



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 20th March 2026

### Dates for next week

Monday 23rd March	Music Lesson and performance for parents of Year 1 and 2 <b>at 11.20am</b>
Tuesday	P.E. Willow Class  Staff run cubs
Wednesday	P.E. Beech Class  <b>Forest School: Oak Class: Change of day</b>  Final Corporate Challenge Day
Thursday	Free Active 8 club for Willow Class after school: communication will be sent
Friday	Final P.E. Kits Swimming Oak and Beech Classes:  P.E. Willow Class

### Reminder

Year 1 and 2 parents, you are invited to attend the recorder recital on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 11.20am.

As always, we will film the event and pop it onto the classroom whiteboard for the end of the day, should anybody be unable to attend.

We do understand it is in the middle of the day, but this takes place as part of the normal lesson schedule with Mr Chalke.

### Beech Class Trip to West Dean Gardens

Beech Class had a wonderful visit to West Dean Gardens this week! The children enjoyed a full day of outdoor learning, including creating beautiful watercolour paintings, exploring a wide variety of plants, and recording their discoveries in their nature books.

Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and amazing behaviour throughout the trip made us incredibly proud.

A huge thank you to Miss Cain and Miss Kitka for organising and leading the trip, and to George's mum and Gilbert's dad for volunteering their time to support the group on the day. Your help made the experience even more special for the children.

We also want to thank all parents and carers for arranging pick-ups at the end of the day, it was greatly appreciated.

Well done, Beech Class, for a fantastic day of learning and exploring!

### Next Week: Flourish week

This is the week when children take ownership of their learning and show us the skills, knowledge, and learning behaviours they use to tackle a challenge — independently.

**In Willow Class** the children are going to use their knowledge of fruit and vegetables and healthy eating, together with their Food Technology skills to create wonderful and hopefully tasty smoothies!

**In Beech Class** the children are making beautiful sewn samplers which will support the Willow Class learning of how plants grow.

**In Oak Class** the children are building Tudor houses as part of the design technology learning – I look forward to seeing their Tudor Street!

### Worship

On Monday, Hugo led worship and shared stories from his missionary trip to Nepal. He told us how stories of faith, courage, and the reality of following Jesus in places where it can be costly.

He also told the children about Peter's denial of Jesus which then led into the Easter story.

This week, the children have been preparing for Easter worship. As part of their reflection, each child has been thoughtfully designing and creating their own personal crucifix.

These individual crucifixes represent their understanding of Jesus' sacrifice and the hope of the Easter story. Every design is unique, some simple, some decorated with colour or symbols of new life, but each one reflects the children's learning, creativity, and growing faith.

Next week, all the crucifixes will be brought together to form one large school crucifix. This collaborative piece will symbolise our whole school community joining together as one body, remembering the message of Easter: love, sacrifice, forgiveness, and the promise of new beginnings.



## School Trip costs and Swimming

Thank you to all families who contribute towards trips and activities, it really does make a difference. When contributions fall short, it directly affects our budget; for example, we were **several hundred pounds** short for swimming this year, and we cannot use Sports Premium funding to cover these costs.

To help manage this, swimming will take place only for Years 3 and 4 next year. There will be a Year 5 & 6 residential in October 2026, with cost details to follow.

We are keen to try and avoid larger expenses falling in the same year group and hope these changes help families plan and budget more easily. Thank you again for your continued support.

We recognise that many families are facing financial pressures. We continue to seek additional funding wherever possible for school, but we are being asked to do more than ever, often without the budget to match, school buildings always need significant investment into maintenance.

We are committed to keeping our curriculum broad and enriching, and your support, through contributions and PTA events, truly helps us to do that. Thank you for all you can give.

### Golden Book



Noah has shown excellent focus in his handwriting this week, taking great care to form every letter correctly. His determination to improve the presentation of his learning has really stood out. It's wonderful to see how much effort into his handwriting. Brilliant effort, Noah, keep it up!

Martha (Y3) has demonstrated an impressive level of responsibility this week, both towards her peers and her environment. She consistently makes thoughtful choices, supports those around her with kindness, and takes real pride in looking after her surroundings. Keep shining, Martha!

Jacob has shown excellent focus and independence in his history learning, especially in his work on the Tudors. Miss Spencer has been really impressed with how positive his learning behaviours have been recently. Your hard work, determination and enthusiasm are shining through, Jacob — well done! Keep it up!

Have a lovely weekend – and enjoy the sunshine!

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