

Newsletter

No. 9 - 7th November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term.

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective children and parents to some Stay and Play sessions later in the month and will also be holding some additional New Intake Tours on the 5th December. If you have any friends or families who would be interested, please ask them to contact the school office.

Just a reminder that next week we are looking forward to Sycamore's class assembly on Tuesday at 9am, which parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Catherine Brooks

FOSS FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY

It was lovely to see so many people at the Friendship Friday on the last day before half-term.



Friendship Faith Future

Friday 14th November

This is going to be a busy day at Shipleigh! All classes will be taking part in a Victorian workshop in the hall.

Willows and Oaks will be exploring a Victorian wash day, whilst Ash class will be looking at Victorian schools and Sycamores focusing on workhouses.

On the same day is Children in Need.

Children are welcome to come to school in pyjamas for the day, for a donation to the Charity.



We would like to say a big thank you to Sussex Logs (www.sussexlogs.co.uk), in Washington, for donating 17 tree stumps for the children to sit on outside. Sussex logs are a family run business which provide logs and timber for the home and also, honey from their own bees. Some have been put in the newly refurbished Oaks' garden and pond area, with others in Willow's garden to replace old stumps. A huge thanks to Mark, Ruby and Cleo's Dad, for organising this.



Some of the children will be learning about people who help us over the coming weeks. If you have a job such as a dentist, doctor, vet, nurse ... we'd love to give the children the opportunity to hear about your role and what you do to help others. Please speak to Miss Clement, if you can help.



Please maintain a reduced speed on School Lane to ensure everyone's safety when driving to and from the school. Please also continue to be vigilant, particularly as daylight hours are getting shorter, when walking in and out of school with your children, to avoid any potential accidents.



Thank you for your continued support to keep everyone safe.



Reading rewards

	Ruby 10 reads	Emerald 25 reads	Amethyst 50 reads	Diamond 75 reads	Wormery 100 reads
Willows		Maddie	Lachlan Sonny		
Oaks	Frankieleslie	Darcie	Isla O' Edie		
Ash	Felix	Alice	Early Theo		
Sycamore	Charlie Finn Macy Mia Mason				



Golden book

When a child does something amazing, we like to celebrate it in Friday's assembly!

Willows

Sydney, for a fantastic firework drawing in Drawing Club.
Maddie, for amazing reading.

Oaks

Frankie J, for hard work all week.
Ollie, for working hard and completing his work.

Ash

Casey, for perseverance in English.
Theo, for reading so much.

Sycamores

Shelby-Louise, for working incredibly hard on division using the bus-stop method.
Rosie, for writing a fantastic persuasive text about 'The Grand Nautilus' Hotel.

Diary dates

New dates are in **bold**

November

Tuesday 11 th November	9.00 am Class assembly – Sycamores
Tuesday 18 th November	9.00 am Class assembly – Oaks
Wednesday 19 th November	Oaks Class – Multi-sports event at The Weald (afternoon)
Tuesday 25 th November	9.00 am Class assembly – Willows
Thursday 27 th November	9.00 am Class assembly – Ash
Friday 28th November	FOSS Friendship Friday

December

Tuesday 2 nd December	8.50 am Supporting your child manage their big emotions – parent workshop (in the hall)
Wednesday 10 th December	Nativity performance 9.15 am
Thursday 11 th December	Nativity performance 6 pm
Friday 12 th December	Nativity performance 2pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christingle Service 2pm at St Mary’s Church
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
	FOSS Christmas Cracker 3 – 4.15 pm

Christmas holiday Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

January

Monday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th January	First day of term
Friday 13 th February	INSET DAY

Half-term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

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Useful Information

**Parent
Workshop**

*Helping your child
manage their big emotions*

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
8.50 am in the hall

If you would like to attend, please email
the school office.
office@shipley.w-sussex.sch.uk



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026?

Come and visit us on one of our open day tours:
-Friday 5th December at 9am or 10:45am

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

We nurture every child's uniqueness and create a happy place to grow and flourish.

Call the office to book a tour, or arrange an alternative visit:
01403 741298 <https://www.shipleyceprimary.com/>





PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

OUR SERVICE IS OPEN TO ANY PARENT OR CARER WHO IS SUPPORTING A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND 18 LIVING IN WEST SUSSEX.

WE SUPPORT YOU TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- PEER SUPPORT GROUPS- BOTH DURING THE DAY (IN PERSON & ONLINE) AND IN THE EVENING (ONLINE)
- MONTHLY 'EXPERT BY EXPERIENCE' GUEST SPEAKER ZOOM EVENING SESSIONS, COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS SELF-HARM, EBSA, AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH, MASKING AND MORE...
- 5-WEEK PARENTING MENTAL HEALTH COURSES ACROSS WEST SUSSEX
- 1:1 SESSIONS WITH A PEER SUPPORT WORKER
- CLOSED FACEBOOK GROUP; REGULAR NEWSLETTERS AND ACCESS TO TRAINING, E-LEARNING, ANIMATIONS AND WEBINARS

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT OUR HELP POINT OR ATTEND ONE OF OUR DROP-IN GROUPS.

HELP POINT: MON TO FRI, 10AM UNTIL 4PM ON 0300 303 5652
OR EMAIL HELPPPOINT@WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG
OR USE THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE -
WWW.WESTSUSSEXMIND.ORG



CHARITY NO: 1156075 COMPANY NO: 08584776

West Sussex  Mind

Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins Autumn/Winter 2025/26 Timetable

New dates added



Come and join us in:

Worthing
The Gateway, 8-10 Durrington Lane,
BN13 2QG
13:00 - 14:00

- Tuesday 25th November
- Tuesday 6th January
- Tuesday 10th February
- Tuesday 24th March

Littlehampton
23 Maltravers Drive, BN17 5EY
13:30-14:30

- Wednesday 19th November

Chichester
Family Hub (The Green Room), St James^d
Rd, Chichester PO19 7WX
10.00-11.00

- Thursday 15th January
- Thursday 19th February
- Thursday 26th March

Haywards Heath
Mid Sussex Family Hub, 51 Penn Cres,
Haywards Heath RH16 3HP
11.00-12.00

- 20th January
- 24th February

Online parenting support drop-ins:
10:00-11:00am

- Tuesday 28th October
- Tuesday 2nd December
- Tuesday 13th January

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 2437 6726
Passcode: 131440

Please feel free to drop-in where we can chat and get you registered with the service. Or to register yourself, please call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652 or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org

Or for more information, please contact parentingsupport@westsussexmind.org

Please note, due to the sensitivity of our discussions, we ask that you attend without your child/young person.