

## William Penn Newsletter – 4.10.24

### Starting School in September 2024

The process of applying for school places for September 2024 has already begun. We have held one open morning with another 3 planned over the next 2 months. All the dates and times are on our website.

We are looking forward to welcoming existing families and new families to William Penn.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about your child starting school with us, please get in touch via the school office on 01403 741274 or [office@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk)

Apply online at:  
[westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

**Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2025

**Apply online!**  
It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 7 October 2024**. If you would like further advice or information, phone: 03330 142 903.

**Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



### Meet the new School Council

Hello,

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new School Council for this year. We are really looking forward to working on different projects throughout the year. We will work with children and staff to support the school. We believe it is important that everyone has a voice and is listened to. Our School Council represent the views of all pupils. We will help to make decisions to improve our school and be involved in regular meetings.

We have already had our first meeting. We discussed behaviour and the importance of being kind. Teachers and children are going to spot people being kind around the school for our special Golden assembly. We also discussed 'Our Curriculum' and are going to find out about what lessons we all enjoy and why.

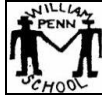
School Council will give children the opportunity to have a voice and put across their opinion. We will keep you up to date with the different activities we will be working on. The sports captains will also be involved in working alongside school council.

The School Council.

### Parents Consultations – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Parents are invited into school to meet their class teacher and discuss how their child is settling in, the progress they are making and their general wellbeing. These are ten minute consultations that can be booked via My Child at School. The meetings will take place face to face in the classrooms. If you require a phone consultation as you are unable to attend in person, please book the slot on My Child at School and then email your teacher directly with the best phone number to be contacted on. The slots will be going live on My Child at School on 7/10/24 at 7am. If you are unable to make an appointment using the app, please phone the office on 01403 741274 or email [office@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk).





## News from the PTA

All parents / carers are welcome to join us at the PTA meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30 p.m. to discuss ideas and make plans for what we can offer at the Harvest Festival parents assembly on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Be sure to save the date for this Harvest Concert. It will take place at 2:15pm on the playground. Please pop in and say hello on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> or email williampennpta@outlook.com if you have any fundraising ideas or are able to help out, then we'd be very grateful.

## School uniform discount

Our uniform supplier, myclothing.com are currently running an exclusive 10% discount for William Penn parents until 20<sup>th</sup> December. Enter the code Williampenn10% at the checkout.

## Cadbury Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all the Cadbury parents who came in to the Phonics Meeting on Monday. Here parents learnt about the importance of phonics and early reading. Obviously, there are significant academic benefits from being able to read from a young age, but also reading can help your child relax, boost their mood and escape elsewhere – and it doesn't have to be a book. It could be a football magazine, a comic or even a recipe.

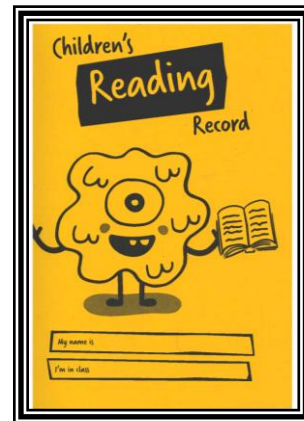
Regular reading is important because it provides your child with an opportunity to practise decoding texts, applying their phonic knowledge and rehearsing the reading of whole words too. Most importantly, it is an opportunity to discuss the text, developing comprehension, vocabulary, imagination and concentration. Once they are fluent readers, it is an opportunity to further broaden their vocabulary and thinking skills.

Date	Book title and page number	Comments
20/10	Vetman Page 43-52	Story read at school independently 1/6
21/10	Vetman page 52-58	Story read at home. I read and checked. Phonics and sound. Phonics 2/11. 1/11
22/10	Vetman page 58-65	Phonics help with. I read and checked. Phonics and sound. Phonics 2/11. 1/11
23/10	Vetman page 65-72	Story read. Phonics and sound. Phonics 2/11. 1/11
25/10	Amazing animals of Reading story well done!	4/10

### What can you do to help at home?

- Listen to your child read every day at home for 10 minutes.
- Read your child a bedtime story every night.
- Be a good reading role model.
- Talk to your children about stories and books they read e.g. What makes you think that? How did you think it would end? Who are the key characters in the book? What do these

words mean and why do you think the writer chose them? What was the most exciting part of the story? Do you know any more stories like this?



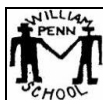
Remember to fill in your child's reading record when you have listened to them read or discussed their reading with them.



## Teracyle requests

We have entered the Sistema Recycled Playground Contest. This is a chance to win a playground with a frame made of 100% recycled materials. Please keep on using the recycling bins to recycle any old plastic food storage containers and reusable plastic bottles. If you work in an office, check to see if there any that need recycling there. Ask friends and family too!





## Forest School

Please be sure to send your child in with a change of clothing, waterproofs and wellies (or sturdy shoes) as the children will be going out whatever the weather and it is getting very muddy out there!

### Forest School Fortnightly timetable: 7<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 7.10.24	Year 1
Tuesday 8.10.24	Year 5
Monday 14.10.24	Year 6
Tuesday 15.10.24	Year 2
Wednesday 16.10.24	Year 3
Thursday 17.10.24	Year 4
Friday 18.10.24	Reception

## Health and Safety

Some of you may have spotted the Civil Enforcement Officer outside our school last week. Their job is to make sure drivers follow parking regulations on public streets and in car parks. When a Civil Enforcement Officer notices that someone is breaking traffic rules, it's their job to issue a penalty charge notice (PCN). Thank you for your continued support with the parking outside the school and being respectful towards the neighbours.

## Horsham Matters Foodbank

This year we will be collecting items for the Horsham Matters Foodbank – see the poster for donations. A box will be left outside next week for the week to add in donations. Please bring in any items you can spare for this charity. These will be collected by Horsham Matters on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**This Harvest Festival, the Horsham District Foodbank is asking for donations of surplus home grown produce and our much needed general items:**

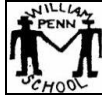
- Toilet Rolls
- Long Life Custard
- Hot Chocolate
- Jar Cooking Sauces
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Instant Coffee
- Savoury Snacks

**If you wish to make a financial donation to the Foodbank, please scan the code below.**



  
Horsham Matters foodbank  
Meeting Needs and Improving Lives

**Telephone: 0300 124 0204**  
**Charity Number: 1116253**



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance is still currently running at 92.7% against the national average in Primary Schools across the UK which was 96.2%. A large percentage of this was unauthorised holidays. We now have to present our attendance data to the Local Authority and they then issue the fines for unauthorised absence of over ten sessions (five days).

We do understand that children can also be unwell. Please read the following guidance from the NHS below for when you should or shouldn't send your child to school if they are ill. Let's work together to raise our attendance.




# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

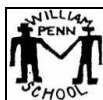


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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.





## Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Pippa who completed her stage 2 in her swimming lessons on Monday. She received a badge and a certificate. Super effort!

Well done to Grace, James, Bethany and Fraser for taking part in the Jennings Junior Jog last weekend and getting covered in paint!

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

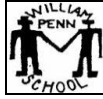
<b>Golden children</b>	<b>Harrison</b> For choosing to pick up Goldilocks and the Three Bears and read the book all on his own! Excellent independent learning.	<b>Lavinia</b> We are so proud of you this week. You have listened, worked hard and tried your very best. We love having you at WP!	<b>Fraser</b> I have noticed you starting to really fly! You're often seeking out challenges and getting things done. Keep it up!	<b>Marnie L</b> For having a great attitude towards school and work. Your behaviour is exemplary and you are making a wonderful start to Year 3. Well done Marnie!	<b>Theo</b> For having a fantastic week. You have worked so hard and completed all your work. You should feel very proud of yourself. Well done Theo!	<b>Jac</b> For having such an incredibly positive mind set in JBB. You never shy away from a challenge and are open to new and exciting things. You bring sunshine to the class every day. Keep it up Jac!	<b>Rory</b> For consistently being a kind and thoughtful member of JBB. You always set the tone for the day and others look to follow your lead. Thank you for all your efforts as always, Rory.
<b>Presentation stars</b>	<b>Delfina</b> For coming in each morning and feeling so proud when she writes her name! Amazing effort.	<b>Fitz</b> Super presentation in English with finger spaces every time – well done!	<b>Elena</b> Your handwriting effort has really been noticed! You are our sun, boat and moon Queen! Thank you.	<b>Arthur</b> For having a great attitude towards your presentation. Your continued hard work and pride in your work is admirable. Well done Arthur. You should feel very proud of yourself.	<b>Layla S</b> For continuing to show amazing presentation in every single piece of work that you produce. You are an exceptional role model to younger and older children in school. Well done Layla S!	<b>Bethany</b> For always taking such consideration and pride when presenting any piece of work. You make sure your writing is legible and are leading the way in terms of presentation. Well done!	<b>Clayne</b> For your outstanding presentation in Hooked on Books this week. You always ensure everything is to the highest possible standard. Well done Clayne!

## Friday Golden Assembly Awards: 27.9.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Golden Children</b>	<b>Ioana</b> For her kindness when playing games on the playground with her friends. You always check everyone is ready to go out to play and make sure everyone is included! Keep spreading the kindness!	<b>Henry</b> I have seen a massive change in you as you have grown in confidence! You are smiling and trying really hard – what more could I want? Keep it up!	<b>Jackson</b> You have quickly become an ALWAYS child. Always ready, always sitting smartly, always focussing on the lesson and always being kind. Thank you for setting the standard, Jackson!	<b>Maxwell</b> For being so kind to his younger peers on the playground this week. You are an exceptional role model. Well done Maxwell!	<b>Layla B</b> For having a superb attitude towards your learning this week. Even when things have been different you have risen to the occasion and worked brilliantly. Well done Layla!	<b>Ollie</b> For always being such a kind friend to all your fellow classmates. Your optimistic and bubbly personality mean you are relied upon in times of need, thank you.	<b>Lennon</b> For showing real kindness by supporting many of his peers this week, particularly during spellings. Thank you for your consideration towards others Lennon, well done!
<b>Presentation stars</b>	<b>Oscar</b> For choosing the writing table in his 'Explore and Learn' time and practising his writing. You have managed to form some super smart sounds this week – well done!	<b>Poppy</b> Your English this week – wow! Handwriting on the line, finger spaces perfect too. Well Done!	<b>Zachary</b> Great presentation in our writing about our homes this week. Thank you!	<b>Maisy</b> For producing some beautiful history work this week. You really focused on how your work would look and used colours and illustration brilliantly. Well done Maisy.	<b>Arlo</b> For really focusing on your presentation in ALL subjects this week. It is great to see you taking pride in your handwriting and presentation. Well done Arlo!	<b>Ava</b> For always taking such care and attention with your presentation. Your eye for detail is admirable and encourages others to do the same. Keep it up Ava!	<b>Andrew</b> For applying yourself when choosing how to present your work. You take such effort in all of your work and should feel proud of your final results. Well done!

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 [help@aamail.org](mailto:help@aamail.org)



## Mental health and wellbeing – message from Alcoholics Anonymous

We have been approached by a local organisation to share this information: Struggling with addiction or alcoholism can deeply affect both individuals and their families, but help is available. Fellowships like Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and Cocaine Anonymous (CA) offer support for those battling addiction, while Al-Anon and Cocaine Anonymous's family groups (CA-Al-Anon) provide guidance for families dealing with the impact of a loved one's addiction. Local meetings can be found at:

[ca.org.uk](http://ca.org.uk) for CA.

[alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/find-a-meeting/](http://alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/find-a-meeting/) for AA

[sussexna.org/meeting/horsham](http://sussexna.org/meeting/horsham) for NA

[al-anonuk.org.uk/getting-help/Al-Anon](http://al-anonuk.org.uk/getting-help/Al-Anon) meetings for the families of addicts and alcoholics

No one has to face this journey alone. Together, we find strength and hope. You are one step away.

