



Term 6 Week 6 Newsletter 2024

Dear Families,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Sports Day yesterday. Thank goodness it was sunny!!! The children showed great resilience and team work and we are so proud of all their efforts. Thank you so much for supporting the day and for FWR for providing ice-creams at the end! Thank you also to Miss Knight and Mrs Sakakai, our PE leads, for organising and co-ordinating the events and for staff for running the session so well. Please see photos of the day below!

Today the Mayor Imogen Makepeace came to visit the school and spoke to the children about civility and respect. She also explained her role in supporting the Lewes community and what she did as Mayor. We look forward to welcoming the Mayor back to celebrate some school events next academic year too.

Thank you to everyone to came to the Art Week showcase this afternoon. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's work on the 5 senses that was completed during Art Week. The children's work looked incredible! Thank you very much to Miss Patience for planning and leading the Art Week celebrations, along with the gallery today.

We will hold Meet The Teacher sessions next week for those of you who are able to attend. **We will repeat these sessions at the beginning of Term 1 in September for those of you who are unable to attend next week's sessions.** These meetings are a brief opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher, see the classroom and be informed of the upcoming topics and expectations. If your child is going into Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 your meeting will take place in the classroom on Tuesday, 16th July at 8.50am. If your child is going into Year 1 or Year 2, your meeting will take place in the classroom on Tuesday, 16th July at 2.55pm.

Following on from our Parent Forum meeting today, please could everyone work together to ensure the school site is as safe as possible by switching off car engines whilst waiting in the car park. The exhaust fumes while the cars idle affect the school site and impact on the children's wellbeing as they enter and leave the school, in addition to the adverse impact it has on the environment. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

Also raised in Parent Forum was safety of families as they enter the black gates, are on the field and coming through from Potter's Lane. There are a significant number of people (adults and children) using scooters and bikes which do help the environment. However, some of these people are not showing safe behaviours eg cycling too fast around children, particularly younger children, cycling on the path and weaving through groups of people. Please ensure you are modelling safe scooting and cycling and encouraging your children to do the same.

Reminder: As we enjoy the final term, please ensure your child continues to come to school in appropriate uniform and footwear (see below for full details). Children should come to school in their PE kit and trainers/plimsolls if they have PE that day or Forest School clothes (Year 2 on Tuesdays and Year 4 on Thursdays). Children should wear their usual black or blue school shoes/trainers at all other times although sandals are permitted in the summer months. If you are unsure, please do speak with me at the school gates. Thank you.

As the weather is so changeable at the moment, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm (preferably waterproof) coat, clearly labelled, each day, in addition to a sunhat. Wellies may also be needed depending upon the weather forecast. By having appropriate clothing in school, it helps everyone to enjoy the outdoors at break and lunchtimes, outdoor learning time and the Daily Mile. Please do let me know if you need any support in sourcing coats, wellies or sunhats.

Best wishes,

Irèna Wooler
Headteacher





School Calendar



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

Monday, 15th July

Transition session with new teachers/classrooms

Choir Club performance (3.30pm, email sent 11.06.2024)

Tuesday, 16th July

8.50am - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Meet The Teacher session (please note, these will be repeated in September 2024)

2.55pm - Year 1/2 Meet The Teacher session (please note, these will be repeated in September 2024)

Year 3/4 Swimming - final session

Year 6 'Oh What A Knight' dress rehearsal to the school (KS2 performance and EYFS/KS1 performance)

Thursday, 18th July

5.30pm Year 6 to arrive at school for a 6pm start Year 6 Play to families

Year 4 Forest School

Friday, 19th July

Transition session with new teachers/classrooms

Monday, 22nd July

NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING THIS WEEK APART FROM JO TAYLOR DRAMA CLUB (MONDAY)

4pm - 4.15pm - Jo Taylor Drama Club performance to families

Tuesday, 23rd July

9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

1.15pm End of Term 6, start of Summer Holidays

Monday, 2nd September

INSET 1 - school closed

Tuesday, 3rd September

INSET 2 - school closed

Wednesday, 4th September

Start of Term 1

Wednesday, 6th November

INSET 3 - school closed (INSET day in middle of the week due to Lewes Bonfire Night celebrations on Tuesday, 5th November)

Monday, 6th January 2025

INSET 4 - school closed

Monday, 2nd June 2025

INSET 5 - school closed

Staffing Update



I am very pleased to confirm the class teams for next academic year:

EYFS (Silver Birch) Carla Jones (3 days) and Bronwen Ferber (2 days), Karen Reed (TA, 5 days)

Year 1 (Elm Class) Janine Bishop (4 days) and Alice Bracher (1 day), Sarah Hamblin (TA, 5 days)

Year 2 (Cherry Class) Hannah Blackwell (5 days), Kate Hart (TA, 4 days)

Year 3 (Larch Class) Sarah Sakaki (5 days), Jade Billington (TA, 5 mornings), Martina Moss (INA, 5 mornings)

Year 4 (Willow Class) Margie Krijnauw (4 days) and Alice Bracher (1 day), Leonora Mannering (TA and HLTA, 5 mornings), Martina Moss (INA, 5 afternoons)

Year 5 (Elder Class) Rachel Callow (3 days including PPA time) and Rea Hamilton (2.5 days), James Young (TA and HLTA, 4 mornings), Dianne Allcorn (TA, 1 morning), Jade Billington (INA, 5 afternoons)

Year 6 (Oak Class) Chloë Wilkes (4 days) and Rachel Callow (1 day), Dianne Allcorn (TA, 4 mornings)

We are delighted to welcome Chloë Wilkes to Western Road. She is an Early Career Teacher who has experience of teaching in local schools whilst completing her PGCE. Chloë will be at the transition sessions next week, in addition to the Meet The Teacher session on Tuesday.

Choir Club - message from Ms Callow

I have just returned from Glyndebourne Opera House where I attended the teacher launch for this year's One Voice event - and I am very excited!

Starting in September 2024, we will have 30 spaces in the Choir Club for children from Year 3 to Year 6 to come along every Monday after school and learn some beautiful songs, ready to perform IN THE OPERA

HOUSE AT GLYNDEBOURNE in a huge concert in December. We took part last year and it was a wonderful experience for the children (and adults!)

*Children currently in the Choir, and those on the waiting list, will be given priority. However, this means we will still have at least 5 spaces open for new joiners from September. Choir members should be **committed to coming to every Monday rehearsal from 3:15 to 4:15 from September onwards**. Please let the Office know as soon as possible if your child would like to join - first come first served!*

Many thanks,

Rachel Callow



Information for School Council from Ms Ferber



Thank you for all of your hard work since you've been elected!

In September we will continue with our gender stereotyping work with the school in Beijing. Please look over the copy of 'The Paper Bag Princess' that I gave you and begin to consider how you will present your thoughts to the rest of school council and our link school.

Do you think the representations of the Prince are accurate? Why? Why not?

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How are princesses often depicted in stories? Has this changed over time?

How would you want to be depicted in a story? Why?

You can start this over the summer or wait until we are back at school in September. Your thoughts could be presented in a game, a poster, a power point. Whatever you like!

Thanks again for your time and commitment on School Council.

Have a great summer!

Miss Ferber

Silver Birch (EYFS)



Silver Birch class have been enjoying the sunshine! The children have loved being outside with lots of water play consolidating their learning about capacity, creating their own rock pools, looking for insects, creating fabulous concoctions in the mud kitchen and playing football!

This week in maths we have been using the language of time. We have been sequencing things that happen in our day and talking about what has happened and what will happen next. The children enjoyed talking about their own routines.

In literacy we have been sorting books into fiction and non-fiction. We then generate questions about different sea creatures and used the non-fiction books to find out the answers. The children were

particularly fascinated to find out about the weird and wonderful creatures that live in the marina trench!

The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own clay tiles as part of Art Week. They all look truly unique! We are really looking forward to sharing them with you during the Art Exhibition coming up. The children enjoyed manipulating and exploring the use of clay so much that we decided to keep the clay in the provision for several days. The children have used it to create a range of objects from volcanoes to angler fish!







Elm Class (Year 1)



Cherry Class (Year 2)

Year 2 have had a busy start to the term! We have been learning about something more precious than diamonds or gold...WATER! We have looked at how we use water in many different ways and where we can find water e.g. lakes, oceans, ponds etc. The children then started learning about the water cycle through song - get them to show you!

Water travels in a cycle yes it does

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It goes up as evaporation

Forms clouds and condensation

Falls down as precipitation yes it does

The children then made their very own clouds in a jar which showed them how the water cycle works really well. We are now focusing on rivers and are looking forward to our walk along the River Ouse next week which the children have planned using Google maps themselves.

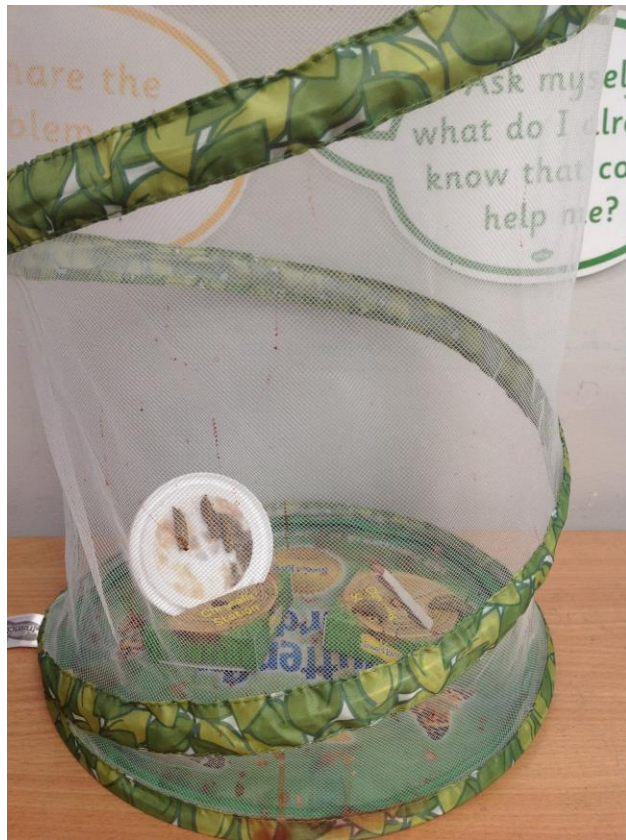
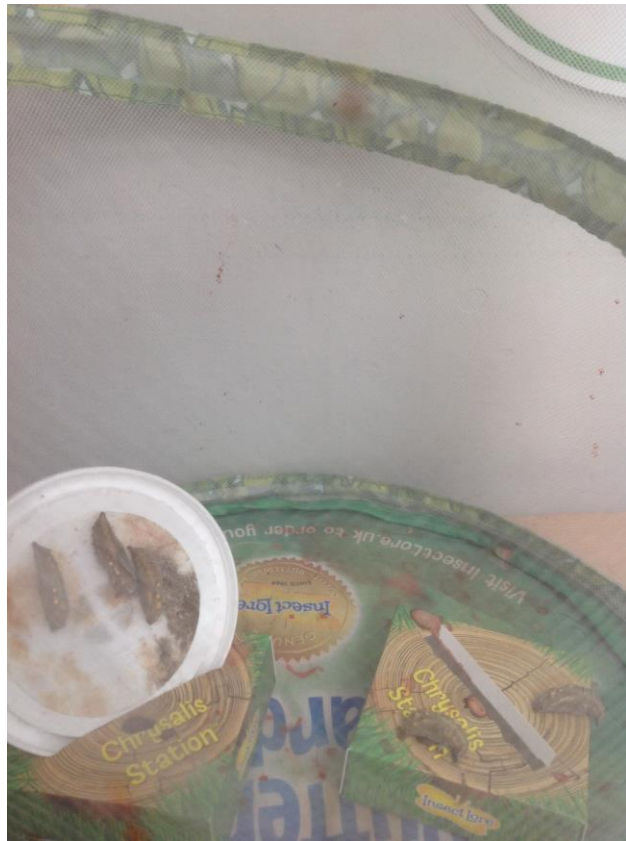
We have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and the children have been inventing their own anti-seagull contraptions which they are making with junk modelling during learning environment time. If you have any recycling you think would be useful please do send it in to school so we can carry these on! We will be writing our own versions of the story next week.

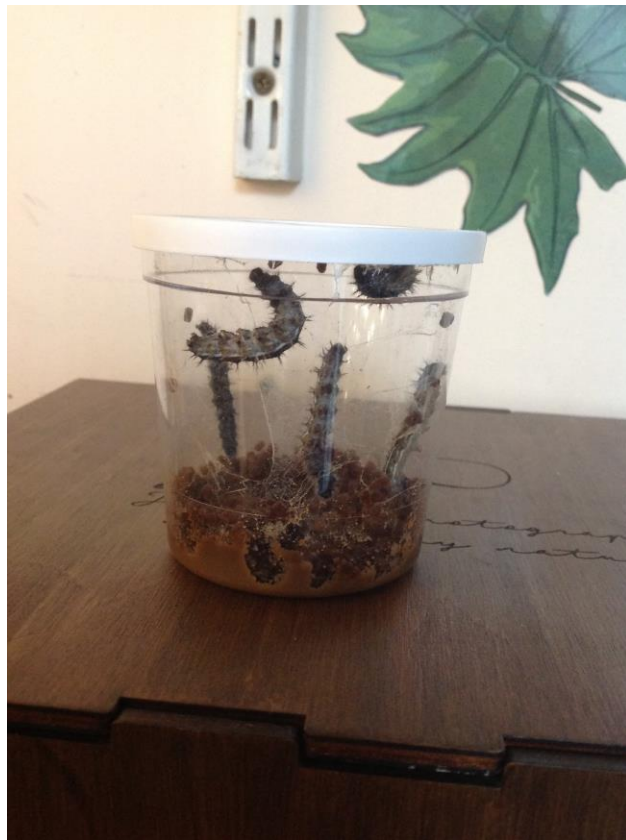
Larch Class (Year 3)



Over the last few weeks, the Year 3s have been observing the transformation of five caterpillars turning into butterflies; a process called metamorphosis. Two of the caterpillars did not manage to form a hanging chrysalis yet they both still transformed into butterflies. We released them into the wild on Thursday and it was a magical experience to see them fly free!









Willow Class (Year 4)



It has been a busy few weeks as usual. Last Tuesday, we took part in the Year 3/4 football match - an event where every student in the class participated, either as a player or a spectator. The match was a resounding success and a wonderful display of teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm.

The players displayed incredible energy and passion on the field. Several players showcased their skills with remarkable goals, thrilling the spectators and boosting team morale. Every player exhibited commendable sportsmanship, respecting the rules of the game and displaying fairness and camaraderie. The students who were not playing actively supported their classmates by cheering and encouraging them throughout the match. It was a truly successful event and we are incredibly proud of the Year 4s for their participation and enthusiasm!







Elder Class (Year 5)



Everyone in Year 5 has been really enjoying the wonderful art week activities, especially getting messy with clay. We can't wait to finish our clay tiles later in the week and show them to everybody at the exhibition! Meanwhile we have also been working on our Beethoven-inspired blindfolded art pieces! Ask your children to tell you all about it....





Oak Class (Year 6)



For the children's final piece of writing, they were given the opportunity to write Lupin's last newsletter. It was a wonderfully creative task and the children really had to push themselves to write as Lupin. We talked lots about the use of puns like: "barking mad" and "Paw-fect" as well as choosing verbs like: sniff, barking, howling. There were so many brilliant pieces and they really managed to install Lupin's personality and how hard it must be trying to fit in the the human world and learn to be a school dog.

Welcome back, hoomans, to my last su-paw set of tails for this school year. Between you and me, it has been the best one so far. I have discovered many new things and I am so excited to share them with you. I can't wait for what next year brings!

Last week, I found yet another subject I am good at: art! I can make some paw-fect paw prints, though I think my best category is making marks. The painting, not the peeing – although I excel at that too. I made marks on the walls, the floor, the tables, the chairs and even some on the students! Thinking that I had done an amazing job, I begged for a treat from my pet guardian. For some reason, she was mad! What was she howling on about?

Whilst on top of the mound, I dug up a spectacular bit of information. Up there is an amazing place called 'Forest School'. I love it up there! Sticks litter the floor and (for some weird reason) propped up against each other. I left the ones that were upright – for some hoomans had inhabited them- and took the unused ones. Hopefully, I had made the right choice.

Later, it was snack time and I was given some apples covered in some hard substance. Apparently, they are called 'toffee apples'. I'm not sure of the taste and if I liked it but the sticks that they were on were brilliant. It was so much fun; I hope that I can come again!

Overall, this last term has been action-packed with both the good and the bad. You have been a paw-some audience and great readers. I hope you have enjoyed my adventures and stories.

Thank you for listening,

Lupin

(By Héloïse)

Art Week



Reminder - to celebrate our Art Week with the theme of '**The Five Senses**', inspired by last year's 'Big Draw Festival'.

We will host an exhibition of our work **on Friday, 12th July 3.00pm - 3.30pm and you are most welcome to attend.**

Thank you,

Miss Patience
Year 4 Teacher
Art Subject Leader

Reminder - Arbor - School Communication and Contacts



We made the transition from Teachers2Parents to Arbor so that all emails and text messages from the school will go from the latter system. Thank you to everyone who has checked your personal information carefully to ensure we have up-to-date contact details, home addresses, medical information etc. Please ensure you keep this information up-to-date to ensure we are able to contact you in emergencies.

If you have any queries once you have logged in and checked your child's details, please do email me (head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk). Thank you.

Reminder - Term 6 Lewes Foodbank Donations



Thank you so much for all the donations given for Lewes Foodbank so far this academic year.

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.***
- 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 £2.85 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.

From September 2024, we hope to put 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.

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.

Please also be mindful if you or your child cycles/scoots on the field. There was a very unfortunate incident last week where a child accidentally rode into another child, knocking them over. Please remind your child to look where they are riding/scooting and to be respectful of others. Thank you.

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 for 3pm 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.

Safeguarding Reminder



At Western Road Community Primary, all staff take safeguarding children very seriously. 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 Teachers for Child Protection: Mrs Bedford, Mrs Hamilton or Mrs Wooler.

Health Service Reminder



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 www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/school-health-service-east-sussex-referral-form/• Visit the School Health virtual drop-in, Mondays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm at <https://nhs.vc/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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