



Term 5 Week 2 Newsletter 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 5 and we hope you all had a lovely Easter break and Bank Holiday! The children are busy in their term's learning - please do look at your child's knowledge organiser and class newsletter for more information and how you can help at home.

As part of us continuing to improve communication, we will trial using Tapestry from Reception to Year 6 as way of sharing class learning updates (as they would previously be in the newsletters) and photographs of activities. We are asking class teams to update Tapestry each fortnight. While we transition to using Tapestry, there may be some updates in the newsletter too so please do look out for any information below. If you are unable to access your Tapestry account, please do email the School Office office@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk Thank you.

Message from Ms Callow:

*Welcome back to choir club on a Monday after school! It is great to see some of our wonderful KS2 singers returning to choir for Term 5. We still have some spaces available for years 3,4,5 and 6, please contact the office if you would like a space. We are also excited to announce that **Choir Club is now opening up for year 2 children** who love to sing! Contact the office if your child would like to sign up. Please note, choir club children need to commit to attending choir every week. Thanks and happy singing :)*

Plea from EYFS

Silver Birch are looking to jazz up their role play with open ended resources to inspire our imagination. If you have any of the following we would LOVE them!

Assorted hats - wedding, riding, bowler, fishing, spy, flying, winter, summer or any other!

Bags - handbags, picnic hamper, small holiday suitcase

Purses or wallets

Glasses - sunglasses or other (plastic please!)

Dolls' clothes, nappies, bottles etc.

Items of clothing for dressing up - waistcoats, scarves...

Wicker baskets - big or small!

Term 5 School Value - Skilled

Our school value for Term 5 is 'skilled' 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 skills (in any form!) by emailing me (head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk) by Friday, 16th May 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 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 coats or wellies. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Irèna Wooler

Headteacher

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.

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 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.

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 5

Tuesday, 6th May

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 1 Forest School

Wednesday, 7th May

Year 3 trip to the Weald and Downland Museum

Thursday, 8th May

Year 4 Forest School

Year 2 to Wakehurst Place

Monday, 12th May - Thursday, 15th May

Year 6 SATS week

Monday, 12th May

EYFS Forest School

Year 5 trip to the Railway Land

Tuesday, 13th May

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 1 Forest School

Thursday, 15th May

Year 6 BBQ (2pm)

Year 4 Forest School

Friday, 16th May

Year 6 Bowling trip (Brighton Bowlplex, usual school times apply, own clothes for Year 6 please)

9am Parent Forum

Monday, 19th May - Wednesday, 21st May

Year 6 Bowles residential

Monday, 19th May

EYFS Forest School

Tuesday, 20th May

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 1 Forest School

10.30am Trinity Church (Reverend Paul) visiting Year 4

Wednesday, 21st May

9am Celebration Assembly

Thursday, 22nd May

Year 4 Forest School

Patina presentation to Year 6 (morning)

Friday, 23rd May 2025

Whole school own clothes day - voluntary donation (cash please) towards Year 6 Patina fundraising

3.15pm MacMillan cake sale (please do make any cake donations for the sale in the morning)

No after-school Art Club

Term 6

Monday, 2nd June 2025

INSET 5 - School closed

Tuesday, 3rd June - STEM Week begins

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School

Thursday, 5th June

Year 6 Forest School

Friday, 6th June

Kittles - class photographs (children must be in school uniform and black shoes/trainers or sandals, hair tied back)

Saturday, 7th June

Westival FWR event (please note date change)

Monday, 9th June

EYFS Forest School

Tuesday, 10th June

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School

Wednesday, 11th June

9am Celebration Assembly

STEM Ambassador to Year 3 and Year 5

Thursday, 12th June

Year 6 Forest School (morning only)

Year 6 to Bright Sparks concert, Congress Theatre, Eastbourne (via train, usual school collection)

Friday, 13th June

Year 6 NHS measuring session

Monday, 16th June

EYFS Forest School

Tuesday, 17th June

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School

Wednesday, 18th June

Year 4 to Hever Castle

Thursday, 19th June

Year 6 Forest School

Monday, 23rd June

EYFS Forest School

Tuesday, 24th June

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School

Wednesday, 25th June

9am Celebration Assembly

Thursday, 26th June

PATINA artist working with Year 6

Year 6 Forest School

Friday, 27th June

PATINA artist working with Year 6

Monday, 30th June

Year 1 Forest School - LAST SESSION

Tuesday, 1st July

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 2 Forest School

Year 6 Priory 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

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

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

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 parents

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



Following the wonderful Indian Dance Workshops this term, we would really appreciate a voluntary donation of **£2.86** towards costs. This is payable via Arbor/Trips.

Please be aware that any shortfalls from trips/enrichment activities is very kindly covered by FWR. From September 2024, that shortfall currently equals £889.14. 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.

News from Silver Birch (EYFS)

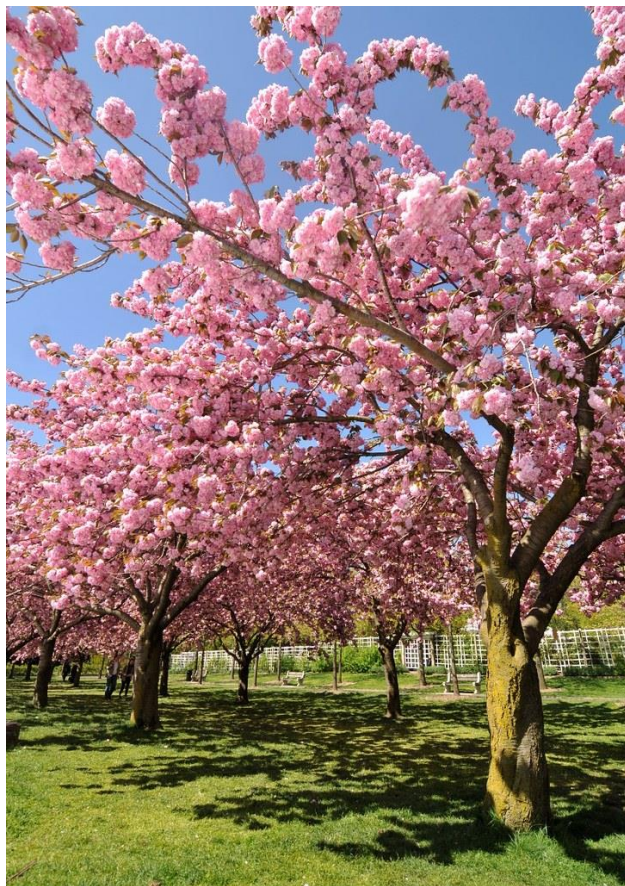
Please see Tapestry for updates!

News from Elm Class (Year 1)



Please see Tapestry for updates!

News from Cherry Class (Year 2)



Before the holidays, Year 2 made the most of the beautiful weather, spending plenty of time outdoors in our school's outdoor area and on the field. In science, they explored different types of bridges. The children experimented with paper to make it stronger and worked collaboratively to build bridges out of

lollipop sticks. It was wonderful to see how well they cooperated and organised themselves, delegating tasks within their teams to complete their projects.

Our recent unit on multiplication and division has come to an end and I have sent home the children's TTRockstar logins so they can continue practising at home if they wish.

The Year 2 team has been particularly impressed with the children's confidence last term. Many students stepped out of their comfort zones to present their school council speeches and talent show performances. They all showed incredible sportsmanship, being gracious when others were chosen. We are so proud of every child for giving it their all and demonstrating such a positive attitude!

News from Larch Class (Year 3)



Before the Easter break, Year 3 had a fantastic experience with Mr Gilmore from Sussex Music. He came in to teach an African drumming workshop to Larch Class where we played various styles of African drums to explore different rhythms, dynamics and pulse. It was greatly enjoyed by Larch Class and they were all so proud to show off their skills in a special assembly to the whole school.

News from Willow Class (Year 4)



Year 4 have been getting creative with their learning this week! In Computing, they used stop-motion animation to recreate the dramatic eruption of Mount Vesuvius, bringing this historic event to life with their own storytelling and digital skills.

In Music, they explored how sound can shape a story by composing a music to accompany the book *Escape from Pompeii*. They focused on pulse and repeating rhythms using a range of instruments to build atmosphere, crafting sections that created a sense of calm before shifting to moments of danger. It was a fantastic cross-curricular project which showcased their imagination and musical talents.

They have been combining history and hands-on learning in their latest DT project too! As part of their Roman topic, they have designed and built their own catapults, exploring how these ancient siege weapons were used in battle. The children tested their creations, measuring how far they could launch projectiles and discussing the forces at play. They also evaluated their catapults and suggested how they could improve their designs in future. A fantastic way to bring history to life—well done, Year 4!

We've started the term with our exciting new topic: The Battle of Lewes, and it's already captured our imaginations—many of us have even chosen sides between King Henry III and Simon de Montfort!

As part of our learning, we visited the Priory Ruins, as a primary history source. We had a fantastic time exploring the remains of the once-great Lewes Priory, imagining what it would have looked like in medieval times. It was fascinating to see where the monks lived, worked, and worshipped. We were amazed to learn that the priory had 59 toilets, yet the monks only bathed twice a year—much to the children's amusement!

We also discovered that the ruins played a significant role in the Battle of Lewes in 1264, as some of the conflict took place there. It gave us a real sense of how the town's history is deeply connected to this important event. Standing on the very ground where soldiers once marched and fired flaming arrows made the battle feel much more real and meaningful.

It's been a brilliant start to the topic, and we're looking forward to uncovering more medieval mysteries in the weeks ahead!

News from Elder Class (Year 5)

During Term 4, we learned about Judaism in Year 5 and on Monday, 31st March we went on a visit to the Brighton and Hove Reform Synagogue. It was a great morning out and we were warmly welcomed by the volunteers at the synagogue, who showed us around. It was really exciting to see in real life the things we had found out about at school, including the Torah Scrolls, the Ark with inscriptions of the Ten Commandments, the Yad (pointing stick), and some hanukkiyahs (special candles for the Hanukah festival). We also enjoyed admiring the beautiful stained-glass windows that showed many of the stories from the Torah (Jewish Bible). We even learned some words of Hebrew!

The children had some wonderful questions and they really impressed our tour guides with all of their knowledge about the Jewish faith.

Year 5 have started Term 5 brilliantly and we are already immersed in all the learning around our Rivers topic. In English we are reading the novel "Journey to the River Sea" by Eva Ibbotson, about a girl called Maia living in 1910, who travels from London to a remote part of the Brazilian Amazon, to stay with her distant cousins. Unfortunately, the Carter family don't seem to be quite what she had hoped for! This week we have been getting into character and writing letters home to England, describing the journey, the strict Governess, and the "beastly" twin cousins. Next week we will pick one of the other characters in the story and write a diary entry from their perspective. Well done Year 5 we are so proud of your hard work in English!





News from Oak Class (Year 6)



Before the Easter break, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a VE party as part of our topic on WWII. We showed off our WWII knowledge; performed the *Lambeth Walk* and the *Lindy Hop* and had a 'street party' on the field, complete with flags, bunting and lots of snacks!

Patina Update



Patina Update for Year 6 Parents

There's lots coming up for our Year 6 children this year and it's time to get going with Patina fundraising and events. Here's what's happening so far:

8th May - Football Dream Team tournament

23rd May - Western Road own clothes day

4th July - Patina Moving On Parade and celebrations

Fundraising: each Year 6 child is targeted with raising £20 in any way that they find fun. A sponsored bike ride, a lemonade stand, a toy sale - anything goes. Please talk to your child about what they'd like to do: half-term would be a good time to start! In addition we'll be doing some group fundraising activities such as the beach clean, own clothes day and school bake sales (the target set for group fundraising is £250 and so far we have raised £104 from the Artist & Makers craft table and the Christmas Fair stall). We'll need to submit individual and group funds by May. The fundraising is vital for our school to be able to take part in Patina. It pays for our Patina artist coming to the school and all other central costs to make Patina happen.

From the Western Road Patina Reps

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/

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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SENCo: Kerry Bedford (Wednesday - Thursday and Friday until 1pm)

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



A CELEBRATION OF GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Join Lewes FC Juniors and
Lewes FC Women's Vets on
Sunday 18th May for our
annual celebration

- Watch-along party for the
Women's FA Cup Final in the
Rook Inn
- Football taster sessions on the
Dripping Pan for girls aged 5 to 11,
14:00 to 15:00
- Lewes FC Juniors' girls' teams
playing on the pitch, 11:00 to 17:30
- Women FC Women's Vets
tournament, 17:30 to 21:00
- Amazing food and drinks available
all day

Location: The Dripping Pan,
Mountfield Rd, Lewes, BN7 2XA
Contact: lewesfootballfoundation.org
info@lewesfootballfoundation.org



**EXPLORE****INSPIRE****EMPOWER**

Is your daughter aged 5-11 and looking for a fun way to get involved with football?

Sign-up to learn more about Lewes FC Juniors' plans for new girls-only non-competitive football sessions. The sessions will be ideal for girls who want to give football a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. Most importantly, it will be all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends.



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Is your daughter aged 12-14 and keen to kickstart or continue their football journey?

Sign-up to learn more about a fun, social and flexible way to play football locally with friends, old and new. The sessions are designed to help your daughter to develop skills and build confidence, whilst encouraging them to play football their own way.



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Over 40 and want to play yourself?

Sign-up to learn more about football for women over 40 with Lewes FC Women's Vets. We are more than just a football group, we are a space to try something new, meet people, and just have fun. Some of us have played before, some of us hadn't kicked a ball in our lives before turning up, and that's exactly the point. We're here for anyone who fancies giving football a go, without pressure or expectation.



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Breaking down barriers to girls' participation in football...

Research shows that 1 in 2 girls drop out of sports after primary school, with 71% avoiding physical activities during their periods. Lewes FC Juniors is committed to helping keep our players active and confident during their periods. That's why we've partnered with the UK's #1 period underwear and sportswear brand, WUKA, with every Lewes FC Juniors player receiving a free pair of period pants.

**FUN****INCLUSIVE****SAFE**