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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2026

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 come in line with the West Sussex school's model policy.



I monitor attendance data once a month and if I am concerned, I may ask you to come in and meet with me to discuss the barriers to attendance and come up with a plan to improve things. Once attendance falls below 90%, your child is classed as a persistent absentee, and we don't want to get to that point.

Please note that school **STARTS** at 8.45am and so children should be in class 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 2027 and Transfer to Juniors.

Transfer to Junior School letters have been sent this 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 2027, but

advertise the application arrangements widely, including on social media. The deadline for applications for both starting school and transfer to Junior School is Friday 15th January 2027.

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Friday 15th January 2027**. The online system is now open.

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 has recently come home with 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 Friday 16th 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 15th 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 (and not PE kit if it is usually their PE day). 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.

Parent Consultations

Sign up sheets are posted outside your child's classroom 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

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 ask parents to cancel any pre-ordered meals on the FEED app if your child is not in school due to illness or holiday. You can cancel meals up until 8.00 am on the day. 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!

Fair Trade Fortnight

Thank you so much for all 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 can. 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

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.

4. Monthly reminder! - please do not drive down Hawkins Close or park in the road, and park with consideration in local roads so driveways are not blocked.

Thank you.

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

Event	Date	Time
Individual school photos	Thursday 15 th October	all morning
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 19 th October and w/c 2 nd November	
Inset Day	Friday 23 rd October	
Half Term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 13 th November	
Science Week	w/c 16 th November	
Open Evening for Year 2 parents at the Junior School	Wednesday 18 th November	5.00 pm
Non uniform day (to bring in a donation for the Christmas Fair)	Friday 20 th November	
Year 2 Pantomime	Monday 30 th November	am
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 2 nd December	2.30 pm
Christmas Fair	Friday 4 th December	5.00 - 7.00 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents	Wednesday 9 th December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 10 th December	9.15 - 9.45 am
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 10 th December	
PTA Christmas Shop	Friday 11 th December	am
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents	Monday 14 th December	9.15 - 9.45 am
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Tuesday 15 th December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 16 th December	

Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents	Wednesday 16 th December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 17 th December	9.00 - 9.30 am
Christmas holidays	21 st December - 1 st January	
Inset Day	Monday 4 th January	
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 5 th January	
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 8 th February and 22 nd February	
Half Term	15 th - 19 th February	
Book Week	w/c 1 st March	
Red Nose Day (non uniform)	Friday 19 th March	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 24 th March	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	26 th March - 9 th April	
Start of Summer Term	Monday 12 th April	
Class Photos	Thursday 22 nd April	All morning
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May	
Walk to School Week	w/c 17 th May	
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 17 th May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Tuesday 18 th May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 20 th May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 24 th May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Tuesday 25 th May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 26 th May	2.30 pm
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 27 th May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	31 st May - 4 th June	
Inset Day	Monday 7 th June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 14 th June	
Sports Week	w/c 21 st June	
Summer Fair	tbc	
Maths Week	w/c 5 th July	
Transition Day	Wednesday 7 th July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 9 th July	
Open Afternoon	Tuesday 13 th July	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 14 th July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 15 th July	9.00 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 15 th July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 16 th July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 20 th July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 20 th July	
Inset Day	Wednesday 21 st July	

Considering childminding: Your first steps

West Sussex County Council is offering a selection of **free** online information sessions for those interested in finding out more about childminding as a career.



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