



The Windmills News

Friday 11th September 2026

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Dear Families,

I hope your children have had a good first full week of school here at The Windmills. There were a few tired younger ones this morning, which is to be expected after a summer off school and new school and routines being established. Yesterday the children looked very smart for their photos and, whilst it took longer than anticipated to organise, the whole school photo should look great.

For our new Y3s, a difference between infant and junior schools is that the government does not provide the children with a morning fruit snack. Please do pack a small healthy snack for your child, as lunch is not until 12:10 for Y3 and 12:25 for Y4.

With regard to the mornings, the gates open at 8:40am and teachers have work ready and waiting from then for the children. Most classes start the day with their maths warm-up/ flashback which is based on recent learning. This makes for a really smooth start so the register can be taken at 8:55am and the main lesson can start at 9am. Essentially, the closer your child can arrive to 8:40am the better.

Clubs start next week and we have a great range on offer this term; both from school staff and external clubs. For morning running club, this is at 8:20am on Wednesday and Friday and 8am on a Thursday. On a Thursday, we run for longer on Downlands playing fields, as this is great preparation for the cross-country races. Please remember to pack spare socks (and trainers) as feet can get wet.

The Windmills has always had a good focus on oracy and presenting which can be seen through our wonderful celebration assemblies and this year we are adding to this. Firstly, we are bringing back 'show and tell' with a difference (2.0). Across the year, we are going to ask the children to present to their class for a couple of minutes. It could be on any topic, for example, their family, hobbies, interests, favourite book, game or a special item. Secondly, we would like all children to pick a poem to read to the class. We have lots of great poetry here and, like with Show and Tell 2.0, this will give the teacher and class a chance to get to know your child's interests in a way that due to the busy nature of school doesn't always happen. We will have one presentation and one poem a week and families will be told, so you can help prepare- should you wish. I will be sharing this in assembly with the children and the teachers will also be discussing this in class. No child will be made to do this but we will encourage all to give it a go.

Lastly, coming out with today's newsletter are details for this year's first *Chance to Chat* session and details about The West Sussex Orchestra, including one for SEND pupils.

Kind regards,
Mr Page

Headteacher Awards

TEAM POINTS

EARTH 1073

AIR 976

FIRE 889

WATER 1173

School Diary

- 14.9 Y6 PGL residential (all week)
Y3 parent information session 3:20—3:50pm
- 15.9 Y4 parent information session 3:20—3:50pm
- 17.9 Y5 parent information session 3:20—3:50pm
- 21.9 'Book-nic' 3B and 3T (2:30-3pm)
- 22.9 'Book-nic' 3SH and 4B
Y6 parent information session 3:20-3:50pm
- 23.9 'Book-nic' 4WH and 4TW
- 5.10 Y6 Bikeability starts
- 13.10 Y3 Stone Age day
- 15.10 Y5 Bikeability starts
- 21.10 Parent evening 1
- 22.10 Parent evening 2
- 23.10 Last day of half-term
Conker day
- 2.11 INSET day

Chance to Chat



Do you have a child with additional or special educational needs?

Would you like to meet other supportive parents and professionals, share experiences and have the opportunity to ask questions?

Please come along to our next
Chance to Chat coffee morning on:



Wednesday 7th October 2026



9.00 – 10.00am



The Windmills Junior School



We will be joined by
Lucy Owens, Advisory Teacher
from the Autism and Social
Communication Team, who will
give a short presentation on
'Demand Avoidance'.

There will then be plenty of time to chat,
share experiences and ask any questions
you may have.



We would love to
see you there!



Helen Wright
The Windmills Junior School

Alison Green
Hassocks Infants

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Come and join us to explore music through a range of instruments in a fun and creative way and meet other families.

Find your nearest Orchestras Inc. sessions

Worthing Music Centre, Bohunt School Worthing, 65a Broadwater Road Worthing BN14 8AH (A24)

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Go to www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/orchestras-inc for more information and to apply

MEET THE TEAM



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STARTING SEPTEMBER 2026
TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

MIDHURST MUSIC CENTRE, MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme (TOP) is a one-term programme (Sept-Dec) for complete beginners currently in KS2

It includes:

- Instrumental lessons on brass, wind, or strings
- Free instrument loan for duration of programme
- Membership of the TOP orchestra

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Tuesdays 4.30pm - 6pm

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