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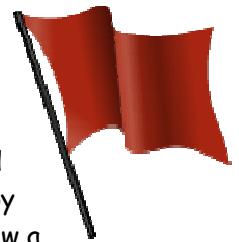
## NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope that you all had a fantastic summer with the children. I am very impressed that they have returned to school with a positive attitude and they all look smart in their school uniforms.

**A few bullet points for the benefit of our new parents, and as a reminder to all ...**

- We send a newsletter home once a month. Letters go home by email to all parents registered on My Child at School (MCAS). If you do not wish to use this system, you will get a paper copy of letters in your child's book bag. We will put a red flag out at the main gate to let you know a newsletter has gone home, to remind you to check bags and inboxes!  
A paper copy of this newsletter is being sent to the new Reception parents this time just in case you have not yet registered with MCAS. If you have not received an activation email or if you are having difficulties logging in, please speak to Sharon in the school office.
- **Parking** - We ask all parents not to drive into Hawkins Close. Parents are not permitted to park in the Residents' parking area or the school's car park. Disabled spaces are available outside the school for holders of a blue badge - please speak to the office about this. **Please park safely and with respect - not on junctions and not across the driveways of residents.**
- **Before and After School Playground Safety - Bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the playground during drop off or pick up** for safety reasons. This includes pre-schoolers. Please leave bikes and scooters just inside the school gate or carry/push them. Please do not let your children or toddlers play on or with any equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons.
- **Milk** is only delivered for children who are registered with Coolmilk (it is free for children under the age of five). If you would like your child to have milk in school, please register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).
- **Pupil Premium (means tested free school meals)** - please ask for details at the office if you think you may be entitled. If you are entitled, we will cover the cost of any school trips, pay for them to have free milk in school once they have turned five and fund one after-school club for your child.
- **Sickness** - If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office before 8.45 a.m. and leave a message on the answerphone. Alternatively, those who have successfully registered on MCAS can now report absence using this. **Any child suffering from sickness or diahorrea must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last incidence of vomiting or diahorrea.**
- **Lateness** - The school gates open at 8.35 a.m. Children need to be on site by 8.45 a.m. when the learning day starts. Any child arriving after 8.45 a.m. will be marked in the register as late and may miss key information for the first learning session. Arrival after 9.15 a.m. will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Please try and ensure that your child is here on time. Thank you. The Year 1 gate by Butterfly and Ladybird classes will be locked at 8.45 a.m. every morning for security reasons. Please bring your child to the front office if you are arriving after 8.45 a.m. and they will be taken to their classroom.



- *Please name everything!* - Please can you ensure that everything your child brings to school, especially coats, hats, scarves and gloves, jumpers/cardigans, shoes, lunch boxes, water bottles and PE kits are named. We always have a huge pile of lost property, which would not happen if we could return everything to its owner!
- *Snacks and Lunchboxes* - The Government provide fruit and vegetable snacks for all the children. If your child brings in their own fruit or vegetable snack, please put this in a separate container, clearly named, to put in their drawer ready for snack time. If your child is having packed lunches, we ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate in lunchboxes (chocolate coated biscuits are fine).  
**We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.** This is because we have children in school with severe nut allergies. We recognise some parents may be disappointed that they cannot include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes, but I am sure you understand that health and safety always comes first.
- *Health and Safety*
  1. Earrings must be small studs. Hooped earrings are not permitted, as they are not safe. During PE, earrings must be removed or covered with tape. Please provide a reel of micropore tape to be kept in your child's drawer.
  2. Long hair must be tied back for school.
- *Pick-Up Time* - Please let the office know by email or phone if someone different to usual will be collecting your child. We will not let your child go home with someone else unless we have spoken to you personally to get permission.
- *Requests for Absence from Learning* - Absence from learning will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. It is the school's policy to refer to the Local Authority for consideration of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for children who have unauthorised absence from school, where a pupil has a minimum of 10 school sessions (5 days) off in a 10-school week period. This includes any absence marked in the register as unauthorised, persistent late arrival at school after the register has been taken that is recorded as an unauthorised absence, or a holiday in term time which has not been authorised. The FPN is issued with an invoice for £160 and 28 days are given for you to settle the penalty. If the FPN is paid within the first 21 days, the amount payable is reduced to £80 per parent per child. From September 2025, schools may also make a referral to the Local Authority for consideration of a FPN if a child is absent for a holiday for 8 or 9 sessions during an **inset week or following a bank holiday** (see attached letter from the Local Authority). We would particularly ask that Year 1 children do not have any time off during May and June as this is when they are preparing for, and taking their phonics checks. A copy of our Attendance and Absence Policy is on our website for your information.



I look forward to working in partnership with you, to support your child's learning and to make their early experiences of school something that they will remember positively for the rest of their lives.

*Sally Dreckmann*

**Mrs Sally Dreckmann**  
**Headteacher**



Term Dates for the 2025 - 2026  
Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn term 2025	<b>Starts:</b> Thursday 4 September (Wed 3 is an Inset Day) <b>Half term:</b> Monday 27 to Friday 31 October <b>Ends:</b> Friday 19 December
Christmas break 2025	Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January
Spring term 2026	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 6 January (Monday 5 is an Inset Day) <b>Half term:</b> Monday 16 to Friday 20 February <b>Ends:</b> Friday 27 March
Easter break 2026	Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April
Summer term 2026	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 13 April <b>Half term:</b> Monday 25 to Friday 29 May <b>Ends:</b> Wednesday 22 July

Inset Dates (School closed for staff training)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

### Local Paper Photos



Our Reception Teachers will be taking photos of their new classes very soon, to send to the local paper, which is running their annual feature on children starting school. **If you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken, please let Mrs Porter in the office know as soon as possible.**

### Parent Consultation Meetings

A letter will be going out later this month regarding the arrangements for this term's parent consultations.

### Welcome Wednesdays

As part of our school improvement work to further strengthen parent/carers relationships and engagement, last year we introduced a new initiative called Welcome Wednesday. Each half term, we will open our doors just before the end of the school day on a Wednesday, for parents/carers to come into classrooms, sit with their children and look at their work with them. We realise not every parent can come every time, but that is fine - there will always be other adults around to look at work with children if you can't make it.

We recognise that for some of you, 2.30pm on a Wednesday is never going to be 'do-able' due to work commitments, so if you can't make it but want to come in, please talk to your child's teacher and they can arrange an after-school slot to suit you.

Please look on the dates list for details of when this will take place.

### PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. in the school hall. We do hope you will be able to join us to find out more about the work of the PTA and how you can be involved. We will also be looking to appoint a Treasurer for the Committee.

### Introduction to learning in Reception,

#### Years 1 & 2

We will shortly be sending letters home from the teachers about the curriculum your children will be following this term.

#### Summer Fair

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and helping at our summer fair on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. It was a lovely evening and we raised just under £4,000 which is an amazing amount. Congratulations to Jemima, Harry and Ella for their winning entries in the junior bake off competition and to Brodie, Marlee and Matilda for winning the summer hampers.

#### Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade fortnight starts on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We will be talking to the children about Fairtrade products and how we can support farmers across the world. We would like you to look out for the Fairtrade logo on the food you purchase and to bring in some examples of packaging for a display in school.

#### Before/After School Clubs

Just a reminder that all our before and after school clubs have now started for Years 1 and 2. We hope to offer up the clubs to Reception children after Christmas.

#### Staffing update

On the last day of term in July, Mrs Wright handed in her resignation, and so we have had to have a re-shuffle. Mrs Davis will now be the TA in Poppy class on a Monday and Tuesday. In Years 1 and 2, the remaining TAs will be covering the three classes in each year group between them.

We have also appointed one of our existing TAs, Mrs Honywood, as our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant. She will be covering some of the classes when the teachers take their fortnightly planning, preparation and assessment days. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Honywood in this role as she is actually a qualified teacher!

## Dates for your Diary - more details to follow

Event	Date	Time
Fairtrade Fortnight	22 <sup>nd</sup> September - 5 <sup>th</sup> October	
PTA AGM - Everyone welcome	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	7 - 8.00 pm
Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2 (more details to follow)	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	all afternoon
Individual school photos	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	all morning
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> October (more details to follow) and w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	2.30 pm
Inset Day	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November	
Science Week	w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> November	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	all day
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	2.30 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 - 9.45 am
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5 - 7.00 pm
PTA Christmas Shop	tbc	
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 - 9.45 am
Christmas Dinner	tbc	
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 - 9.30 am
Christmas holidays	22 <sup>nd</sup> December - 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	
Inset Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> February and 23 <sup>rd</sup> February (more details to follow)	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	
Inset Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	
Half Term	16 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
Creative Week	w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	30 <sup>th</sup> March - 10 <sup>th</sup> April	
Start of Summer Term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	
Class Photos	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	All morning
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	
Walk to School Week	w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May	
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	25 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Inset Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	

Phonics Testing Week	w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sports Week	w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	
Maths Week	w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> July	
Summer Fair	tbc	
Open Afternoon	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

**3 September 2025**

## **Guidance on fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for school attendance**

Dear Parent/Carer,

In June 2024, we wrote to all parents explaining the new Department for Education and Local Authority guidance around the use of fixed penalty notices (FPNs). This included the increase in the fine, together with the process of the first, second and third FPN in a three-year rolling period and how the Local Authority will address each referral.

The new guidance included schools being able to refer to the local authority for an FPN to be issued where a child is taken out of school for 8 or 9 unauthorised sessions for family holiday in order to avoid the 10-session threshold. The direct wording from this government directorate communicated on 24 June 2024 was:

*'The Government has also directed fixed penalty notices can be issued for less than this threshold (10 sessions) should circumstances direct, offering details of when this would occur. For example, a parent taking steps to avoid the use of a fixed penalty notice by taking their child out of school for 9 sessions as this would mean the threshold would not be met.'*

If the Local Authority (or other authorised officer) believes a penalty notice would be appropriate, they retain the discretion to issue one before the threshold is met. This might apply for example, where parents take several term time holidays below threshold, or a 4-day absence during an inset week or following a bank holiday. The West Sussex Code of Conduct allows the Local Authority to use this discretion under point 16 as follows:

16. *If in an individual case the Local Authority (or other authorised officer) believes a Penalty Notice would be appropriate, they retain the discretion to issue one before the National threshold is met.*

Therefore, from September 2025, if a child is absent for a holiday for 8 or 9 sessions without authority during an inset week or following a bank holiday, the school may make a referral to the Local Authority for consideration of an FPN. Our attendance policy and holiday request form will be updated with this information.

Kind regards  
The Governing Body  
Rose Green Infant School



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to let you know we have spaces available for Piano & Vocal lessons at Rose Green Infants School.

Lessons are held during the school day on a Friday afternoon.

Benefits of Music lessons include:

- Music lessons increase students' test scores
- Music lessons improved students' academic skills
- Music lessons develop students' creativity
- Music lessons develop communication and expression
- Music lessons teach valuable life skills
- Music lessons provide joy and a sense of community

We strive to tailor lessons to the individual, whilst making lessons fun and progressive, at a rate suitable to the student. All our teachers are professional in their field and have been DBS checked.

- Individual 30 minute lesson - £18.50
- Paired 30 minute lesson - £12.50

Lessons take place during the school day, and we work closely with the school & teacher to aid smooth timetabling.

If you feel your child would like to go ahead with lessons, please could you complete the online sign-up form on our website <https://inclusivemusicandmovement.weebly.com/sign-up-or-contact-us.html> and we will be in touch again soon.

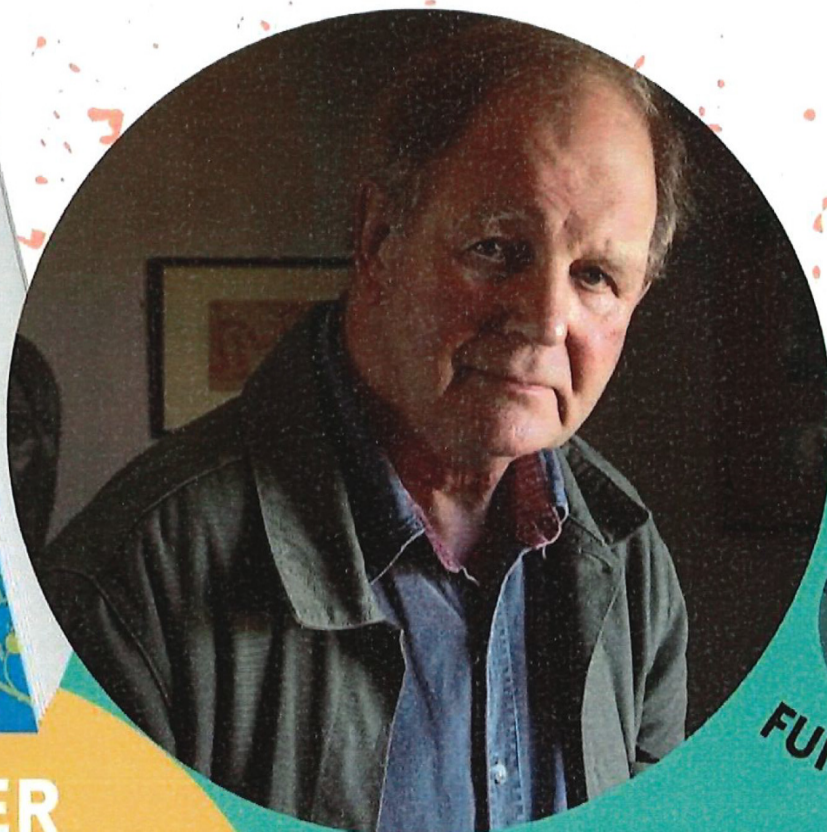
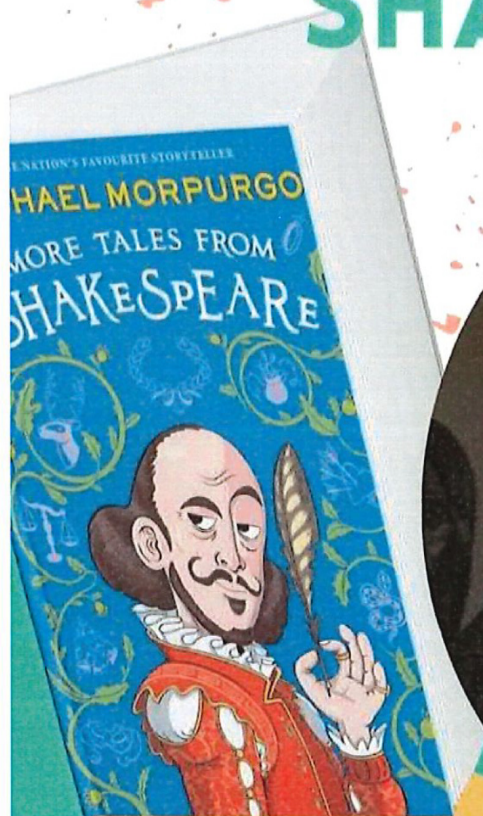
We would love to work alongside your child on their musical journey. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further query at all. You can email us at [imm@inclusivemusicandmovement.com](mailto:imm@inclusivemusicandmovement.com) or call us on 07578 774639.

Kind Regards

Jayne Hammond  
IMM Admin



# MORE TALES FROM SHAKESPEARE



**CHICHESTER  
CATHEDRAL**

**9<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2025**

**DOORS 7PM,  
TALK 7.30PM**

**WITH  
MICHAEL  
MORPURGO**

**AGE  
9-99**



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