

William Penn Newsletter – 6.9.24

Welcome Back!

Thank you for sending your children back in dressed smartly and ready to learn. It has been lovely hearing about all the adventures over the holiday. The teachers had been working hard over the summer to get the school ready for their return. It has been really rewarding to see the delight from the children in their new environments.

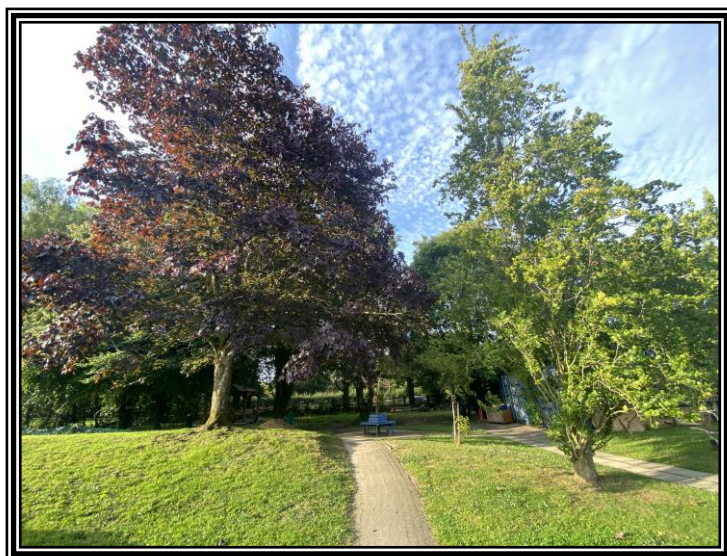
Dates for your diary

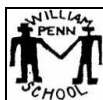
September 2024	
2 nd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
3 rd	Autumn Term commences – first day of term for pupils
9 th	Class Welcome Meeting (Fox) at 3.30pm
10 th	Class Welcome Meeting (Fry) at 3.30pm
12 th	Class Welcome Meeting (Cadbury) at 3.30pm
13 th	Class Welcome Meeting (JBB) at 3.30pm – Lodge Hill: details to be shared about trip
19 th	PTA AGM 3:30pm
30 th	School Photos
30 th	Cadbury Phonics and IT Parent Meeting at 3:30 pm
October 2024	
1 st	Open morning for prospective parents 9:30 – 10:30 am
9 th – 11 th	Residential for Y5&6 Lodge Hill
15 th and 17 th	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm-6pm. One appointment per child.
18 th	Open afternoon for prospective parents 2:00 – 3:00 pm
25 th	Harvest Festival Parents' Assembly 2.15pm
21 st	Bikeability Year 6
28 th – 1 st inclusive	Half term
November 2024	
6 th	Open morning for prospective parents to visit school 9:30 – 10:30 am
22 nd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
25 th	Flu Nasal Spray
28 th	Open Afternoon for Prospective parents to visit school 2:00pm – 3:15pm
December 2024	
TBC	Chartwell's Christmas Lunch
18 th	Christmas Nativity Performance at Christ's Hospital 6:00pm
20 th	Last day of term: 1:30pm finish

Forest School Launch

Next week, we launch our Forest School. All our Forest School sessions will be held on the school grounds, within our wooded and wildlife area. The Forest School leader, Miss Lipscombe will set adaptable small activities, ensuring learners have the space, freedom, and time to learn at their own pace. Giving children an outside space to explore has a positive ongoing effect on mental and physical wellbeing. This term, each year group has an afternoon a fortnight.

These sessions are not weather dependent. Please make sure you **send** your child in with a change of clothes to protect them against brambles and nettle stings. **They will be changing at lunchtime in school,**





ready for the afternoon's activities. For more information about Forest School and a recommended kit list please visit the Forest School page, in the 'About us' drop down menu on the William Penn website or follow this link: http://www.william penn.co.uk/web/forest_school/694202

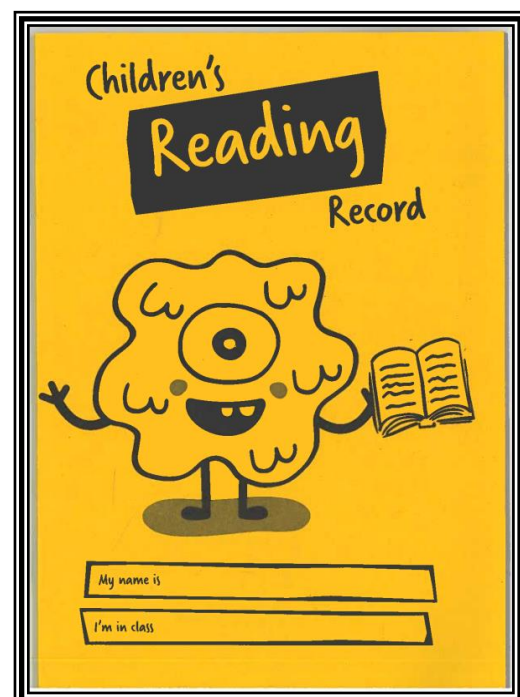
Forest School Fortnightly timetable: 9th to 20th September:

Monday 9 th September	Year 1
Tuesday 10 th September	Year 5
Thursday 12 th September	Year 6
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 2
Wednesday 18 th September	Year 3
Thursday 19 th September	Year 4
Friday 20 th September	Reception

Reading at home

Next week, your child will come home with a Reading Record. In Reception, this will initially be to record when you read a book to your child. However, you can share books with your child, no matter what age and record this in your child's Reading Record. You may also add any comments about their enjoyment and understanding of the text. In Key Stage 1, we would ask that your child reads each book 3 times in order to develop their fluency and comprehension skills. In Key Stage 2, your child should still be encouraged to read daily and out loud to improve fluency, vocabulary and tone. Children in Key Stage 2 can record their reading themselves and an adult can then sign the entry. Reading Records will be monitored on a daily basis by the class teacher.

Reading with your child not only increases their vocabulary, but raises their esteem and builds good communication skills. It also fosters a bond between parent and child as well as developing listening skills, spelling and reading comprehension. Reading at home for pleasure has a profound impact on their academic performance and also on their wellbeing.



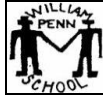
Class Welcome Meetings

Parents are invited in to meet their class teacher and learn about the curriculum being covered, any trips planned and the homework expectations for the year. These will take place in the classroom at 3:30pm. Please see below for the timings of these meetings:

Fox class Welcome Meeting	Monday 9 th September
Fry Class Welcome Meeting	Tuesday 10 th September
Cadbury Class Welcome Meeting	Thursday 12 th September
JBB Welcome Meeting	Friday 13 th September

You can find out more about what your child is learning by visiting the curriculum page on our website: www.william penn.co.uk. The topic webs explain what is being covered during the term, while The Week by Week documents are a rough guide to the dates in which lessons are delivered. These are subject to change, depending on external factors.





Welcome to our new Cadbury children

Mrs Peters writes:

A very warm welcome to our new starters in Cadbury Class.

It has been a joy to see our new reception children are already enjoying being part of our school. They have settled in to new routines extremely well. Playing together in their new 'home corner', exploring their outside classroom and participating in new PE sessions are just a few activities enjoyed to date. Thank you to all the other year groups who have kindly supported Cadbury Class during break and lunchtimes.

PTA AGM

This year's PTA AGM takes place at 3:30pm on Thursday 19th September. Your children will be able to watch a film in Cadbury whilst you attend the meeting. See the website for more details about what is involved http://www.william penn.co.uk/web/_pta_welcome/89. Our PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school and enhance the school's community. All parents are welcomed.

Teracycle requests

Please continue to use the bins outside school to recycle those materials that cannot be collected with your general household waste. There are still extra points awarded for the rigid plastic containers. These can be any brand.



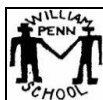
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- ✓ All brands of (rigid) plastic food storage containers and lids
- ✓ All brands of reusable plastic water bottles and caps

no

- ✗ Glass containers and lids
- ✗ Glass bottles and caps
- ✗ Flexible plastic containers and bottles





Health and Safety

A polite reminder about not parking across drives. Please make sure you do not park on the pavement or across our neighbours driveways as this is hazardous for people entering or leaving school and highly inconvenient for those living near the school. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Attendance

The Department for Education published **Working together to improve school attendance** which outlines the changes to the process that schools and local authorities should follow and the penalties for absence. From August 2024, penalties for absence have changed and these are detailed below. All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

Please read these so that you are familiar with the new guidelines. Attending school is so important for your child. Attendance is directly linked to attainment and wellbeing. Attendance and being on time means that your child does not miss any part of their learning. Attendance means that they are not missing out socially and they are building stronger relationships with peers and adults.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

- ### FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- ### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.
- ### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

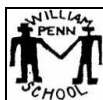
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.





Achievements Outside of School

On Sunday 18th August, Zachary helped to host a charity football match at Jubilee Fields in Billingshurst. The charity he supported is SADS UK (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome). A football match was held in memory of Zachary's Daddy who died suddenly from a cardiac arrest in November 2021. They raised a huge £1600! Zachary was also featured last week in the County Times newspaper explaining all about the match. It was an amazing day and Zachary enjoyed doing it in memory of his daddy. What an amazing achievement! You can read all about it here: <https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/community/fun-match-day-in-memory-of-martin-raises-funds-for-sad-uk-4756310>

Well done to Maxwell for completing his Marvellous Makers Reading Challenge this summer. Super effort!

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

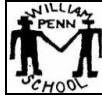
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dojo winners Summer 2024	Evie 845 Dojos for being a fantastic role model. You are always on task and ready to put in your best effort all year, regardless of what it is. You are also a brilliant friend, embodying our Quaker values. You will do so well in Year 1!	Beaux For being a role model in Fox class. You are always positive towards everything in school, and this rubs off on everyone else in the classroom. I am sure you will continue this into Year 2 and beyond. Thank you for an amazing year Beaux!	Pippa For being such a shining light in Fox class this year. You put 100% effort into everything you do and you contribute every single day. Your attitude towards your learning is admirable and you should feel extremely proud of yourself. Well done Pippa!	Layla S For always being an exemplary student. You have a fantastic attitude to learning. You try your best every day. Absolute superstar, well done Layla!	Bethany For being an outstanding role model to all children at William Penn. Your effort is admirable and your attitude towards everything at school is remarkable. Well done Beth!	Rory and Andrew For always being kind, helpful and ready to learn. You always work hard and try your best, engaging in lessons with thoughtful contributions while following the golden rules. Well done boys!	Rufus Well done for being an absolutely fantastic member of the class. Your attitude towards your learning is outstanding and you can always be relied on to contribute during lessons. Well done Rufus!

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 19.7.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Evie For her super listening skills this week. She was able to not only understand all our golden rules but also help others to remember them too.	Bear What a tremendous first week! From being nervous at the start, to earning the super star in the week! You are so honest and thoughtful – well done.	Jessica You are so kind! I have noticed your positive energy. Thank you for making me feel so welcome into William Penn. Keep spreading your good vibes around the school!	Betsy-May For always trying your hardest even when things are challenging. You have joined in and answered questions with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done!	Charlie For working really hard this week. You have completed all of your tasks to a great standard and have even helped out other people. Great effort, well done!	Bethany For showing such a positive attitude upon your return to school this week. You are already following every single one of the Golden Rules. Well done!	Oscar For persevering during maths this week. You managed to grasp an understanding of place value to 100,000. Keep up the resilient attitude!
Presentation Star	Lincoln For writing his name in multicoloured letters and drawing out all his number blocks too. He really takes his time to make sure all his colouring is in the lines. Super effort!	Evie Wow! I was so impressed with your presentation in our lesson about our brains. Great drawing and neat writing. Well Done!	Max Beautiful presentation in maths this week. Writing neatly on the line, and being clear with your reasons!	Carson For your comic strip about Om's day from 'Stone Age Boy'. You have tried really hard to make your handwriting neat and have really thought about the illustrations. Great job!	Layla S For presenting ALL of your work so beautifully. Everything is underlined, your handwriting is great and you are always ready to learn. Well done!	Jenson For taking such time and consideration when making notes about the Cold War and the Space Race. I can tell how interested you are just by looking at your work!	George For wanting to strive to succeed when presenting your work to the highest standard. You encourage others to follow suit. Well done!

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Still time to complete the Summer Reading Challenge!



This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers is available in libraries until Saturday 14 September. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell us about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer! You can save time by filling out the [Finisher Form](#) before you visit – please complete one per child.

Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading.

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge, your local library and more on the [West Sussex Libraries website](#).

