



## Term 6 Week 2 Newsletter 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 6 and we hope you all had a lovely half-term! The children threw themselves into STEM Week last week with a range of activities taking place across the week in each classroom. It was so wonderful to have the STEM buzz around the school and a huge thank you to Miss Blackwell and Ms Krijnauw for helping to plan and organise the week. Your child's Tapestry account will be updated (or has been updated already) with the week's activities so please do log on to your account to access the photographs of the learning in action!

It was a real shame to postpone Westival until Term 1, due to the poor weather over the weekend. Thank you to the wonderful FWR team who are busy planning the event for the Autumn - we will share the new date with you as soon as possible. In the meantime, I would

also like to thank the parents who kindly ran the impromptu plant staff and bubble tea stall on Friday last week.

The Term 6 knowledge organisers and class newsletters will be emailed out to families next week - please do look at those for more information on your child's learning for the term and how you can help at home.

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](mailto: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](mailto:head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk)) by Friday, 11th July 2025. Thank you.

### **Term 5 School Value Update - Skilled**

A huge congratulations to Emie in Year 4 who entered the Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show (see photograph below). Emie's artwork was selected out of 23,000 entries and has been specially selected to feature in the exhibition itself, as well as online. Well done, Emie, we are so proud of you!

We also give huge congratulations to Elara who had great success in her gymnastics competition last weekend, as part of Uckfield Gymnastics Club. There were six Sussex clubs competing in the championship and Elara came second and won a silver medal in her category. Elara also went on to be awarded the head coach's special award out of around 200 gymnasts for her dedication to the sport, always being a friend to others and overcoming hurdles and she gets her name engraved on the Ashdown Shield for 2025! Well done, Elara, that is a fantastic achievement!

**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 due to the current 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***
- ***Wellies may be also needed depending upon the weather forecast***
- ***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



1 - Emie's wonderful art work



*2 - Elara with the Ashdown Shield*

**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.



## 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](mailto: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



### **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

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](mailto: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.

## 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.**

## Bike Ride Number 3 - Sunday, 22nd June 2025



Join Cycle Lewes for a FREE family-friendly bike ride from Lewes to Southease and return. There will be a stop in Southease to have a picnic (there is also a cafe at the YHA).

Suitable for all pedal powered age groups!



Please Complete the form <https://forms.gle/JHZ5Hr2ZUJqsoWKN8> to confirm places.

More information here: <https://www.facebook.com/lewesbikeride/>

Start Location: 11am meet, depart at 11.15: Linklater Pavilion, Railway Lane, Lewes, BN7 2FG

What Three Words: ///monkeys.captures.puncture

Distance: 10km approx.

Description: This ride is along the Egret's Way south to Southease. It's mainly flat route starting at Linklater Pavilion, Railway Land. The route is a mix of surfaced and unsurfaced paths, country lanes and minor roads with light traffic when leaving and returning Lewes.

This is an accompanied ride organised by Cycle Lewes, a member of Cycling UK. This event is organised in compliance with Cycling UK guidelines. Support is being given by Get Bikery E-cargo bikes.

Contact Get Bikery about e-cargo bike hire!



## 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, 16th June**

EYFS Forest School

**Tuesday, 17th June**

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School

**Wednesday, 18th June**

Year 4 trip to Hever Castle

*Year 3 author visit (Emma Bailey)*

**Thursday, 19th June**

Year 6 Forest School

*Year 1 trip to Bodiam Castle*

***Friday, 20th June***

*Year 6 PATINA artist working with Year 6*

**Monday, 23rd June**

EYFS Forest School

**Tuesday, 24th June**

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School



**Wednesday, 25th June**

9am Celebration Assembly

*2.35pm Rachel Fryer piano/keyboard concert (for those pupils who have lessons with Rachel; families welcome to attend)*

**Thursday, 26th June**

PATINA artist working with Year 6

Year 6 Forest School (two groups)

**Friday, 27th June**

*District Sports*

**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*

**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

*EYFS trip to Saltdean Beach*

**Friday, 4th July**

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

**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

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***

*Year 3/4 Swimming - FINAL SESSION*

**Wednesday, 16th July**

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**

## 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](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](mailto: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 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.**