Fare
14 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
TBC	Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol
18 th	William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly 1:00pm Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
21 st	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
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