



## Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 1! I hope you all had a lovely summer (although this seems a long time ago!) and your child is settling into the new term. The classes are buzzing with excitement for learning, being with friends and enjoying lots of enrichment opportunities! Thank you to everyone on the FWR Westival team and to you all for supporting the event - it was a lovely (albeit slightly soggy at times!) school community event. The next FWR events are the Halloween Discos on Thursday, 23rd October; more information will follow soon!

Each class is using Tapestry to keep you updated with classroom activities and homework - please do make sure you are checking it regularly. We are asking class teams to update Tapestry

each fortnight. If you are unable to access your Tapestry account, please email [office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk) and we will help you!

We are currently trialling different ways of running our lunchtimes to help the younger children settle into a quieter lunch hall and for everyone to have space and time to eat with their friends. Please do ask your child to tell you about the changes!

We will be holding 'Meet The Teacher' sessions this term and you are invited to come into your child's new classroom, meet their teaching team and learn about the curriculum and trips for the year. These meetings will also be repeated in September for those of you unable to make the ones this term. Please see the school calendar below for all dates.

### **Term 1 School Value - Well-Rounded**

Our school value for Term 1 is 'Well-Rounded' and we will focus upon that in our school and class assemblies, in addition to our curriculum. Please do share any examples of your child showing their experiences of being 'well-rounded' by emailing me ([head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk)) by Wednesday, 22nd October.

In assembly at the beginning of term, we shared examples of children being 'well-rounded' during the summer holidays:

Renée helped her dad, Quico, to clear the drains in the school car park to reduce the overall flooding

Eliza and India held a cake sale and raised over £50 for the school

Bella and Emie held a cake sale and raised over £40 for Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS!

**Whole school reminder:** As the weather is so changeable, please ensure your child continues to come to school in appropriate uniform and footwear (see below for full details), ***all clearly named:***

- ***Children must come to school in their PE kit and trainers/plimsolls if they have PE that day***
- ***Football boots/alternative trainers must be worn for girls' football lunchtime club if there are muddy conditions***
- **Children should wear their usual black or blue school shoes/trainers at all other times**
- ***Children should have their hair tied back if it reaches their shoulders***
- ***Warm (preferably waterproof) coat with hat/scarf/gloves***
- ***Wellies may be also needed depending upon the weather forecast***

By having appropriate clothing in school, it helps everyone to enjoy PE to the full as well as being outdoors at break and lunchtimes, outdoor learning time and the Daily Mile. Please do let me know if you need any support in sourcing any of the above.

Best wishes,

Irèna Wooler

Headteacher

We are a pine nut, nut and sesame-free school



Please remember that we are a pine nut and nut-free and sesame-free school due to some children having severe allergies. It is imperative you do not send your child to school with any items that contain or may contain pine nuts, nuts and/or sesame seeds. Those items will be removed from your child and returned at the end of the school day to ensure the safety of those with allergies. Thank you.

## Healthy snacks / lunches



Please ensure your child brings in only fruit/vegetables OR a healthy cereal bar (we are a nut, pine nut and sesame-free school) OR bread sticks OR rice cakes. The Government also provide free fruit/vegetables for EYFS/Years 1-2 daily too.


We have noticed a number of children bringing crisps to school for their breaktime snack. These are not permitted so please ensure your child has an alternative (as above). We have also shared this with all children during our whole school assembly. Thank you for your support.

## Artists and Makers Fair - 14th and 15th November 2025

A colorful poster for the Artists and Makers Fair 2025. The top section features the words 'ARTISTS & MAKERS FAIR' in large, bold, white letters on a dark green background. To the right of 'ARTISTS' is a pink square with a white ampersand. To the right of '&' is a dark green square with three white diamonds. To the right of the diamonds is a pink square with white wavy lines. To the right of the wavy lines is a dark green square with a white hand holding a heart. Below 'ARTISTS' is a pink square with a white star. Below '&' is a brown square with the word 'MAKERS' in white. Below 'MAKERS' is a red square with the word 'FAIR' in white. Below 'FAIR' is a white square with a dark green triangle. Below the star is a pink square with a white starburst. Below 'MAKERS' is a red square with a white starburst. Below 'FAIR' is a white square with a dark green vase. Below the starburst is a pink square with the year '2025' in white. Below the vase is a brown square with the text 'FRI 14 / SAT 15 NOVEMBER' in white. The bottom section is a dark green rectangle with white text. On the left, it says 'Opening Night Fri 14th November 6pm-8.30pm' and 'Main Fair Sat 15th November 10am-5pm'. On the right, it says '80+ stalls, gifts, art, food & fun Lewes Town Hall', '@artistsandmakers', 'Find out more at -', and 'www.artistsandmakersfair.com'. A red circle with white text 'NEW EARLY DATE!' is in the bottom right corner.

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 **The Artists & Makers Fair 2025**

 **NEW EARLIER DATE – 14 & 15 November 2025**

 **Town Hall, Lewes**

Last year's Artists & Makers Fair raised an incredible **£24,000** – a £3,000 increase on the previous year! This success didn't happen by chance – it was the result of the tireless efforts of a small but dedicated team, supported by the amazing energy of our parent and carer volunteers.

While the Fair is a school fundraiser, it's also a highly respected, professional event – and one the school is enormously proud of. The money raised goes directly toward vital capital projects that benefit every child.


 **This is our school's biggest fundraiser – but we can't keep doing it with just a few people.**

To keep the Fair thriving (and avoid burnout!), we really need to spread the load and share the responsibilities. That's where you come in!

This year, **Kate and Emily** (parents of children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) have kindly stepped up as **Volunteer Managers**. They'll be organising help for the event weekend. A sign-up sheet will be circulated soon via your year WhatsApp groups and email.

If you're interested in helping out in the run-up to the Fair or just want to learn more, please speak to **Jane Young** (parent of children in Reception, Year 3, and Year 5) – she's part of the core organising team and happy to chat.

There's a way for everyone to get involved – whether it's admin support, distributing posters and leaflets, sandwich prep, working on the door or in the café.

 **We'd also love to see you at the event! Bring your friends and family – more details to follow soon.**

Thank you so much for your support,

**The A&M Team**



## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Global Citizens Project



At Western Road, we are proud to be a community that reaches far and wide. Each of our families brings with them stories, traditions, and connections that make our school a richer and more vibrant place.

This year, we are launching a **Global Citizens Project** to celebrate the many links we all have across the globe. Whether through family heritage, places we have lived, languages spoken at home, or experiences in the UK or abroad, we want to highlight the ways our community is connected to the wider world, beyond Lewes. We all need a sense of belonging. When we share our stories and learn from each other, we not only strengthen our sense of community but also help our children grow as open-minded, compassionate global citizens.

Please use the link <https://forms.office.com/e/iGa6cLFLFz> to list up to ten places (country and city/town/area, be as specific as you can) that are significant. It may be your child has special friends living in Brighton or Manchester, took a special holiday in Lymington or has family living abroad in San Diego - we look forward to learning about your connections! We are asking for the form to be completed by Tuesday, 14th October. At that time, each class will be assigned coloured stickers/pins to plot the significant places on a world map, to be displayed outside the school hall. We will launch the map with our school community after half-term as part of our assembly programme. As new families join our school, we can add to the map on an ongoing basis.



We warmly invite you and your family to take part in this project. Together, we will celebrate the diverse threads that weave us into one school community - connected locally and globally.

### School Car Park - are you doing your bit?

If you are choosing to park your car in the school car park during the day (for example to visit the Grange after school), please ensure you pay to park using the **PayByPhone app, location 807542**.

The money raised by the car park contributes to vitally-needed school funding for both Western Road and Southover schools. Thank you for your support!

**Please do not park on the yellow hatched area in the car park AT ANY TIME. By keeping the area clear, it allows for emergency vehicles to have immediate, necessary access to the school site.**

### Online Safety information for families



As part of our safeguarding and child protection procedures and the National Curriculum, we continue to teach children the importance on staying safe online and what to do if they see something inappropriate. The National College have produced a range of information pieces that may be helpful for you in supporting your child to use the internet safely. Please use this link [Library | The National College](#) and click on download to access any of the articles.

If you are concerned about your child's use of the internet, please do speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you.

## School Calendar



The dates below are also on Arbor for your child's year group/whole school events.

**Term 1**

**Week 5**

**Monday, 29th September**

Year 6 Forest School

Year 4 Brass Sparks

**Tuesday, 30th September**

Year 5 Forest School

**Wednesday, 1st October**

9am Celebration Assembly

Year 3 Forest School GROUP B

**Week 6**

**Monday, 6th October**

Year 6 Forest School

Year 4 Brass Sparks

**Tuesday, 7th October**

Year 5 Forest School

**Wednesday, 8th October**

Year 6 Safety In Action (Plumpton College)

Year 3 Forest School GROUP A

**Week 7**

**Monday, 13th October**

Year 6 Forest School

Year 4 Brass Sparks

**Tuesday, 14th October**

Year 5 Forest School

Deadline for Global Citizen Project

**Wednesday, 15th October**

9am Celebration Assembly

Year 3 Forest School GROUP B

Year 5/6 Netball Squad (see email from Mrs Green) - Southdown Sports Club

**Thursday, 16th October**

Flu vaccinations

From 2pm Parents/Carers' Evenings to see the SENCo (booking information to follow)

3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents/Carers' Evenings (booking information to follow)

**Friday, 17th October**

Show Racism The Red Card Day [Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card](#) PLEASE WEAR RED AND BRING A CASH DONATION FOR THE CHARITY IF YOU CAN

**Monday, 20th October**

Year 4 Brass Sparks

**Tuesday, 21st October**

9am Harvest Festival

Year 3 Forest School GROUP A

4.30pm - 7.30pm Parents/Carers' Evenings (booking information to follow)

**Wednesday, 22nd October**

3.30pm - 6.30pm Parents/Carers' Evenings (booking information to follow)

2pm FWR AGM

**Thursday, 23rd October**

FWR Halloween Discos (more information to follow)

**Friday, 24th October**

3.15pm End of Term 1

**Term 2****Week 1**

**Monday, 3rd November**

Year 4 Brass Sparks

**Tuesday, 4th November**

Kittles individual (and sibling) photographs - all children to be in school uniform please

**Wednesday, 5th November**

Bonfire guernseys can be worn

Year 3 Forest School GROUP B

3.15PM SCHOOL WILL CLOSE - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Thursday, 6th November**

INSET Day (3) - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Week 2 - Unique Week**

**Monday, 10th November**

9.15am Visit from James MacCleary MP

Year 4 Brass Sparks

**Wednesday, 12th October**

Year 5/6 Netball Squad (see email from Mrs Green) - Southdown Sports Club

**Friday, 14th November**

6pm - 8.30pm Artist and Makers Fair Preview Evening - Town Hall

**Saturday, 15th November**

10am - 5pm Artist and Makers Fair - Town Hall

**Week 3**

**Monday, 17th November**

Year 4 Brass Sparks

**Wednesday, 19th November**

Year 3 Forest School GROUP B

**Friday, 21st November**

Year 6 NHS Measuring (more information to follow)

**Week 4**

**Monday, 24th November**

Year 4 Brass Sparks - final session



**Tuesday, 25th November**

9.15am EYFS September 2026 Open Morning

**Wednesday, 26th November**

Year 3 Forest School A

**Week 5**

**Tuesday, 2nd December**

1.30pm EYFS September 2026 Open Morning

**Week 6**

**Tuesday, 9th December**

School Choir to Glyndebourne

**Thursday, 11th December**

PM Sussex Downs College performance of 'Snow White'

**Week 7**

**Monday, 15th December**

PM EYFS/Years 1 and 2 Nativity dress rehearsal to Key Stage 2

**Tuesday, 16th December**

9.15am EYFS/Years 1 and 2 Nativity performance to families

NO OUTDOOR PROJECT AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

**Wednesday, 17th December**

1.30pm Key Stage 2 Carols Around The Tree (families welcome)

**Friday, 19th December**

1.15pm End of Term 2

NO ART AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

**Term 3**

**Week 1**

**Monday, 6th January**

INSET Day (4) - school closed, no after-school clubs

**Tuesday, 7th January**

Children return, after-school clubs restart

## Attendance and Punctuality



In August 2024, the Government published the statutory guidance on attendance. As per the guidance, parents and carers are expected to:

Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies;

Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness);

Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance;

Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

If you have any queries, please do let me know and you can read the guidance here:

***Please ensure your child arrives at school on time - the gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Any child arriving after this time must be signed in at the School Office, as per our health and safety and attendance policies.***

## Trips and Enrichment Activities



**Please be aware that any shortfalls from trips/enrichment activities is very kindly covered by FWR. Please do make voluntary donations for your child's trips/enrichment activities if you are able to do so. Thank you very much for your support.**

## Reminder - Lewes Foodbank Donations



We continue to support the Foodbank this year and Debbie Twitchen has asked that we focus on collecting tinned products: meat, fish, tomatoes, vegetables and pulses. They also ask that we donate children's drinks and snacks too.

Please do bring any donations to the School Office and we will arrange for a delivery at the end of this term along with any Harvest Festival contributions.

Thank you in advance.

## Reminder - Message from the Bursar, Sarah Clifford

**The price for a two-course Chartwells school meal from September 2025 is £3.06.**

**It is important for all those with KS1 pupils to participate in the main two Census Days to maximise the funding available to you. We also encourage you to take advantage of the free added-value opportunities available, such as themed workshops, parent open days, and lunchtime taster pots.**

Please ensure your ParentPay accounts for dinner money are cleared at the end of each week, or (ideally) are in credit by a small amount. School dinners cost £3.06 per day for children in Years 3 - 6.

Children under 5 are entitled to free school milk each day, given at morning snack time (this is in addition to milk given to children who have school lunches). If you would like your child to receive milk, either as they are under 5 or at an additional cost, please do visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> for more information and to register your child.

If you think your child might be entitled to **Free School Meals** (regardless of their age) through the **Pupil Premium Grant**, please do look at <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals> for more information. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and/or the Pupil Premium Grant, the school will receive additional funding to support them with their learning and enrichment activities.

All school trips and school-run clubs (for example Sewing Club) through Arbor so please do make sure you are able to login. We will continue to use ParentPay for Chartwells payments.

Please do speak with me, Sarah Clifford, or email me [bursar@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk) if you have any queries. Thank you.

A reminder to the parents/carers of children who have moved into their new Key Stage in this term:

For those moving from Year 2 to year 3, your Universal Free School Meal entitlement is coming to its end.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please apply using this link <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals> It's free, and easy to do.

A reminder for parents with children in Year 6, in receipt of Free School Meals, you will be required to reapply as your child enters Year 7.

## Reminder - Bikes and scooters



Please ensure your child collects their bikes/scooters at the end of each school day. There are a number of bikes and scooters that have been in the bike shed for some time and I'm sure they are missed at home! If you would like to check the bike shed for any missing bike/scooter, please do speak with a member of staff at the white gate at drop-off or pick-up.

## Reminder - football kits (Thursdays)



Children who attend Albion In The Community after-school club on Thursdays should come to school in their usual school uniform and school shoes/plain black trainers. The football coaches arrive with plenty of time to supervise the children getting changed into their kits before the



club starts at 3.15pm. Please ensure all kit (including boots, shin pads etc) are clearly named. Thank you.

## Reminder: Child Protection and Safeguarding



At Western Road Community Primary, all staff take child protection and safeguarding children very seriously, both in person and online. All staff have been trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection. If you have any concerns about a child's well-being, bullying or e-safety, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs): Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Bedford or Mrs Wooler.

During Assemblies, we have reminded all children that if they are worried or anxious at any time, they can talk to any trusted adult in school and who the DSLs are too.

As a school we are also part of Operation Encompass which is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple telephone call or notification to a school's trained Designated Safeguarding Lead /Officer (known as key Adult) prior to the start of the next school day after an incident of police attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. Information is shared with a school's Key Adult (Designated Safeguarding Lead or Officer) prior to the start of

the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child. To find out more information, please see: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

## Reminder: Health Service



We are pleased to be part of East Sussex Health Group. East Sussex Schools Health Service is a team of public health practitioners, led by school nurses who work with children, young people aged between four and 19 and their families. **They provide support and advice for a variety of physical, sexual and emotional health and wellbeing issues, and will refer to specialised services when needed.**

For full details about the service they offer please visit the website:

[www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/school-health-service-east-sussex/](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/school-health-service-east-sussex/)

*How can you use the service?*

- Contact the School Health One Point on **0300 123 4062**, available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5pm
- Make a referral online at
- Visit the School Health virtual drop-in, Mondays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm at <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health> They can offer support and advice to children, young people and families virtually, face to face or via the phone as well as brief interventions and packages of care where appropriate.

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**Western Road Community Primary School is a nurturing, creative community where everyone can flourish.**