



William Penn Newsletter – 18.10.24

Diary dates

Here are the diary dates for the year.

October 2024	
21 st	Bikeability – Year 6 – onsite
22 nd or 23 rd	Bikeability – Year 6 – Barnes Green
24 th	Non-school uniform for donations to the PTA
25 th	Harvest Festival Parents' Assembly 2.00pm
28 th – 1 st inclusive	Half term
November 2024	
6 th	Open morning for prospective parents to visit school 9:30 – 10:30 am
15 th	Children in Need
22 nd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
25 th	Flu nasal spray vaccine
28 th	Open afternoon for prospective parents to visit school 2:00pm – 3:00pm
December 2024	
12 th	Disco - 5pm: KS1, 6:15pm: KS2
13 th	Non-school uniform for donations to the PTA
14 th	Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival: 11:00am Choir Performance
16 th	Chartwell's Christmas Lunch
18 th	PTA Christmas Pop up Shop for children in school from 1pm Christmas Nativity Performance at Christ's Hospital at 6:00pm
20 th	Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
January 2025	
6 th	Spring Term commences
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 Fete
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
22 nd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils





Save the date

We will be sending a choir to take part in the Barns Green Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 14th December at 11:00am at Sumners Pond Café. More information to follow.

PTA dates for the year – The PTA are keen to stress that you can bring a £1 donation for the non school uniform on Thursday rather than cakes.

WILLIAM PENN PTA

HARVEST Festival

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Start 2pm

**FOREST SCHOOL SHOWCASE
CAKE SALE & RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS
PUMPKIN SURPRISE
FOOD BANK DONATION STATION
PRELOVED UNIFORM**

Harvest Cake Sale

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Please bring in donations of nut free homemade or shop bought cakes in exchange (one donation per family) for non-uniform day next Thursday 24th October.

Cakes will be on sale Friday 25th October at the Harvest Fair from 2pm. All proceeds go to William Penn PTA

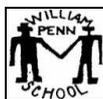
PTA HELPERS	
SAVE THE DATES	
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 2024/25	
FRIDAY 25TH October	HARVEST FESTIVAL SET UP 1.30PM
THURSDAY 12TH December	CHRISTMAS DISCO SET UP 4.00PM
WEDNESDAY 18TH December	CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP SET UP 10.00AM
THURSDAY 3RD April	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
FRIDAY 23RD May	MAY DAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY 6TH July	SUMMER FETE
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Playground planters & Cadbury plant pot sponsorship

We are looking for families or businesses to sponsor a planter by donating either £25 for one of the eight blue planters on the playground or £15 for one of two pots in Cadbury. The sponsorship would cover the costs of new plants for the school year 2024/25. Mr and Mr May have kindly offered to maintain future sponsored planters and source the plants with the change of seasons.

Please email williampennpta@outlook.com if you are interested and/or pass the contact details on to any businesses that may be interested. Rayna and Garry May, one of our Y2 children's Grandparents, run May & Son Landscapes Ltd and very kindly donated their time and generously supplied flowers to replant the eight planters on the playground last year. They looked fantastic! KS1 children diligently carried out watering duties during





the summer term and Zachary and his family kindly watered them over the summer holidays. A big thank you to all those involved!

Forest School

After the half term holiday, we are moving to whole class Forest School. This is to ensure that there is greater coverage of our other curriculum subjects. It also ensures the teachers, as well as TAs, get some Forest School time too! This means that they will always have Forest School on the same day each fortnight: Cadbury – every other Friday, Fox/JBB – every other Tuesday; Fry – every other Thursday.

Forest School Fortnightly timetable: 21st October – 8th November

Monday 21.10.24	Year 5
Tuesday 22.10.24	Year 1
Thursday 24.10.24	Year 6
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 5.11.24	Fox
Thursday 7.11.24	Fry
Friday 8.11.24	Cadbury



Cadbury class book sharing morning

Cadbury Class held their first book sharing morning. This event was to promote a love of reading and show children the importance of reading as they start their journey at school. Cadbury class invited in family members to read their favourite book with them. It was a brilliant opportunity for children to share and enjoy books with family in their learning environment.

This event links to 'The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child'.
Article 28: All children and young people have a right to free primary education.





JBB Residential at Lodge Hill

Last week, JBB went to Lodge Hill for our residential. Our time away included participating in a vast range of activities, including archery, rock climbing, abseiling, the crate stack challenge, tunnelling and sno-tubing.

Bethany writes, "I loved rock climbing because when I was climbing, I was given a hand by the rest of my team who pulled me up when I was stuck! When I was down on the ground, all the pressure was on me to help the climber, so we had to work as a team to all reach the top".

Jac says of the sno-tubing, "We had to sit in a massive donut and were pushed down a huge slide. We slid incredibly fast and when we were at the bottom, we screamed at the top of our lungs a random word and the people back at the top had to guess what we said!"

Andrew describes the abseiling: "We had to climb up inside a huge tower and hang over the edge after the instructor had fastened our harnesses."

George says, "Tunnelling involved having to crawl through tight spaces. There were three different types of tunnels; small, medium and large. The large ones were very easy but the small ones were on another level. It was very claustrophobic, dark and extremely muddy but thoroughly enjoyable."

Lennon describes the evening campfire: "We went out in the dark with our torches. When we arrived at the clearing, the instructor lit a fire before we started to sing campfire songs and roast marshmallows."

All the children had a wonderful time and have been talking about it non stop ever since.

Multiskills for Fry at the Weald

On Wednesday 9th October, Year 3's and 4's were invited by Mr. Meaney to the Weald for a multi-skills afternoon.

They participated in a range of activities alongside other local schools. The children gained skills in ball control, Hockey, Tennis, weaving through poles, hurdles, passing rugby balls at speed, balancing and more.

Arlo said, "I enjoyed it because there was lots of skills and techniques we got to practice with our friends. My favourite activity was the football shoot out section. I also liked the amount of running we did. It was hard work but fun."





Health and Safety

Parking Awareness When parking...

DO:

- Leave enough space on the road for emergency vehicles to get access.
- Make sure wheelchair users and prams can pass by on the pavement.
- Leave both lanes at a junction clear.
- Think of other road users.

DO NOT:

- Stop on zig zag lines, dropped kerbs, double yellows or next to kerb stripes.
- Park on other people's property or block their driveways.
- Park inconsiderately for any length of time – even if it's just for a minute.





NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS



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Council

Considerations

Are you parking in a residential area? Could your car cause an obstruction?
Access is needed to the road throughout the day by both vehicles and pedestrians.

Are you parking near a school?
Vehicles parked near to schools can make it unsafe for children during drop off and pick up times.

Have you left your car in a safe place?
Parking on a bend or too close to a junction can put your car and other road users at risk.

Are you parking on a grass verge or on a pavement?
Repairs to grass verges and pavements are costly and have not been designed for parking on. You may also still be deemed as parking on a double yellow line if present.

Consequences

You could be putting other people's lives at risk by parking inconsiderately.

A fine can be issued by the Police, Civil Enforcement Officers or Neighbourhood Wardens for illegal, dangerous or obstructive parking.

Reporting

If you have come across a vehicle which you believe is parked dangerously or is causing an obstruction, you can report this directly to the Police using the Operation Crackdown website.

Please visit www.operationcrackdown.org



Sistema Win a Playground Contest

Joy Carter writes: "The William Penn School recycling scheme, run with the help of Sussex Green Living and Terracycle, has just come second in the Green School Recycling Challenge which we ran in the summer term. This has meant that a whopping £300 has been given to the PTA. So keep filling those bins up with our accepted recycling."

This Terms latest Sistema competition.

The school that collects the most food storage containers and re-usable water bottles (any brand accepted), including baby bottles, has the chance of winning a playground made from recycled plastic. We are collecting them at school. There are also collection boxes in the Pavillions, the Gym and DUAL in Horsham, The Bridge at Broadbridge Heath and Warnham Studios. Ask family and friends to sort out their old Tupperware. This would be a fantastic opportunity to tidy those kitchen cupboards. The last date to receive these for the competition is the 10th December.

For more information or ways you can help please contact Joy Carter at recycling@sussexgreenliving.co.uk or speak to a member of the PTA who can contact Joy. Thank you.





Mastering Number Programme

Our Cadbury and Fox children are about to embark on the Mastering Number Programme. Working alongside specialists from our local Maths Hub and the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics), pupils will usually have 4 x 15-minute sessions each week. The programme will develop solid number sense, including fluency and flexibility with number facts, which will have a lasting impact on future learning for all children! Children will be taught in their discrete year groups in these sessions. Mr. Hindhaugh has previous experience of running the programme in two schools, and can't wait to see the impact of it here at William Penn!



Antosh runs a Voices in Nature Poetry Workshop

Inspirational Antosh and Year 6 spent last Tuesday afternoon exploring the theme of 'Voices in Nature' with a focus of encouraging children to protect wildlife and nature around them. Antosh is set to return on Monday to record five of our young poets to compile their work into a digital anthology to be shared locally and nationally.

Enjoy the class poem they wrote:

I count the lone dragonfly,
As it forks like lightening through the air.

As I stride across the uneven ground,
Swampy from last night's storm,
I carefully navigate around the colourful mushrooms.

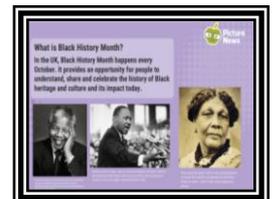
The trees tower above my head,
There is a rustling as the strong wind,
Blows through the leaves.

I can count on an Autumn afternoon to ease me into a calm,
I can feel nowhere else.



Black history month live assembly – with Picture News

Children enjoyed a live assembly on Zoom (with over 384,000 children from all over the UK) to celebrate Black History Month. It was a fabulous way to start this event and value the importance of it with the children. Joining the assembly live was the wonderful Swarzy (BBC TV and Radio presenter) who told her story. The theme for Black History Month 2024 is 'Reclaiming Narratives.' It encourages the Black community to take control of the stories being told, to correct and highlight the true narratives of Black history and culture. It also shines a spotlight on the contributions and achievements of Black individuals, whose impact has often been overlooked. This event links to 'The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child' and to our Quaker Values; Peace, Equality, Integrity and Friendship.



Article 2: All children and young people have a right to free primary education.





Attendance

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WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME



I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

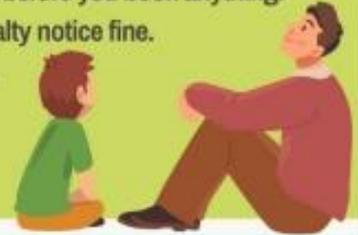
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

1

£160



FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

2



+£160



+£160



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4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

3

10

IN

10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1

DAY =

2

SESSIONS

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

4



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160



4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

5



2ND TIME

2 parents and...

1 child - £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1280

No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT



gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance





Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Arthur who has completed stage 1 and 2 at his swimming club and achieved a rainbow distance of 10 metres badge and certificate. He has really quickly adapted to a new class and a new swim school and is doing brilliantly each week. What a super star!

Well done to Harry who completed the Jennings Junior Jog.

Congratulations to Spencer being invested at cubs by his best friend and sixer Rory!

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail office@williampenn.co.uk.



Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 11.10.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Cammie For settling into William Penn so well. You have already made lots of new friends and love exploring new learning.	Francesca I have noticed you being kind, and other children have too! Thank you for being a ray of sunshine. Not only that, your learning is great too!	Max A fully deserved accolade for being a brilliant role model. Thank you for being you, working hard, and following the Golden Rules every single day.	Arthur For being such an amazing member of Fry. Your kind, inquisitive nature has been a pleasure to have in the class.	Pippa For being a great asset to Fry class. You consistently set a fantastic example in everything that you do – proving yourself to be a great role model.	Residential	Residential
Presentation stars	Summer For choosing the writing table during her 'explore and learn' time and using the Fred Talk board to help her write words!	Kingsley Your letter to Julian was SO beautifully written. All independent too, well done!	Harry Super maths representations on 8 th October with number bonds to 20. You are really getting to understand bar models.	Jimmy For a carefully presented piece of writing. Your handwriting was lovely and you had clearly taken your time.	Layla S For clear and careful presentation in maths when presenting the column method.	Residential	Residential

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Golden Children	Oscar For being determined and brave this week. You have been able to enjoy your week, really rising to new challenges.	Oscar I am really loving learning with you! You are so kind and thoughtful, and ready to learn. Keep it up!	Elena You are an absolute STAR! You are so kind, and always give me positive vibes. Thank you for being you, and working so hard!	Isaac For consistently striving to be thoughtful and caring to his peers and helpful around the classroom.	Betsy A For always bringing a big smile and positive attitude to everything that you do.	Dexter For showing such resilience and enthusiasm on the residential last week. You threw yourself into every activity, making sure you got the most out of it. Well done Dexter!	Spencer For generally being so amazing on the residential. You tried every single activity and your self confidence grew massively. A huge well done to you!
Presentation stars	Evie Wow what an amazing shopping list you have written for the Little Red Hen. You have listened to the sounds so carefully and written a beautiful list.	Bear I am so proud of you – your handwriting is getting smaller, and better! Just look at the difference! Keep it up.	Jessica Your maths book is PRISTINE! You always follow our presentation powers, and keep your book looking amazing. Thank you.	Charlie For a beautifully written and illustrated poem about the rainforest.	James For a creatively presented mind map in 'Hooked on Books' about our new book – The Boy Who Grew Dragons.	Jac For your creative water colour painting of a robin, inspired by our focus artist. You took time to add detail and you should feel very proud of your efforts. Well done Jac!	George For an outstanding piece of art, inspired by Dave White. You not only took your time when sketching, but made your piece come to life adding watercolours.





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Kids Reuse Workshop

Join the WSCC Waste Prevention Team for some fun Halloween spooky reuse craft workshops. All materials will be provided.



Suitable for children
aged 7-11 years.

Younger children may be able to take part if there is space available and with close supervision by parent/carer.

**Booking essential - call or email the library to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.**

**Thursday 31 October
10.00 – 11.30am**



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