



Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful, peaceful half-term and are ready for Term 2! We start our 'Resilient' term with a visit from the fire service on Monday, 3rd November to remind the children how to stay safe on Bonfire Night. On Wednesday, 5th November, children are welcome to wear their bonfire guernseys all day and please remember there are no after-school clubs that day. We are also closed for our third INSET day on Thursday, 6th November and there are no after-school clubs running on that day either.

On Tuesday, 4th November we have Kittles photographers taking individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school in their usual school uniform that day.

If they are due to have PE, please have your child bring their kit into school with them in a named bag and they will get changed after their photographs. Thank you.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival on Tuesday, 21st October. The Year 6 children gave readings about traditions around the world and along with singing from all of the children. We also celebrated three 'Well-Rounded' children (Bella, Emie and Lucy) who had written their own Harvest song 'Pickle Burgers'! Our Western Road families were incredibly generous with their donations towards Lewes Foodbank and thank you to James Herbert who collected the donations and delivered them to the foodbank. We will continue to collect donations throughout the year to support the Lewes community.

Last term we also marked Show Racism The Red Card day on Friday, 17th October where children were invited to wear red and bring in a voluntary donation to the charity [Home - Show Racism the Red Card](#). Classes held assemblies to learn more about the charity and the importance of its work. I will share the amount raised in the next newsletter!

In Term 2, Week 2 we will celebrate Unique Week where every class will experience workshops on the importance of respect for themselves and others (Key Stage 2) and being proud of themselves (EYFS and Key Stage 1). We will also mark the week with Odd Sock Day on Monday, 10th November - children are welcome to wear their usual school uniform (or PE kit for Years 5 and 6) with odd socks to celebrate everyone being unique. At the end of that week, on Friday, 14th November, we will mark Children In Need where children are welcome to wear something spotty and give a voluntary donation for the charity. School Council will send out more information about the event in due course.

We have taken the decision to not sell items related to the Royal British Legion to mark Remembrance Day this year. Instead, all children will be able to make their own poppies (in a variety of colours depending upon their choice, for example purple to remember animals) in

class, alongside class assemblies to discuss why so many people mark the day and 2-minutes silence which we will also mark on Tuesday, 11th November. If you would like to make a voluntary donation to the Royal British Legion, you can do so on the day at the school gate. Thank you.

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Jones (EYFS class teacher) is expecting a baby in March! She plans to begin her maternity leave at the end of Term 3 (February half-term) and I will keep you informed about the recruitment process for her maternity cover.

It was noted in Parent Forum that there are a number of families who would like to know more about peripatetic music lessons, please do contact the following for more information:

Russ Robinson (violin) Russrobinsonviolin@outlook.com

[Create Music | Brighton Dome](#) (piano, keyboard, flute, singing)

Tom Cheek (guitar) [Welcome | Guitar Clubs | East & West Sussex](#)

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 and we will help you!

Term 1 School Value - Well-Rounded

Our school value for Term 1 was 'Well-Rounded' and we celebrate Fred (Year 3) who, at the end of the summer holidays, played in an U8 Sussex County Tennis Tournament with 20 other boys from across the county. He showed huge resilience, positivity and determination and ended up winning the tournament and becoming the U8 Sussex County Champion! In addition, in

September, the top 8 boys from across the Sussex County were invited to play in a Tour Final in Worthing. Once again, Fred demonstrated consistency and determination and won this event! Congratulations, Fred - this is incredible!

I also received a wonderful message from Phil Huns, who said "A big well done to Mara, Mireia and River Juno in Year 1, who've all come along to Lewes FC Juniors' Wildcats - fun, non-competitive girls' football sessions on Saturday mornings. They've worked really hard, made new friends and developed their skills. It's been great to have them there." Congratulations Mara, Mireia and River Juno - this is brilliant to hear about your excellent efforts!

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 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 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 a white star. Below 'MAKERS' is a red square with a white star. Below 'FAIR' is a green square with a white sailboat. Below the top section is a row of five squares: a pink square with a white star, a red square with a white star, a pink square with the year '2025' in white, a green square with a white vase, and a brown square with the text 'FRI 14 / SAT 15 NOVEMBER' in white. The bottom section is a dark green rectangle containing 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 on the far right.

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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.

FINAL REMINDER

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.

All dates added since the last Newsletter are in italic.

Term 2

Week 1

Monday, 3rd November

Year 4 Brass Sparks

EYFS Muddy Mondays (children in usual school uniform and waterproofs/wellies please)

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

EYFS Muddy Mondays (children in usual school uniform and waterproofs/wellies please)

Odd Socks Day

Wednesday, 12th October

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

Friday, 14th November

Children In Need - children are welcome to wear non-school uniform/something spotty

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

EYFS Muddy Mondays (children in usual school uniform and waterproofs/wellies please)

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

EYFS Muddy Mondays (children in usual school uniform and waterproofs/wellies please)

Tuesday, 25th November

9.15am EYFS September 2026 Open Morning

Wednesday, 26th November

Year 3 Forest School A

Week 5

Monday, 1st December

EYFS Muddy Mondays (children in usual school uniform and waterproofs/wellies please)

Tuesday, 2nd December

1.30pm EYFS September 2026 Open Morning

Week 6

Monday, 8th December

EYFS Muddy Mondays (children in usual school uniform and waterproofs/wellies please)

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

EYFS Muddy Mondays (children in usual school uniform and waterproofs/wellies please)

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

Looking ahead:

Monday, 11th May - Thursday, 14th May Year 6 SATS Week

Friday, 15th May - Year 6 Bowling trip

Monday, 18th May - Wednesday, 20th May Year 6 Bowles Residential trip

Monday, 1st June - INSET Day (5), school closed

Friday, 10th July - Sports Day

Tuesday, 14th July - Year 6 end of year dress rehearsal for the school

Wednesday, 15th July - 6pm Year 6 end of year performance

Friday, 17th July - Sports Day reserve day; reports out to families

Wednesday, 22nd July - 9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly; 1.15pm finish

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 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/

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.