

Newsletter – 2.5.25

Welcome back

Thank you for sending your children in so ready to learn for the Summer Term. Every term, our teachers prepare a week by week overview of what is happening in each class in key areas. They also produce a Topic Web for the term's topic. These documents show what is being taught in each class. Please be aware that these sheets are working documents and are subject to change depending on the needs of the children as the term progresses. Follow this link to find out about what your child will be learning this term.

https://www.williampenn.co.uk/web/summer_2025_curriculum/703664

If you have any questions, please check in with your class teacher.

Sports for Champions Visit

On Wednesday 21st May, British Basketballer Chris Tawiah will be visiting our school to inspire future generations of semi-professional athletes. Chris has won multiple championships and competed in 7 major professional finals and competed in some of Europe's elite leagues and international club competitions. Chris will show medals, share stories of his hard work, determination and lessons learned during a whole school assembly. Afterwards, children will have the opportunity to ask Chris questions about his career.

During the afternoon, all children will take part in a fitness circuit, led by Chris. The fitness circuit will include exercises such as spotty dogs, leg drives, press-ups and star jumps. **Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on this date.**

Children will be coming home today with a Sponsorship Form, aiming to raise money for the school. Rewards for amount raised include an official Victory wristband, a limited edition athlete poster and a photo of your child with Chris presented in an autographed keepsake.

All sponsorship forms and money must be handed into the office no later than Tuesday 20th May, or donations can be made at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-william-penn-school-fundraiser>



Earth Day

Thanks to the PTA, we celebrated Earth Day in style on 22/4/25. All the children planted their own hedge sapling to create wildlife hedging from the Woodland Trust. This will form a natural border around the woodland area. Improving the eco and biodiversity and hopefully helping the drainage. Children will get to see the hedge grow over the course of their time at William Penn. Plans are in place to create a gate from the oak tree that was cut down earlier in the year. A big thank you to Kayleigh and Ms Lipscombe for keeping them watered this week!

West Grinstead and District Ploughing and Agricultural Society Schools Competition 2025

We have been supplied with 4 potato growing bags and sunflower seeds free of charge from the Ploughing and Agricultural Society. Our task is to produce as many potatoes as possible from 2 bags, and tall and hopefully flowering sunflowers from the other 2.

The Society will then visit school towards the end of the summer term to judge the results. The potatoes will be dug and weighed and the sunflowers measured and then the judge will decide on the best entry.

Each school will receive £50 for entering and the prizes will be;
1st place £300 and a trophy
2nd place £200
3rd place £100

Let the growing begin!



Wear it Green Day – Thursday 15th of May 2025

This year on Thursday 15th May, William Penn will be celebrating 'Wear it Green Day'. This is Mental Health Day. Schools across the country will be wearing green and taking part in activities to support our mental health and wellbeing.

As part of the planning process, the Happiness Heroes will be working hard to plan some fun and enjoyable activities for all the children to take part in during the afternoon.

We would like to invite children to wear something green and make a small donation to the Mental Health Foundation.

Thank you for supporting such an important cause.

Ms Passfield

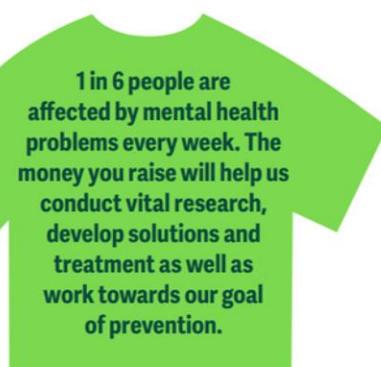
ABOUT WEAR IT GREEN DAY

Organise a Wear it Green Day in your school, workplace or community this Mental Health Awareness Week and help to raise vital funds and awareness for mental health.

The green ribbon is the international symbol of mental health awareness, so whether you go all out in head to toe green or show your solidarity with one of our green ribbon pin badges, this is a great way to get involved and open up a conversation about mental health.

Wear it Green Day is our flagship fundraiser for Mental Health Awareness Week and will be taking place on Thursday 15 May 2025, but you can hold one at any time of year if there's a more suitable date for you.

We have loads of fundraising resources and activity ideas in this pack and on our website to make your day as successful as possible!



Growing to love tomatoes

We have been incredibly busy planting since returning after Easter! As part of the national campaign delivered by vegpower.org.uk, schools have been invited to take part in a programme that teaches children to have a more positive relationship with healthy food.

80% of our children are not eating enough vegetables, with a third eating less than one portion a day. Their mission is to inspire kids to love vegetables and to share that joy with their parents today and their own children tomorrow. One of the best ways to develop that love is through growing your own. Growing vegetables encourages children to try the food they produce, fosters understanding of the food chain and sustainability, and encourages hands-on curriculum-based learning.

Growing to Love, a project developed by behavioural scientists, teachers, and botanists, and featuring Shaun the Sheep, shows children the joy of growing and tasting their own produce. Over 30,000 children will be growing their own tomatoes this year. These tomato plants will be heading home over the summer to be cared for at home. Visit www.vegpower.org.uk to find out more about this exciting campaign.



PTA News: PLANTERS

Please speak to us or let us know via email williampennpta@outlook.com if you would like to **sponsor a planter or make a monetary contribution**. We still need to raise £100 to cover the cost of buying plants for the year.

We have had some great support with the planters around the playground and **THANK YOU** to those families sponsoring! A massive thank you to Zachary's family for providing the flowers, planting them and watering them.

EASYFUNDRAISING

An advertisement banner for Easyfundraising. It features a man in a grey shirt holding a smartphone. The text on the banner reads: "easyfundraising", "You shop, brands donate to a cause you care about.", "Make your money magical", and "You Shop. 7000 brands donate. For Free."

Fundraising | Charity Fundraising Online | You Spend Online, Brands Donate | Easyfundraising

Join over 2.4 million people raising free donations at over 7,000 retailers every day the easyfundraising way! Over £42 million has already been raised for good causes.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Sign up to easyfundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

and see your favourite brands donate to William Penn whenever you shop with them at no cost to you!

We have just had £54.17 paid into the PTA account from this fundraising which we can spend in school for our children. **THANK YOU** to those parents who have already signed up, please spread the word!

USBOURNE

We have £90 to spend at school from funds raised at the Spring Extravaganza when books were purchased.

UNIFORM DONATIONS TUESDAY 6th - FRIDAY 9th MAY

Please bring uniform donations next week, particularly **small sizes** for new starters when they attend their taster days. The PTA box will be on the playground.

NO MORE GENERAL CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN

Sadly there is no more provision for recycling non-uniform items at the school gates.

MAY DAY - FRIDAY 23rd 12.00

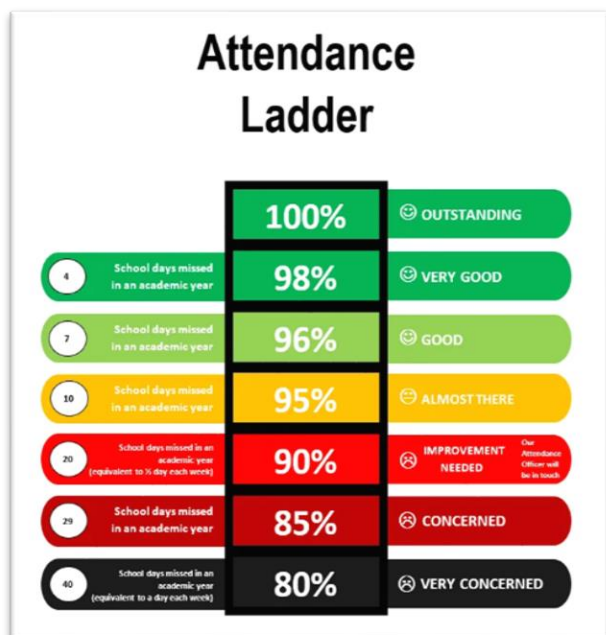
Save the date! PTA will be providing a stall with strawberries and lemonade.

Attendance Matters

Class attendance this academic year:

Year group	1.5.25
Year R	93.4%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	91.5%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	92.6%
Whole school	93.1%

Our overall attendance has dropped to 93.1%. We have been hit by chicken pox which has been totally unavoidable. However, this is not the only cause for our attendance slipping. Please can you avoid taking your child out for anything this term other than illness. There are only 190 school days – this leaves 175 for holidays. This will enable us to get nearer to our target of 96%. Please check your child's attendance on the MCAS app. Let's work together to improve attendance.



25.4.25	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Zara-Grace For coming into class calmly every morning to start her morning work. Her letter formation is fabulous as she really takes her time to produce high quality work.	Poppy What a great start to the summer term. Your learning behaviour is worthy of a chef's kiss! Mamma Mia!	Sonny I have seen you trying so hard this week. Thank you and keep it up – you should feel very proud of your achievements.	Jimmy For settling back really well into the school routine. You have worked hard and remained focused in lessons. Keep up the super work! Well done Jimmy!	Betsy For giving your all in maths this week. You are even working hard on your times tables at home. True dedication. Well done Betsy!	Jenson I have been blown away by your engagement in our new topic! You have asked so many interesting and detailed questions, showing just how eager you are to learn – keep it up!	Oliver For your marvellous descriptive writing during sessions with Mrs Constable! Your eerie troll tale was amazingly atmospheric. Well done!
Learning Leaders	Lola-Rose (Y2) You are always ready, sitting beautifully and showing that you want to learn. Active Listening comes naturally, and you are a role model for everyone to look to. Thank you.			Pippa (Y3) You show everyone how to be an amazing learner. You show focus and dedication to every subject. You work hard and persevere through things that aren't always very easy. You are an exemplary role model to your peers. Amazing Pippa!			

2.5.25	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Ioana You bring peace and friendship to Cadbury Class. Always looking out for your peers and helping others around the classroom – thank you!	Henry For choosing and using resources enthusiastically. Then, you take time to respect resources by tidying away! This shows simplicity, our school value.	William For your dedicated and brilliant reading. Thank you for being so enthusiastic. I am thrilled with your progress.	Bella For having a brilliant attitude towards work this week. You have been applying yourself in all subjects. Your smiley and positive attitude in class is infectious. Keep up the good work, Bella!	Theo For having a great start to the summer term. It has been lovely to see you joining in with all our learning about birds. You have worked well with a partner and produced some amazing work! Well done Theo!	Indie For showing resilience when working, despite your injury. You have adapted to a different style of recording information and have continued with the same work ethic you always have. Well done Indie!	Lennon For outstanding work not only in maths, which you have aced, but also in your bespoke grammar sessions with Mrs Constable. Your hard work is really starting to pay off so keep going!
Learning Leaders	Delfina. For excellent motivation. You never give up with your learning. You keep calm and continue with the task. We are so proud of you and love to see your super smile when you have completed what you set out to achieve!			Violet Your dedication to succeed has really shone this week. You have radiated your positive attitude to learning throughout the class. You are quietly determined and this is showing in work across every lesson. Thank you for setting the example.			

Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Bethany and Jac for completing their Foundation Stage in guitar. Well done to Layla for completing her stage 2 in flute – what a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to Max for receiving a trophy from your Under 7 Rugby Team and Fraser a certificate for playing in the Starter Red Tennis competition.

Diary dates for the Summer Term

Below are the dates for the term. Please note that there are Rain Off days for both May Day and Sports Day. This year, as we did last year, we would like to invite parents to a family picnic on the field for May Day from 12:00pm. Family and friends can bring their own blanket and picnic to the event and your child will be able to join you.

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 holiday
June 2025	
4 th	Welcome Meeting for new parents 6pm
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
20 th	Mission Masterpiece Art Day
26 th	Mission Masterpiece Art Exhibition 3:20pm
27 th	Sports Day 1.30pm
30 th	Science Day
July 2025	
4 th	Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm
6 th	Horsham Children's Parade
13 th	PTA Summer Fayre
14 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
16 th	KS2 Leavers disco: 3:30 – 4:30pm. Year 6 Pizza and award ceremony: 4:30 – 5:30pm
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

Open Days at the Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House



You are invited to visit our historic Quaker meeting house and spend time in this peaceful place.

Learn about the Blue Idol, Quaker history, William Penn and Quakers today.

Wednesday

Every Wednesday from
March 19th to the end of
October 2025

10am - 1pm

Saturday

Second Saturday each
month from April to
October 2025

Explore the meeting house and our exhibition in the Hovel barn, with volunteers on site to answer questions.

You are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy in the garden.

Family activities and refreshments on Saturday open days.

Free entrance. Plenty of parking.
Wheelchair and pushchair accessible.

Saturday dates:

April 12th

May 10th

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

October 11th



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