



Green Willow
Residential Home



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NEWSLETTER No 11

17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe that the end of term has arrived already – where has the year gone? We were very proud of the children as they all moved into their new classes a week ago, and they have all settled well and are enjoying working in their new classrooms. Our 'old Year 2's' have enjoyed spending time in their temporary classrooms and are very excited to share their final assembly with their families next week.

Thank you

We would like to extend our thanks to the small but mighty core FEPIS team who have given freely of their time and worked hard to ensure that there have been a range of events and fundraising opportunities this year.

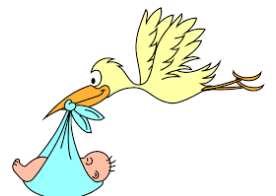
Thank you also to all of you who have supported by helping at events or behind the scenes. The FEPIS team is extremely small and events take a great deal of planning, organisation and man-power, so please do give consideration over the summer break as to whether you might be able to support them next year.



Staffing update



We are delighted to share with you that two more staff babies have recently been born. Mrs Jessica Tapping (Year 2 TLA) has given birth to a baby girl, Arriettie (Ettie), weighing in at 8lb 12 oz on 26th June and Mr Lake-Bromley's wife has given birth to a baby boy, Asher, weighing in at 10lb 2oz on 29th June. Our congratulations go to both families at this special time and we hope to meet both Ettie and Asher for some cuddles before the end of term.



Library Books

Thank you to everyone who has returned Reading and Library books. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do this, or find some over the holiday, please do drop them in to the office in the Autumn Term.



Get Caught Reading

We have enjoyed celebrating our Love of Reading throughout this year with different events each term including author visits, mystery books, World Book Week and sharing our favourite books from home. Over the summer we would love to continue seeing you reading and invite you to join in our 'Get Caught Reading' event.

Find somewhere interesting (*for example, under the bed, at the beach, in a tree, in the wardrobe!*) to do some reading (*this could be a story, a non-fiction book, a recipe book, a restaurant menu, a sign in a shopping centre!*) and ask someone to take a picture. This can then be sent into school for us to put on display in the school library – simply email them to your child's year group – year1@epinf.co.uk or year2@epinf.co.uk with the subject line: Get caught reading!



Mr Jones
Early Years Lead

Summer Reading Challenge

West Sussex Libraries are once again running their summer reading challenge – this year it is called 'Read to the Beat'.



Running throughout the summer, it encourages children to explore the rhythm of reading by borrowing and reading 6 books (or setting their own goals) to collect stickers, a medal, and a certificate.

Please click on the link for further details - <https://libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src>

Governors Corner

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another busy school year. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank you all for your support, this year and every year.



Let me first thank the children, who make East Preston Infant School such a vibrant place to be. As Governors, it is a joy and a privilege to be able to visit the school throughout the year and watch the children grow in confidence. Whether that is their work inside the classroom, or their learning outside at Forest or Beach School. They are enthusiastic and keen to be at school and that is in no small part due to the hard work and dedication of our teachers and support staff.

We are so grateful for everything that our staff do, making sure that every child feels valued and eager to take part in the many exciting opportunities East Preston Infant School gives them. The job of a teacher is not easy and we are fortunate as a school that the staff supported by Mrs New and her Senior Leadership Team go the 'extra mile' to ensure that the children thrive.

Parents and carers are part of our East Preston Team and we value your continued support which means we can work together for the benefit of each child.

It just remains for me, on behalf of the Governing Body, to wish you a happy and restful summer (not too hot!!) and we look forward to seeing you back in September refreshed and ready to do it all again!

Miss Jane Jones, Chair of Governors

Spotlight on Safeguarding – Summer Safety Tips

As the summer holidays are rapidly approaching, I wanted to draw your attention to some key areas of safety regarding children. Please see the attached document from Public Health which talks about sun safety, water safety, tick awareness and safe farm visits.



Online Safety

As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. To do so, please do check your parental controls are set up so you can monitor your child's access. NSPCC has some useful information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Safety Around Water <https://rnli.org/safety>

Being a school located so close to the beach, we are highly aware that educating children about water safety is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the prevention work of the RNLI. The more young people that they reach with their water safety messages, the more lives they can save now and in the future. There are many activity packs that are appropriate for Key Stage 1 pupils. Please click on the link below to take you to the RNLI website.
<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/lower-primary>

Wishing you an enjoyable summer break.

Miss P Moulson, Designated Safeguarding lead

Class Organisation for September 2026

Just a reminder of the classes and staffing arrangements from this September (year leads in bold):

Year	Class	Teacher/s	Support Staff
R	Puffins	Mr James Jones (YR)	Mrs Dawn Boulton Miss Laura Brooks Mrs Louisa Houghton Mrs Leanne Wallace
R	Robins	Mr Michael Lake-Bromley	
R	Wagtails	Mrs Clair Lovell	
1	Starlings	Mrs Rachel Bean (Y1) & Mrs Claire Willis	Mrs Carol Chilvers Miss Kristina Loosemore Mrs Jo Stockton Mrs Laura Wheatley
1	Woodpeckers	Mrs Stephanie Vinicombe (Y1) & Mrs Claire Willis	
1	Blackbirds	Miss Esmee Cameron	
2	Kestrels	Mrs Helena Lilley (Y2)	Mrs Helen Gingell Mrs Jessica Tapping (currently on maternity leave)
2	Hawks	Miss Laura Morton	

And finally...

As we say goodbye to the Year 2 children, we wish them every success in their new school. For those of you who will have no more children with us in September, we also wish you well and thank you for your support whilst your children have been with us.

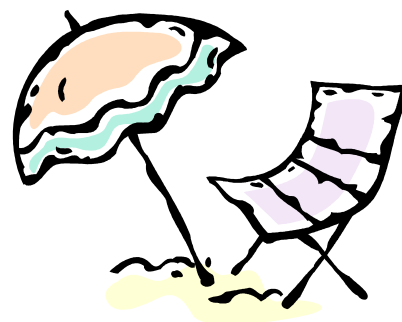
The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cards, kind words, gifts, biscuits and cakes and we wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday. See you in September!

School reopens to our Y1 and Y2 pupils on Wednesday 2nd September. See you then!

Claire New

Claire New (Mrs)

Headteacher



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Tuesday 1st September	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd September	School reopens to Y1 and Y2
Wednesday 9 th September	FEPIS Tea & Tissues for new YR after drop off
Thursday 17 th September	YR Parents Meeting with Mr Jones – 9am
Monday 21 st September	Flu Vaccinations – details to follow
Tuesday 29 th September	Author Visit for Y1 & Y2 – details to follow
Wednesday 30 th September	Y1 Phonics Workshop – 9am to 10am
Thursday 1 st October	Open Morning for 2027/28 intake 9.15am – 11.30am
Tuesday 6 th October	Y1 Learning in Action Phonics Workshop – 9am
Wednesday 7 th October	Y1 Learning in Action Phonics Workshop – 9am
Tuesday 13 th October	Individual Photos
Thursday 15 th October	School Grounds Morning – details to follow
Tuesday 20 th October	Y2 Learning in Action Phonics Workshop – 9am
Wednesday 21 st October	Open Morning for 2026/27 intake 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 22 nd October	Y2 Learning in Action Phonics Workshop – 9am FEPIS discos – details to follow
Friday 23 rd October	School finishes at 3.15pm
Half Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October inclusive	
Monday 2nd November	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd November	School restarts for pupils
Friday 6 th November	Open Morning for 2027/28 intake 9-15am – 11.30am
Tuesday 10 th November	YR Learning in Action Phonics Workshop – 9am
Wednesday 11 th November	YR Learning in Action Phonics Workshop – 9am
Friday 13 th November	FEPIS Firework Event
Tuesday 17 th November	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm to 6pm
Thursday 19 th November	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm to 6pm
Friday 20 th November	Hewson Enterprise visiting Y2
Tuesday 24 th November	Open Morning for 2026/27 intake 9.30am – 11.30am
Tuesday 8 th December	9.30am – Y2 Christmas Play 2pm – Y1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 9 th December	9.30am – Y1 Christmas Play 2pm – YR Christmas Play
Thursday 10 th December	9.30am – YR Christmas Play 2pm – Y2 Christmas Play
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Services at St Mary's Church -more details to follow (YR 9.30am/Y1 10.15am/Y2 11am)
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch PM – Year Group parties
Thursday 17 th December	Open Morning for current parents – 9am to 10am
Friday 18 th December	Pantomime – Dick Whittington - Whole School School finishes at 3.15pm
Monday 4th January	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th January	School restarts for pupils
Wednesday 6 th January	Open Morning for 2026/27 intake 9.15am – 10.15am

INSET Days 2026/27

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

