



Term 6 Week 4 Newsletter 2025

Dear Families,

The children are managing incredibly well in the heat and we are enjoying as much time outside as we can. We have a very busy few weeks ahead to the end of term so please do keep an eye on the school diary (below) and any emails sent for updates.

Year 6 have worked with Sandrine, the Patina artist, and a number of older siblings and parents to make their incredible costumes ready for the Patina parade on Friday, 4th July. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the event, including participating in fundraising events along the way.

Well done to all the children who participated in District Sports on Friday - they all showed wonderful sportsmanship and support for each other. Congratulations to the children who were placed and we will celebrate you all in school next week, along with the final tally of Western Road coming fourth overall. A huge thank you to Mrs Hamilton for coordinating the event with staff, Mrs Allcorn for supervising the children and all the parents who were able to help with walking to the venue and staying there to support the team!

We are in the process of finalising the staffing for the next academic year. Ms Ferber (EYFS) has been on sick leave for some of this term, following an operation, and is moving to a school in Brighton for September 2025. Ms Ferber has worked at Western Road for over three years and has made a significant contribution to the school through her excellent classroom practice and subject leadership. We wish Ms Ferber well in her new role! Miss Battle (EYFS INA) is also leaving Western Road as she will be studying full-time in September. During her time with us, Miss Battle has been a wonderful support to children in EYFS and across the school and we wish her every success for the future.

Staffing for September 2025 is as follows:

EYFS (Silver Birch)

Ms Carla Jones (teacher, Monday - Wednesday)

Class teacher (currently recruiting, Thursday and Friday)

Mrs Karen Reed (teaching assistant)

Year 1 (Elm Class)

Mrs Alice Bracher (teacher, Monday - Wednesday)

Class teacher (currently recruiting, Thursday and Friday)

Mrs Sarah Hamblin (teaching assistant)*

Year 2 (Cherry Class)

Mrs Janine Bishop (teacher, Monday -Thursday)

Mrs Kerry Bedford (teacher, Friday)

Ms Kate Hart (teaching assistant)*

**Year 1 and Year 2 will be working closely together in planning and continuous provision. Both Mrs Hamblin and Miss Hart will be working across both year groups to provide interventions, support and continuous provision.*

Year 3 (Larch Class)

Miss Hannah Blackwell (teacher)

Ms Kate Hart and Mr James Young** (teaching assistants) to support in class and carry out interventions across Key Stage 2

Year 4 (Willow Class)

Ms Margie Krijnauw (teacher, Monday -Thursday)

Mrs Irèna Wooler (teacher, Friday)

Mrs Leonora Mannering and Mr James Young** (teaching assistants) to support in class and carry out interventions across Key Stage 2

Year 5 (Elder Class)

Ms Rachel Callow (teacher, Monday -Wednesday)

Mrs Rea Hamilton (teacher, Thursday -Friday)

Mrs Leonora Mannering** and Mrs Dianne Allcorn (teaching assistants) to support in class and carry out interventions across Key Stage 2

Year 6 (Oak Class)

Miss Chloe Wilkes (teacher)

Mrs Rea Hamilton will cover Miss Wilkes' PPA and ECT time on Mondays

Mrs Dianne Allcorn (teaching assistant) to support in class and carry out interventions across Key Stage 2

*** Leonora Mannering and James Young are both Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) and will cover planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) for class teachers across the school.*

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.

As part of our commitment to improving communication, we are now using Tapestry from Reception to Year 6 as way of sharing class learning updates (as previously seen in the newsletter) and photographs of activities. We are asking class teams to update Tapestry each fortnight. **If you are unable to access your Tapestry account, please do email the School Office office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk Thank you.**

Term 6 School Value - Lewes and Beyond

Our school value for Term 6 is 'Lewes and Beyond' 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 life in Lewes and Beyond (for example visiting places of note within Lewes and outside of the town like trips to the beach, Arlington reservoir etc (in any form!) by emailing me (head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk) by Friday, 11th July 2025. Thank you.

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 (sandals can be worn in the Summer months but no Crocs/equivalent please)**
- ***Children should have their hair tied back if it reaches their shoulders***
- ***Warm (preferably waterproof) coat with hat/scarf/gloves (weather dependent)***
- ***Wellies may be also needed depending upon the weather forecast (weather dependent)***
- ***Suncream should be applied at home in the mornings - please do not send children in with suncream bottles***

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



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.

Sports Day - Friday, 11th July 2025



I am delighted to invite you to our Sports Day on Friday, 11th July.

The children should come to school wearing their usual PE kit, appropriate trainers/plimsolls and a coloured T-shirt in the colour of their school house (blue, red, green or yellow). If your child is in EYFS or new to the school this year, we will let you know which house they are in using Tapestry. If you do not have a coloured T-shirt, your child is welcome to wear a white T-shirt/polo shirt instead.

Your child should come to school and go to their classroom for registration. They will then be divided into their house groups, with 4 groups within each house. The children will lead out

onto the field for around 9.15am and go to their first activity station. They will take part in each activity, moving clockwise through the activities and including two refreshment breaks. After the activity stations, the children will sit in their class groups nearest the Forest School mound while those who want to participate in races can do so.

Younger siblings are welcome to also participate in a race after the school children have raced.

Parents and carers are encouraged to join **either** the relay sack race (groups of 4 please) **or** sprint race. These events will be organised as EYFS/Years 1 and 2 and then Years 3 - 6.

There will be a closing award ceremony where the winning house will be celebrated, alongside everyone who took part in the activities.

Afterwards, children will be taken back into school for a toilet and wash break before returning to the field for the whole school picnic. If you are able to attend the picnic, your child is welcome to join you and, if not, they will sit with staff. At the end of the picnic, you are welcome to take your child with you for an early finish. If you would like your child to remain at school until 3.15pm as usual, they are able to do so and will be grouped together with those staying.

Please complete the MS Forms using the link <https://forms.office.com/e/0P6iX9RZVS> by Friday, 4th July.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2025 Artists and Makers Fair will take place at Lewes Town Hall on **Saturday 15th November** with a preview party on the evening of **Friday 14th November**.

This is an earlier date than usual due to a clash at the Town Hall.

It is a hugely important event in the school's fundraising calendar which last year raised a staggering £24,000 in one weekend! It's a big event to run and we really need your help. As well as help on the day we are specifically looking for:

- Admin support - tracking and chasing for stall holder payments.

- Help in the 2-3 days before the event – collecting equipment/supplies, loading and unloading cars etc.
- Volunteer recruitment - this is a team effort and we're looking for reps from each year group to help recruit and coordinate volunteers from each class.

We also really need visibility on the High Street and in town generally for marketing materials. If anyone lives or works on the High Street or knows anyone that would be willing to host a window display promoting the event we'd really really love to hear from you!

Please email artistsandmakersfair@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer, have a window or for any more information on the event.

Thank you, the A&M Team

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion



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We are keen to work with the school community to make sure our school is a place where every child thrives. Our goal is to build a school community that rejects discrimination, values diversity, and fosters mutual respect. If you'd like to join the school's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working party to be in dialogue with staff and school governors please do let us know via office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk and we will be glad to welcome you.

Some parents have started a parent-led Equality, Diversity and Inclusion group. All Western Road parents are welcome to join. Many families don't totally fit society's boxes. This can mean being othered in an environment which is, for example, largely white, expects all families to have a mum and a dad, discriminates against religious minorities, marginalises Disabled people, stigmatises people on benefits, assumes everyone is straight and promotes gender stereotypes. The initial aims of this group are to provide peer support and help the school be more inclusive. Anyone wanting to join please contact Sakina 07870 146335 or Susie 07952 838921.

The two groups complement each other and you are welcome to join either or both!

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.

Items added or changed from the previous newsletter will be in italic:

Term 6

Monday, 30th June

Year 1 Forest School - LAST SESSION

Year 6 Chailey Taster Day

Tuesday, 1st July

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School

Year 6 Priory Taster Day

Year 6 Chailey Taster Day

EYFS trip to Saltdean Beach - please note change of date

Wednesday, 2nd July

9.15am - 10.15am EYFS September 2025 Welcome Session

STEM Ambassador to see Year 5

Thursday, 3rd July

Year 6 Forest School

Friday, 4th July

Year 6 PATINA parade (leave school at 10.30am, parents to collect children from Paddock by 3pm)

If you would like to take a younger sibling, please do let your child's class teacher know.

Monday, 7th July

Year 4 Forest School

Year 3 trip the Natural History Museum

Tuesday, 8th July

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School - FINAL SESSION

1.15pm - 2.15pm EYFS September 2025 Come and Play Session

Wednesday, 9th July

9am Celebration Assembly

10.30am - 11.30am - Transition session for children to meet their new teaching teams in their new classrooms

1.15pm - 2.15pm EYFS September 2025 Come and Play Session

Thursday, 10th July

Year 6 Forest School - FINAL SESSION

Friday, 11th July

Sports Day (followed by picnic on the field, children are welcome to go home after this)

Monday, 14th July

Year 4 Forest School

Year 2 River Ouse walk (morning)

Tuesday, 15th July

8.50am - 9.10am Years 3 - 6 Meet The Teacher session

10.30am - 11.30am - Transition session for children to meet their new teaching teams in their new classrooms

Year 3/4 Swimming - FINAL SESSION

Wednesday, 16th July

8.50am - 9.10am Years 1 and 2 Meet The Teacher session

6pm Year 6 production to families (children to be at school for 5.30pm)

Friday, 18th July

Reserve Sports Day (followed by picnic on the field, children are welcome to go home after this)

End of year reports out to families

2pm Parent Forum

Tuesday, 22nd July 2025

9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

1.15pm End of Term 6

Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

INSET 1 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday, 4th September 2025

INSET 2 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday, 5th September 2025

Term 1 begins - all children in Year 1 - 6 to attend

Tuesday, 16th September 2025

8.50am - 9.10am Years 1 - 2 Meet The Teacher sessions (these are a repeat of the sessions held in July)

Wednesday, 17th September 2025

8.50am - 9.10am Years 3 - 6 Meet The Teacher sessions (these are a repeat of the sessions held in July)

Attendance and Punctuality



In August 2024, the Government published the statutory guidance on attendance (see link below). 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 term 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.

Thank you in advance.

Reminder - school uniform



Western Road Community Primary School's Uniform consists of:

- Navy school fleece with school logo (optional but these are very warm and ideal for Winter and Spring)
- *Navy school jumper with or without school logo or navy or mid-grey cardigan*
- White shirt/blouse with long or short sleeves with or without logo or
- White or navy blue polo shirt with or without school logo
- Mid-grey or navy trousers or smart shorts, or
- Mid-grey or navy skirts (or skorts), pinafore dresses or school summer dresses (blue/white check)
- White/navy/grey socks or tights
- ***Plain black or navy school shoes (or plain black or navy trainers with no logos); plain sandals in the Summer terms only (not Crocs or similar).***
- Plain hair accessories (optional and in school colours preferably). **Long hair (past shoulder length) must be tied back.**

PE kit:

- White T-shirt or polo shirt with school logo (or plain)
- Grey or navy shorts or jogging bottoms (plain with no logos)
- Trainers or plimsolls

Please note, hoodies and jewellery (apart from a wristwatch when appropriate or stud earrings that can be taken out for PE) are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn in school.

The school also has school caps, rucksacks and book bags available. Please ensure all items of clothing are named including shoes or trainers.

Navy blue polo shirts, fleeces and sweatshirts with the school logo on are all available from Intersport http://www.gameforlife.co.uk/section.php/781/1/western_road_cp_school.

Second-hand items are regularly available at low cost at school fairs and events.

Reminder - Message from the Bursar, Sarah Clifford

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 £2.97 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 if you have any queries. Thank you.

A reminder to the parents of children moving into their new Key Stage in September!

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/

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.