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## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### Miss School, Miss Out!

We are always trying to improve our school attendance. As you are aware, academic achievement is linked to regular attendance. Your child needs to be **Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time**. The children not only need to be at school every day but also ready for learning and on time. On an almost daily basis I receive forms from parents/carers requesting leave / holiday in term time and would like you all to consider your child's progress in their learning, both academically and socially, when deciding when to take your children out of school. Our attendance and absence policy, which follows the DfE guidance on attendance, can be found on our website, in the [policies section](#), for your information and will shortly be updated to reflect the change in Fixed Penalty Notice Fining for 4 days of absence linked to INSET and Bank Holidays.



Please note that school **STARTS** at 8.45am and so children should be here by that time. If you arrive after 8.45am you should go to the School Office as your child will need to be signed in and taken to their classroom through the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary. Any new dates added since the last letter are in **red**.



### Children due to start school in September 2026 and Transfer to Juniors.

Transfer to Junior School letters will be sent out sometime next week via MCAS to all children in Year 2. Please look out for them.

West Sussex County Council no longer send individual letters to new parents whose children are due to start school in September 2026, but advertise the application arrangements widely, including on social media. The deadline for

applications for both starting school and transfer to Junior School is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Thursday 15th January 2026**. The online system will open on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Families without internet access at home will be able to apply on-line at libraries and Children & Family Centres for free. If you need any help, or know anyone who may need help, please let us know.

### Cauliflower Christmas Cards



Your child will shortly be bringing home their beautiful artwork. Just a reminder that if you wish to place an order, this must be done online using the unique code located at the top of the order form, which can be shared with your wider family, should they also wish to order. **The order form and artwork will then need to be returned to the school by no later than Monday 13th October.** If the artwork is not sent back to us, the order cannot be processed but you may still be charged. Please remember to tick the box on the order form to confirm that you have placed the order online. There is no obligation for you to order.

### Individual Photos - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October (am)

A photographer is coming on this day to take individual photos of the children - please remember to send them in wearing their school jumper or cardigan.

If you have more than one child at our school and you would like their photo taken together, please can you take them to the hall from 8.00 am. Please note that this invitation is only available for siblings at our school and will not include pre-school children or those at the Junior School. Thank you.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year we have many lovely things for sale for the Poppy Appeal. We have snap rulers, wristbands, reflectors and of course poppies! From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October until Remembrance Day, we will be selling these after school from the grassed turning circle or from the school office if you would like to donate.



### Parent Consultations

Sign up sheets will be posted outside your child's classroom from next week for you to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher.

### Our Five Special Words

For the benefit of our new families, every week in our Celebration Assembly, we select two children from each class to be awarded a badge, which is tied in with our 'five special words':-

*Responsible, Resilient, Motivated, Independent and Creative*

These words are five qualities that we aim for our learners to have started to understand and demonstrate by the time they leave us. More information is on our website:-

[https://www.rosegreeninfant.school/website/values\\_ethos\\_and\\_vision\\_including\\_our\\_five\\_words/525434](https://www.rosegreeninfant.school/website/values_ethos_and_vision_including_our_five_words/525434)

These badges are collected in on Friday morning, ready to be given to the next child at an assembly in the afternoon. It is very important that the children bring them back, otherwise we will not have enough for the next week. We start this with Years 1 and 2 from September and Reception will join the assemblies at some point in the new year. Thank you.

### School Meals

Please can we remind parents to cancel any pre-ordered meals on ParentPay if your child no longer would like a hot meal in school. This avoids unnecessary food waste and cost to the school, as we will still be charged for these meals. Thank you.

### Numbots in School

Your child will shortly be bringing home their login details for Numbots which is an on-line maths game which will help your child develop their recall and understanding of number bonds, addition and subtraction facts. We hope your child has fun!

### PE Kit in School

Please can we ask that all children have a pair of leggings or joggers in their PE kit every day, especially now as the weather is getting colder and please could you check that their plimsolls or trainers still fit!

### Fair Trade Fortnight

Thank you so much for all of the Fair Trade product packaging that was brought in and shared in assembly with Mrs Sugden. She is really pleased with how the children were inspired to think about farmers from around the world and how we can help ensure that they are fairly paid.

### Community Food Hubs

Did you know that UK Harvest, a Sussex based food rescue and redistribution charity, run Community Food Hubs across West Sussex? Community food hubs are open to all residents, you do not need a referral (that some food banks require) and are designed to help rescue food from suppliers that would otherwise have gone to waste. With the support of West Sussex County Council these hubs are available across the County. Everyone is welcome; simply bring a shopping bag and fill it from a selection of fresh, mixed groceries for a small donation if you are able to. Many local services are also available at the food hubs including health, financial and wellbeing support.



For more information, including the hub locations and dates, please visit

[www.ukharvest.org.uk/community](http://www.ukharvest.org.uk/community)

### Harvest

A letter will be going out soon regarding a harvest food collection for Bognor Food Bank.

### And finally:

1. As the weather is turning colder, please can you ensure that your child has a (named) warm, waterproof coat in school every day as we are going out in all weathers.
2. Please can your child still bring their book bag into school on Forest School days.
3. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please can you do so at the end of the day as the mornings are so busy. If the message is urgent, please inform the school office who can then pass this onto the class teacher.

Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

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	2.30 pm
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	
Red Nose Day (non uniform day)	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	All day
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	2.30 pm
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	