



## Newsletter

19.06.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday our Reception Dads and Grandads were invited to spend an afternoon with their children here at school to recognise Father's Day! This was a wonderful opportunity for den building, a campfire with smores and a BBQ. I definitely think that this is something the children will remember for a long while.

We are grateful that so many Dads and Grandads turned up and that they were inclusive of everyone.

Fun was had by all and some amazing 'dens' were built. It was great to see the spirit of competition spurring everyone on as they extended their dens, which were built to withstand a bucket of water!!

It was lovely to see the community spirit on the playground after school on Monday as children and parents sampled the new school dinner offer from Easy Lunch. This company is based locally, and tries to source locally wherever possible. It comes highly recommended, and the food was tasty and wholesome. We hope to increase the number of children participating in school lunches from September recognising the importance of a wholesome and hearty lunch to fuel energy throughout the day.

Thank you also to the parents and children involved in the booksale. All fundraising efforts for the school benefit the children here at school during these times of financial constraint!

This is such a busy time of year here at school with events, trips and celebration. Please do keep an eye on diaries!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Newbold

### Reading Opportunities

Developing a love of reading lies at the heart of all we do here at school. Reading for all is something we feel passionately about here at school and no stone is left unturned to support children with this here at school.


Inevitably it is a partnership between home and school and your support in developing confidence with reading is invaluable, so we hope you take advantage of the following activities over the summer.

The school library service visited on Wednesday to introduce their new Reading Challenge. So much happens at the library that is inclusive and free, from lego clubs to junk modelling to story time. We do hope you get involved.

You can join the library online or in person at any time if you are not already a member –

[Join the Library | West Sussex Libraries](#)

# READ to the BEAT



Sign up today

**Sign Up Today**  
Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2026,  
Read to the Beat here.


Steining bookshop have also informed us of a number of summer activities. Including a meet the author opportunity in July and a couple of really interesting workshops in August.

Further information is available from the bookshop.

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BOOK-SIGNING WITH


## KATIE KIRBY




CELEBRATING THE PAPERBACK RELEASE OF

### LOTTIE BROOKS VS THE ULTRA MEAN GIRLS

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
3.30PM-6.30PM  
AT THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
TICKET £8.99 INCLUDES 1 COPY OF 'ULTRA MEAN GIRLS' IN PAPERBACK  
ACCOMPANYING ADULTS FREE  
SCAN QR CODE FOR TIX, OR BUY FROM THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP 01903 812062  
WWW.STEYNINGBOOKSHOP.CO.UK/EVENTS



**KIDS COMICS WORKSHOP with JACK NOEL, creator of the DADBOT graphic novels!**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 11am at the Steining Bookshop




Child Ticket £5 – gives £5 towards a DADBOT book!

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**YOU CHOOSE PARTY TIME!**  
A fun kids event with the creators of the YOU CHOOSE series  
NICK SHARRATT and PIPPA GOODHART




THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST at 3pm  
at the STEYNING BOOKSHOP

**I ♥ reading**

## Cultural Event

Mrs Al-Tarafi is leading our cultural event on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We are inviting KS1 parents into school at 2pm where they will be able to view the artwork on display in the corridor and then watch the dance performances at 2:20pm. From 2:30pm we are inviting KS2 parents in to view art work, ready for a dance performance at 2:50pm.

All performances are identical and involve all classes. We ask that you attend just one performance to allow us enough space within the hall.

Refreshments will be available in the community room.

This is the first time we have celebrated art and dance in such a way at school. The children have been thoroughly engaged in preparations and we are all looking forward to the big day!!

## Sports Day

Another key end of year event is approaching with children representing their new house teams for the first time on Sports Day.

This event will run along similar lines as in the past.

Our gates will open at 11:50am to allow parents to set themselves up for picnics. Please collect children from classes at 12pm. We kindly ask for parents to be on time as children can find it distressing when parents are late. We also firmly ask you not to let children play with the equipment that is laid out for afternoon events.

Naturally a number of parents are unable to make the event due to other commitments and we ask for everyone to support these children so that they don't feel left out!

At 12:45pm we will ask families to clear away so that we can access the entire field with the children. We will begin at 1:05pm and you will then follow classes around, before settling behind the cordon for the track events.

Please do not cross the cordon. Staff will manage all incidents as on every other day of the school year.

Finally, you are strictly not allowed behind the finishing line as this is dangerous.

I am sorry if this sounds like a long list of do's and don'ts but these are essential to the safe, smooth and enjoyable running of the afternoon.

## Parent Workshop

A final reminder of our regulating behaviour workshop @ 9am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is an opportunity to pick up tips or perhaps simply speak to Debbie Cole from the Designated School's Team. Please do make the most of this opportunity!

## **Dates**

### **June**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent workshop at 9am

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3/4 Cricket tournament (selected children have been informed)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (afternoon - from 12pm) - ice creams will be on sale

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Cultural afternoon – **please see amendments to timings on previous page**

### **July**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fox Class trip to Hever Castle

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog classes trip to West Wittering

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Otter and Squirrel classes trip to Bignor Roman Villa

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

School disco KS1 – 3.45-4.45pm and KS2 5-6pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church in Village Hall after school

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – KS2 production 6pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – KS2 production 6pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Break up for summer holidays

### **September**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>- INSET day (no children in school)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - INSET day (no children in school)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>-Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Yr 6 Bikeability – Level 1 and 2

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability