



9th July 2026

Transition Week

Last week was Transition Week, and what a wonderful week it was! Our Year 6 children enjoyed visiting their new secondary schools, while we were delighted to welcome our new Early Years cohort for their Stay and Play sessions.

Children from Reception through to Year 5 also had the opportunity to meet their new teachers and spend the morning getting to know one another. It was a fantastic experience that helped everyone feel excited and prepared for the new academic year ahead.

Meal bookings from September

Everyone should now have received a password from SchoolMoney to activate their new account, to enable them to book school meals from September. Payment for all trips and paid for school run clubs will also use this account. If you have not received a password from SchoolMoney, please check your junk/spam. If you have any problems accessing your account, please let us know as soon as possible.

A menu for September is attached to this newsfeed, so that you can see the great options available. For those pupils who pay for their meals the cost will be £2.95 and bookings can be made in advance or up to 8.30am on the day. Children will choose their meal option at the counter, but it is important that you book your child a meal on each day you would like them to have one. Please remember to check out, even if your child is entitled to free meals, otherwise no meal will be booked.

We really hope that everyone will continue to support us and our new catering partnership, by booking meals for the first term and encouraging your children to give them a try. Our brand new kitchen will be up and running for the start of term in September, with our new Chef Manager cooking fresh meals from scratch. We look forward to introducing them to you in September!

Sports Days 2026

We are really looking forward to holding our sports days in the next couple of weeks. These events are open to parents to attend. They start at 9.15am and are usually finished by 11:15am at the latest.

The children take part in a selection of team games to start with, and then finish with some races. The children can wear their PE kit on the day and we encourage them to wear a coloured T-shirt of their house colour. If you are coming along to cheer the children in their activities, please wear suitable footwear to go on to the Astroturf

Year Group	Date
Years 1 & 2 Sports Day	Thursday 16th July 9.15 - 11.15
Years 3 & 4 Sports Day	Wednesday 15th July 9.15 - 11.15
Years 5 & 6 Sports Day	Monday 20th July 9.15 - 11.15
EYFS Sports Day	Friday 17th July 9.15 - 10.45

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Leavers Assembly

We are going to hold our year 6 leavers assembly on Wednesday 22nd July at 9am. All Year 6 parents are invited to attend. The assembly will last approximately 45 minutes.

Next Year

The autumn term starts for the children on Wednesday 2nd September. The gates will open at 8:00am and children should be supervised before they enter the school building from 8.35am. All children should be in school by 8.50am.

Uniform

Please remember that children will be expected to wear their summer uniform in September and they will need to wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. Please check the website for PE days for each class.

Lost Property

At the end of next week, all unclaimed lost property will be cleared from Reception. We have a large collection of unnamed items, including school jumpers, cardigans, coats, water bottles, snack pots, toys and other accessories.

If these items are not collected by the end of next week, clothing will be donated to the clothes recycling bin or to FOV for their pre-loved sales, and any remaining items will be disposed of or donated where appropriate.

Please take a few minutes to have a look through the lost property before it is cleared - you may be surprised by what you find!

Autumn Term Clubs 2026

On Monday 20th July, you will receive a letter regarding our Autumn Term after-school clubs. This letter will include a Google Form where you can register your child's interest in the available clubs.

You may express an interest in one or more clubs. As demand is often high, places will be allocated at random to ensure the process is fair for everyone.

Please read the letter carefully and complete the Google Form by the stated deadline. We will contact you during the first week of September to let you know whether your child has been allocated a place.

The clubs will run from the week commencing 14th September 2026 until the week commencing 7th December 2026.

Collecting Medicines from School Reminder

If your child has any medication in school that is due to expire, please collect it from the front office before the end of term.

It is particularly important that any adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) that are due to expire are collected, as the school incurs a cost for their safe disposal. Any medication that is not collected by the end of term will be disposed of appropriately.

If your child requires medication in school from September, please provide the replacement medication on the first day back after the summer holiday. All medication must:

- Be in its original packaging.
- Be clearly labelled with the pharmacy dispensing label.
- Be brought to the front office by a parent or carer so that it can be signed in. Medication should not be sent into school with your child.

If your child is in Year 6 and will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year, please ensure that any medication held in school is collected on the last day of term.

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West Sussex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Thousands of children across West Sussex are taking part in this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) in all West Sussex Libraries, starting from Saturday 4th July. Take part by following these simple steps:

- Watch the [Read to the Beat](#) video to find out more.
- Complete the online registration form at libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src.
- Visit your local library and tell a member of staff the secret code word.
- Borrow a book and start reading!
- Collect rewards for reading library books and completing the 'Make the Challenge Your Own' goals.
- Choose any library books you enjoy - the challenge is all about reading for pleasure.
- Keep an eye out for fun events and activities taking place at your local library throughout the summer.

Happy reading, and good luck with the challenge!

Summer Fair TOMORROW

Vale-oha, Vale community from Friends of Vale! It is our spectacular Summer Fair TOMORROW - 4.30pm - 7pm, Friday 10th July, with the bar staying open until 8pm!

We are so excited to welcome you all and put on an afternoon to remember, raising funds for the incredible school kitchen. Don't forget, raffle tickets are available until the raffle is drawn (just £1 each!) and you can also get your colourful Hawaiian Leis to wear at the fair - also just £1 each! Bring the whole family, enjoy some classic stalls like hook-a-duck, stay for dinner with our delicious BBQ and kick-start a sunny weekend in the best way! See you there.

Cherrytree Childcare's Summer Holiday Camp is back from Monday 27th July – Friday 28th August

Join Cherry Tree for 5 fun-filled themed weeks, jam packed full of arts, crafts, games, activities and much more. With something for every child, it's going to be a summer to remember. Cherrytree are proud to once again be supporting the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme - if your child qualifies for benefit related free school meals, they are entitled to 16 half day or 8 full day free sessions.

- Email: cherrytree@childcarebookings.co.uk
- Tel: 01444 523335
- Email: admin@cherrytreechildcare.org (HAF enquiries)
- Tel: 07766108141 (HAF enquiries)

Useful links:

[Cherry Tree Summer Holiday Camp](#)
[Cherry Tree Summer Holiday Camp - HAF](#)
[PS Catering Menu](#)
[FAMJAM Wannado Classes](#)
[Unity Allstars Sussex Cheerleading](#)
[Matchfit Football Summer Holiday Camp](#)
[Matchfit Multi-Sports Summer Camp](#)
[Dance4Dayz Holiday Clubs](#)
[Worthing Town Summer Schedule](#)
[Bugsy Malone Durrington Theatrical Society](#)

2026/27 Academic - Important Dates to Remember...

Summer Term	FoV Summer Fair	Friday 10th July
	Years 3 & 4 Sports Day	Wednesday 15th July

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	Year 6 Production	Wednesday 15th July
	Year 6 Production	Thursday 16th July
	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day	Thursday 16th July
	EYFS Sports Day	Friday 17th July
	Years 5 & 6 Sports Day	Monday 20th July
	Year 6 Leavers Party	Tuesday 21st July 18:00 - 20:00
	Last day of Term	Wednesday 22nd July

Autumn Term	INSET Day	Tuesday 1st September
	First day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 2nd September
	Flu Vaccines	Wednesday 30th September 2026
	Half Term	Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
	INSET day	Monday 23rd November
	Last Day of Term	Friday 18th December

Term Dates and INSET Days for 2027

Spring Term 2027	First day of Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2027
	Half Term	Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027
	Last Day of Term	Wednesday 24th March 2027
	INSET Day	Thursday 25th March 2027
	March Bank Holiday	Friday 26th March 2027

Summer Term 2027	First day Summer Term	Monday 12th April 2027
	May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
	INSET Day	Friday 28th May 2027
	Half Term	Monday 31st - Friday 4th June 2027
	INSET Day	Friday 9th July 2027
	Last day of Term	Wednesday 21st July 2027

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