

Newsletter

No. 5 – 9th October 2026



Dear Parent/Carers,

Our Harvest Service took place at St Mary's Church on Monday. The children's prayers, poems and rhymes made it a very special service. It was lovely to have so many parents & carers join us. Thank you for all the donations for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. The representatives who joined us for the service were very grateful for everyone's generosity.



We were blessed with a beautiful day for the individual and sibling photos on Wednesday. There is still an opportunity to have siblings (who attend the school) photographed on Tuesday. If you could let the office know by Monday lunchtime if you'd like these taken, if you haven't done so already.

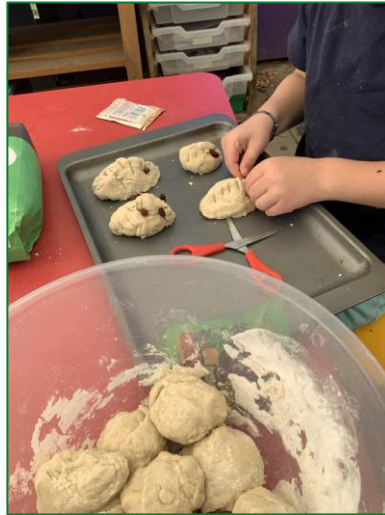
We are looking forward to meeting with you at the Parents Evenings starting next week. The Parents Evening bookings can be made on MCAS, however, if you are unable to book through MCAS, then please do pop into the office and we can do this for you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

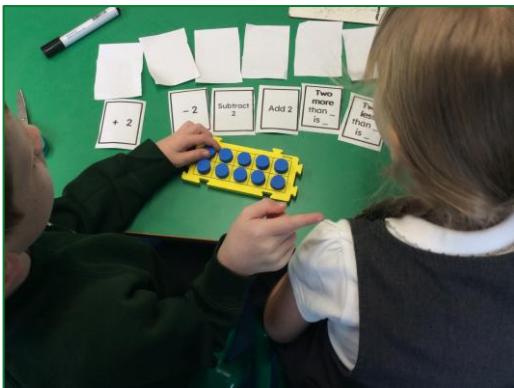
Kind regards,
Catherine Brooks

“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10

Some of our learning this week



In outdoor learning Willows enjoyed baking their own hedgehog bread rolls, including using scissor skills to make the spikes.



In maths, year 2 have been learning about more than and less than through lots of practical activities



In Sycamores children have been finding out even more about the rainforests through their home learning.



Reading rewards

	Ruby 10 reads	Emerald 25 reads	Amethyst 50 reads	Diamond 75 reads	Wormery 100 reads
Willows		Caspian Maddie Lachlan			
Ash	Chloe				
Sycamore	Rhys Charlie	Alanna Casey Savanna Felix			



Golden book

When a child demonstrates one of our values,
we like to celebrate it in Friday's assembly!

Respect Compassion Joy
Perseverance Forgiveness Truthfulness

Willows

Caspian, for working really hard on his letter formation in phonics and busy bee time.
Maddie, for always being really kind to everyone in Willows and helping our new reception friends.

Ash

Ruby, for a beautiful penguin description in English she always perseveres to do her best.
Naomi, for always bringing joy to the class and having a positive attitude in all she does.

Sycamores

Olly C, for creating a joyful rainforest diorama at home. It was fantastic.
Rhys, for his fantastic animal drawing which he completed at home. It was joyful.

Diary dates for the autumn term 2026

New dates are in **bold**

October

Monday 12 th October	2.30 pm Reception parents phonics meeting (hall)
Wednesday 14 th October	Parent's evening
Friday 16 th October	2.30 pm Year 1 parents phonics meeting (hall)
	FOSS Autumn disco 3.05-4.00
Monday 19 th October	Parent's evening
Half-term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October

November

Tuesday 10 th November	8.55 Ash Class Assembly
Thursday 12 th November	8.55 Sycamores Class Assembly
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (Children are welcome to wear PJs or their own clothes for a donation to the charity)
Thursday 19 th November	8.55 Willows Class Assembly

December

Wednesday 9 th December	9.15 Nativity performance
Thursday 10 th December	6pm Nativity performance
Friday 11 th December	2pm Nativity performance
Thursday 17 th December	2 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

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New intake Reception 2027

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

**Was your child born
between 1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023?**

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2027

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 5 October 2026.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free Internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?

Come and visit us on one of our open day tours:

- Saturday 19th September at 10:30am
- Tuesday 22nd September at 9:30am
- Friday 25th September at 5pm
- Friday 9th October at 1:30pm
- Friday 16th October at 10:45am

We are nestled in the countryside, just a short drive
from Billingshurst and Horsham, with smaller than
average class sizes.

Call the office to book a tour, or to arrange an
alternative visit:
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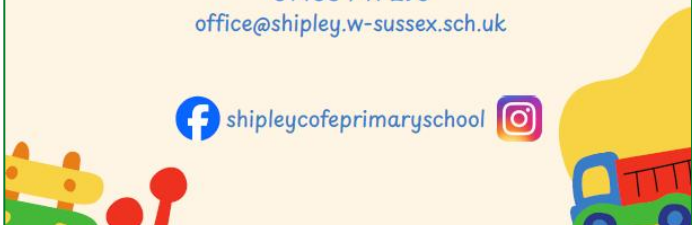
STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

We warmly welcome prospective families to join us
for a stay & play session on the 23rd or 26th
November, from 2:15-2:45pm.

Come along to explore the Willows classroom and
meet the team.

Please contact the office to book your place:
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