

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum

Reception

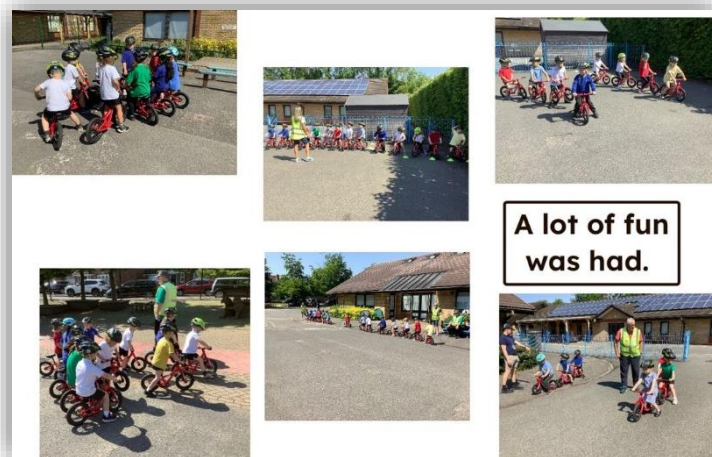
This week, our Reception children have improved their riding skills with the EYFS version of Bikeability using balance bikes.

Year 2

Take a look at Year 2 children with their plants grown without soil!

Year 3

Using the computing suite to write their own newspaper reports.



Sports news

Hattie Laws performed at the NDP National Acrobatic Gymnastics Finals, showcasing her talent, dedication, and hard work. Competing against the best gymnasts in the country, she delivered two strong performances with her partner, placing 5th place overall in the national ranking. Having watched a video of her performance, I can confirm that it was amazing and hints at even greater things ahead. Well done!



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES	
CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
22 nd May	2 nd June
29 th May	9 th June
5 th June	16 th June
12 th June	23 rd June
19 th June	30 th June
26 th June	7 th July

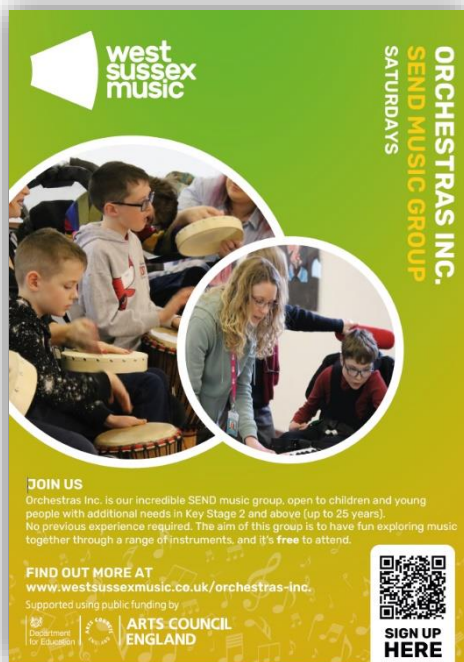
Safeguarding – online safety

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft has hundreds of millions of players - making it more important than ever to stay informed. With its vibrant worlds and endless potential for creativity it's no wonder Minecraft continues to capture young imaginations.

With the Minecraft movie hitting cinemas in April, interest in the game has remained strong. But whether they're mining resources or building digital castles, children could also encounter strangers, scary content or bullying behaviour online.

Wake up Wednesday have created this free guide offering parents and educators the latest top tips on how to keep children safe from issues like griefing, chat risks, and unintended purchases, while still embracing the game's educational and creative benefits.

Click on the image for a larger version.



Free Music opportunity

West Sussex Music are offering a **free** opportunity for children and young people with SEND and/or additional needs in Key Stage 2 and above (up to 25 years).

Orchestras Inc. our wonderful SEND ensemble has been working with schools for several years and is now embedded in our music centre offer at Horsham and also Worthing.

Sessions take place on Saturdays, are **free** to attend and are designed to explore music together through a range of instruments in a fun and creative way. No prior experience is required but all attendees must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Click on the image for further details



Fun Day

Please see the poster below for the forthcoming Fun Day at St. Mark's Church on Saturday 7th June. Click on the image for further details.

Staff news

One of our long-standing Teaching Assistants, Mrs Hedges, will be leaving Holbrook at half-term after ten years at the school. She has supported many children through her roles as Learning Support Assistant, lunchtime supervisor, reading support and accompanied children on residential. We wish her well in her new role as part of the West Sussex Children and Young People services team.

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion is 'Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?' – see below.

TAKEHOME

19th - 25th May

In the news this week



Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?

A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people—called a popemobile—is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. The vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What is your opinion of Pope Francis' decision to donate the popemobile? Why do you believe he decided to do this? Ask someone at home about their thoughts.
- Have you ever donated something? Could it be harder to donate something that's important to you?
- Can you think of examples of different times when people might donate items to help others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

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Wednesday 21 st May	Class Photos
Friday 23 rd May	INSET day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 10 th June	YR trip to Washbrooks Farm
Friday 13 th June	FOH non uniform day (chocolate tombola donations)
Friday 13th June	Y5 & Y6 careers day and careers fair
Wednesday 18 th June	Sports Day KS2- am EY/KS1-pm
Monday 23 rd June	Y6 Bikeability starts
Thursday 26 th June	FOH Non uniform day (Bottle tombola donations)
Friday 27 th June	Y2 trip to Drusillas
Saturday 28 th June	FOH Summer Fayre

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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