

Newsletter – 18.07.25

Final Day of another amazing year for William Penn

What a year we have had! It has been great to see the school go from strength to strength with such a committed school community. It has been a joy to see all of the children make progress in their learning. Our collective push on handwriting and presentation has seen some wonderful work being produced. A massive thank you to the teachers and support staff this year for continuing to work tirelessly to finesse the offering for pupils at William Penn. A huge thank you also to the Governors and the PTA for all their hard work. We couldn't have done this without your support. And finally, thank you parents for entrusting us with your gorgeous children! All the staff at William Penn would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer holiday. See you on **Thursday September 3rd**.

PTA News Dear parents, teachers, families and friends,

What a year! We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone that has supported events since September, whether by attending, preparing, donating, or working on other bits behind the scenes it is all very much appreciated! Here is an overview of what we have been up to this academic year:

EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2024- JULY 2025

Harvest Festival, Christmas UV Disco, Christmas 'Pop-up Shop', Raffles (including January cheer-up, fruit basket & cakes), Spring Extravaganza, May Pole Refreshments & Strawberries, Ice-pop Fridays, Glass Painting, Summer Fair and the Leavers Disco.

ITEMS/ EVENTS FUNDED BY PTA SEPTEMBER 2024- JULY 2025 (AMOUNT GIVEN TO SCHOOL: £1,654)

Tarpaulin for the sand pit, water tray, sensory tent, DJ for the Christmas disco, over 100 new books, Horsham Parade entry, hedging for Forest School, two visualisers to aid classroom teaching, disco lights (no external DJ needed for future events), planters for the playground, fans, orienteering control punches, summer fair inflatable hire, BBQ Butchers meat, JBB Leavers party food, Y6 Leavers' books, minibus annual subscription for 2025 (to assist in the transport of children to extra-curricular activities during the school day if needed).

This is not a definitive list but gives an overview. At the AGM in September, more details will be given and accounts are made available for public viewing.

SUMMER FAIR

What a scorcher it was! **THANK YOU** for showing so much support to our little school, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! There were plenty of happy faces and an amazing atmosphere! It was a huge team effort with over 40 adults involved (and a number of small people!). **THANK YOU**, teachers, for giving up your weekend to be there. **THANK YOU** to everyone involved - whether it was filling sweet jars, making signage, sourcing raffle prizes, putting up gazebos, lugging boxes, the BBQ, face painting etc it couldn't have happened without you all. Please see the attached poster for the amazing live band that we had at the summer fair 'Carbon Copy'!

After costs were deducted, we raised over £1,100, which is incredible! (final figures to be confirmed at the AGM).

PTA FEEDBACK SURVEY - If you can answer the 10 brief questions either via MCAS or Whats App we would really appreciate it.

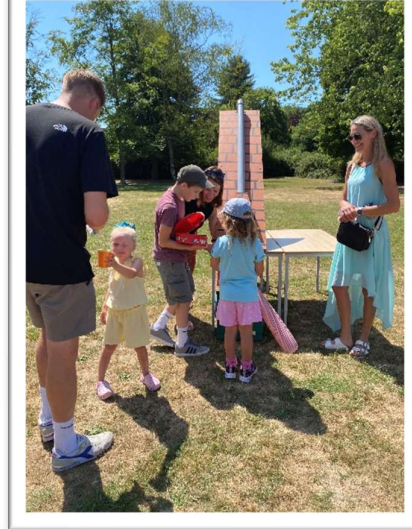
BBQ - Sadly, the school BBQ needs to be replaced. If anyone is likely to have a large gas BBQ surplus to requirement at the end of the summer, please contact us. Or if anyone has any contacts to help us source a discounted BBQ that would be really helpful.

AGM - Monday 29th September (3.15pm at school)

PLEASE attend if you can. We are a friendly bunch and this is your opportunity to give feedback and bring new ideas and meet us. It does NOT mean you have to commit to anything at all if you don't want to!

We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

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Special visitor in Cadbury Class

Cadbury Class were lucky to have a special visit from Rod Everest this week. Mr Everest came in and talked about his job as a firefighter. Cadbury Class had lots of questions to ask him. We found out how firefighters protect themselves and the different jobs they are tasked with to keep us all safe! Thank you for coming to help us learn, we loved it!



Year 6 visit to the Blue Idol

On Monday, Laura, our new foundation governor, lead a beautifully reflective and peaceful workshop with the children at the Blue Idol, a place of Quaker worship that William Penn went to from 1691. Having learnt lots about the Quakers and William Penn in their history lessons this term, it was an excellent opportunity to 'bring their learning to life'. They spent time inside the Meeting House reflecting in silence and thought about how the Quaker values can help and support them through their transition to secondary school. The year 6 children would like to thank Laura, Richard and Chrissy for their hospitality and making our trip so special on their final Monday at William Penn School.



IRock end of term concert

Future pop stars treated fellow William Penn pupils to a spectacular concert on Wednesday afternoon. The performance was filled with well-known hits, including Seven Nation Army, Believer and We Will Rock You. All of the performers should feel immensely proud of their efforts. Thank you for bringing such rock star quality to William Penn!



GROW YOUR OWN POTATOES

Cadbury Class took part in this year's Grow Your Own Potatoes (GYOP) project. The children thoroughly enjoyed the journey — from planting and caring for their crop, to the exciting moment we'd all been waiting for... Harvest Day! It was very exciting to see what has been growing beneath the soil.

This project was designed to educate children about where their food comes from, how to grow potatoes and how they form part of a healthy, balanced diet. This year's theme was Growing for a Greener Future. This relates to our work on children's rights.



New staff starting in September: message from Mr Brookes (Headteacher from September)

As some of you may know, I have been coming into school every Wednesday during this half-term. This has been so useful. I feel I already know so much about the school and its routines. More importantly, I've had the opportunity to begin to work with the amazing staff team, the wonderful children and even chat to quite a few parents. It is obvious to me that this is a really special and unique school with a huge heart, where everyone involved cares deeply. A school where every child is valued equally and has the opportunities to fulfil their potential. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to join the William Penn team and I'm sure that my experience as a senior leader will contribute to the school continuing on its fantastic journey. Have a great summer and I look forward to getting to know everyone in September. Mr Brookes



We have also appointed Mrs Osgood as a Teaching Assistant to work in Cadbury alongside Mrs Peters. She will join us from September. You may recognise her as Evie's mum in Cadbury or as a very active member of the PTA. She brings with her a wealth of teaching experience and SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) experience. We are delighted that she will be joining our team!

PE timetable for Autumn 2025

Day	Class
Monday	Cadbury and Fox
Tuesday	Fry and JBB
Wednesday	Fox
Thursday	
Friday	Fry and JBB

Forest School timetable for 2025-2026

Half term	Class
Autumn 1	Cadbury
Autumn 2	Fry
Spring 1	Fox
Spring 2	Fox
Summer 1	Cadbury
Summer 2	JBB

Clubs in September:

Please see below a list of extra curricula clubs for the Autumn term. Some are booked directly with school on the MCAS app, others directly with the external provider. Please see the email sent yesterday with further details on dates, costs and how to book your child's place.

Tuesdays: RepTylers - 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday: Clay Club - 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday: IRock – 1:30 – 3:30pm

Thursday: Football Club – 3:15 – 4:15pm

Friends continues to offer wrap around care and can be booked on the MCAS app. Due to a lack of demand and financial pressures, Friends will close at 4:15pm on Fridays. This will be reviewed later in the term. Monday to Thursday, childcare is provided until 5:30pm. Please see our website for more details.

Parent Workshops run by our Dedicated Schools link worker

We have two parent workshops planned for the Autumn term that will be held in the school hall. More information will be shared next September, but keep the dates free. Children will be able to attend Friends Club during these workshops and they will be run by West Sussex Early Help Team.

25/9/25 – 3:30pm – 4:15pm My Digital child

9/10/25 3:30 – 4:15pm Healthy eating, sleep routines and dental hygiene

Nut allergies

Can we please remind you that we strive to be a nut free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction; just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

School staff are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Some Asian food, including satay

Sauces that contain nuts

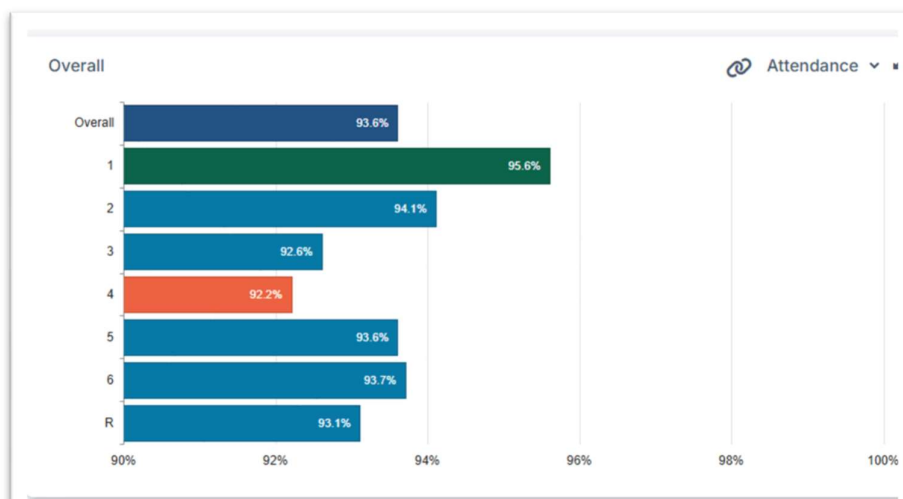
This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. I know if this was your child, you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Attendance Matters

Class attendance this academic year:



We have managed to achieve 93.6% attendance this year as a school. Let's work together to improve attendance next year, aiming for 96% or above, to ensure that all children benefit from consistent learning, social interactions, and a sense of belonging, while also minimizing the negative impact of missed lessons and potential learning gaps.

How are you really feeling?

Find local mental wellbeing information and support


[how-are-you-really-feeling-sussex.nhs.uk](https://www.how-are-you-really-feeling-sussex.nhs.uk)





Support for children's wellbeing

As schools and colleges prepare to finish for the summer, West Sussex Early Help Team would like to share with you some resources to support young people with their mental health and wellbeing.

Text SUSSEX is a free text service, there to help anyone who is struggling with their feelings. If you're feeling worried, sad, or lonely, text the word 'SUSSEX' to 85258 to start a silent conversation with a mental health professional.

The service is free, confidential, and available at any time, day or night.

Resources for families, carers and professionals

Please visit Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's website for a range of resources for families, carers, and professionals. This includes a series of pre-recorded webinars for parents and carers with hints and tips on how to support young people who are experiencing difficulties with their mental health.

11.7.25	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Evie You have been a real eco-warrior this week. Helping us recycle and using key words during our topic work. Well done Evie	Oliver Your independence is growing, and you are making great progress. It's great to see how much you are improving – well done!	William Another great week! You are ready for Key Stage 2, showing that you can apply your learning to lots of different things. Great attitude!	Tiffany For having a great attitude towards all your lessons and being so keen and ready to learn. Superstar! Well done Tiff!	Amaris For always being committed to your education. Your intuitive attitude towards learning is admirable and your positive attitude is infectious. Well done!	Ava For using your mathematical skills to score well during our 'warm ups' at the start of each maths lesson. The knowledge you have gained over this year is now showing, so keep it up. Well done Ava!	Spencer For creating an entertaining text adventure in computing this week. You have worked collaboratively and managed to incorporate both you and your partner's ideas. Well done Spen!
Learning Leaders	Elena You are such a hard-worker! Even when things aren't easy, you focus and try your best. This is all we can ask for and everyone can look to you for inspiration. Well Done!			Connor For having such a mature attitude towards your learning recently. You have been a wonderful role model to your peers and your work reflects this super attitude. Well done Connor.			

18.7.25	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dojo winners	Ioana Thank you for being so kind and working so hard all year. You have been brilliant!	Johnny We are so proud of your progress and all the dojos you have earned. You love to learn and we love to learn with you.	Beaux I treasure our interactions every day and love the role model that you are. Thank you for working so hard all year.	Pippa For always, always, always doing your best, working your hardest and being completely fantastic. Thank you for being you!	James For being a ray of sunshine on cloudy days. Your humour is contagious and your maturing attitude to work has really shone this year. Well done James!	Jenson For going above and beyond this term with your learning. You have remained focused and motivated, putting your in good shape for Year 6! Well done Jenson!	Micaela For an outstanding final term at William Penn! You have been such a delight to teach and you have brought a lot to JBB since your arrival. Well done!
King of the Dojos	Andrew Congratulations Andrew! You have led from the front this summer term and you should be immensely proud of the example you set to everyone else in school. Your behaviour and attitude is highly commendable, and we are certain this will continue well into the Weald, where you will ace it! Well done Andrew!						

Achievements Outside of School

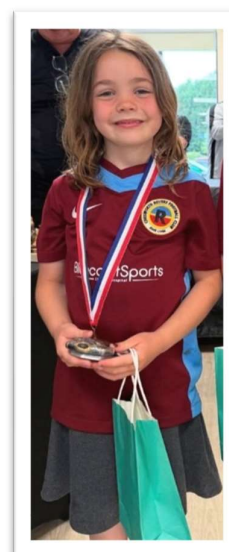
Congratulations to Ava L for winning a trophy when competing on her pony Barbie.

Well done William W for reaching your Stage 3 in swimming! Stage 4 here we come!

Congratulations to Ellie for winning a trophy with her football team.

Well done to Ava D for winning the Lion's "What Farms Do For Us" poster competition and to George for coming second.

Well done to Jessica D for your Street Dance performance at New Bury Theatre – you smashed it!



William Penn - Diary Dates 2025 - 2026

September 2025	
3 rd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
4 th	Autumn Term commences – first day of term for pupils
8 th	Class Welcome Meeting (Cadbury) at 3.30pm
9 th	Class Welcome Meeting (Fox) at 3.30pm
11 th	Class Welcome Meeting (Fry) at 3.30pm
12 th	Class Welcome Meeting (JBB) at 3.30pm
25 th	Parent workshop: My digital child 3:30 – 4:15pm
29 th	PTA AGM 3:30pm
30 th	Individual school photos
October 2025	
3 rd	Open morning for prospective parents 9:30 – 10:30 am
6 th	Cadbury parent phonics meeting
10 th	Parent workshop: Healthy eating, sleep routines and dental hygiene 3:30pm
14 th and 16 th	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm-6pm
15 th	Open afternoon for prospective parents 2:00 – 3:00 pm
22 nd	PTA Disco
24 th	Harvest Concert 2.30pm
27 th to 31 st inclusive	Half term holiday
November 2025	
6 th	Open morning for Prospective parents 9:30 – 10:30 am
21 st	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
25 th	Open Afternoon for Prospective parents 2:00pm – 3:00pm
December 2025	
5 th	Flu Nasal Vaccination (PM)
TBC	Chartwell's Christmas Lunch
17 th	1pm PTA Christmas Pop up Shop Christmas Nativity Performance at Christ's Hospital 6:00pm
19 th	Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
January 2026	
5 th	Spring Term commences
February 2026	
13 th	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
16 th – 20 th inclusive	Half term
March 2026	
17 th and 19 th	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.30pm-6pm
27 th	Whole school Singing Concert: 1:00pm. Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
April 2026	
13 th	Summer Term commences
May 2026	
4 th	Bank Holiday
w/o 11 th	Test Week for Years 5&6
21 st	May Day Celebration and family picnic: 12:00pm - followed by the PTA School Fair
25 th – 29 th	Half term
June 2026	
3 rd	Welcome meeting for new parents: 6pm
4 th	New intake taster session in Cadbury: 1pm – 3pm
5 th	May Day Celebration Rain Off 1.30pm
11 th	New intake taster session in Cadbury: 9am – 11am
22 nd	INSET
26 th	Sports Day 1.30pm
July 2026	
3 rd	Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm
13 th July	Bikeability
13 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
TBC	Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol
22 nd	Year 6 leavers' assembly 1:00pm Last day of term: 1:30pm finish