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Dear Families

The final half term! We are now in the last term of our academic year and what a busy year we have had. I have been looking at all our photographs on Facebook and I am amazed at how much we have done as a school – cooking, sports, school visits, school visitors, clubs, art projects, maypole, science projects and outdoor activities are only examples of some of our learning so far this year. Our children are certainly happy children which is reflected in our above national figure of attendance – 96.2%.

Worship this half term will focus on the first Christians and this week, we have explored friendships and how Jesus's friends spread the message.

Redwood performed their Class Assembly this week and did a great job recalling highlights during the school year with a spectacular performance of 'Hey Mr Miller'.

Behind the scenes, we are still working on projects to develop the outdoor areas and have recently had a marketing meeting with Governors to identify opportunities to promote school. We will be inviting parents to one of these discussions to take ideas and possibly resources to support us.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD

In July, we will be having a whole school creativity week. During the week, children will participate in lots of creative activities. We will be sending out further information about this exciting week in due course.



Rowan and Redwood will be working on a project using repurposed household items. In preparation for this, we would be grateful if you could save bottle caps and lids. These can be brought to school and given to Ms Lyle. Thank you.

REMINDER - SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE

Children can come to school on Thursday 18th June wearing their PE kits. **The children can stay in their kits all day.** Timetable as follows:

Ash and Willow	9am
Rowan and Redwood	10.30am



The event should then be completed by lunchtime which helps with lunches and avoiding the heat of the day should we have high temperatures.

Please ensure your child has a hat and sun cream applied before they come into school. They will also need to have their water bottle to keep hydrated during the morning.

The PTA are kindly giving each child an ice pop at the end of the day.

We will provide seating for our parents and carers but if you wish to bring your own seat/deck chair, that will be fine. We will be seating our families on one side of the track and our children will be based on the other side so staff can ensure they are ready for each race.

We ask you to respect this and keep to your seating area so children can concentrate on their races.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

LATEST UPDATE FROM ISS (NEW MEAL PROVIDER)

*From September 2026, school meals will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand-new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Great news on price too, meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is **25p less than the current charge**. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/. To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk.*

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Reception children - Arundel Wetlands Trip



DIARY DATES FOR 2025-2026

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

JUNE

Mon 15 June	Rowan Class trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum
Wed 17 June	Y1 & Y2 assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Thurs 18 June	Sports Day (am) – EY/KS1 (9am) KS2 (10.30am)
Tues 23 June	Y5 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)
Wed 24 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.30pm)
Fri 26 June	Astracolour class photos
Tues 30 June	Y4 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)

JULY

Wed 1 July	Secondary transition day for Year 6
Thurs 2 July	LAST RECORDER CLUB
Tues 7 July	LAST BOYS' VOCAL GROUP
Wed 8 July	Reception trip to Arundel Wetlands Centre – details to follow
Fri 10 July	Parent Forum (2pm)
Mon 13 July	LAST DRAWING CLUB & WANNADO DANCE CLUB
Tues 14 July	Year 6 Fiver Challenge (3.30pm)
Wed 15 July	Year 6 cheesy chips (12 noon)
Fri 17 July	Leavers Service (9.15am) PTA Summer disco (3.30pm)
Mon 20 July	Year 6 Party (3.30pm)
Tues 21 July	Last day for children
Wed 22 July	INSET day

INSET DAYS 2026 – 2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027



'To grow in Christ, to belong to community, to serve with purpose'