



# Twineham CofE School

*Nurture Togetherness Resilience Creativity*



27th September Autumn Term 2024

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## Diary Dates (newly added dates in red)

October—Black History month

16th October—Reception 6 weeks in meeting 9am

22nd October—Individual School photos (note date change from 23rd)

23rd October— 2:30pm Harvest Festival in the church (all welcome)

28th October—Half Term

6th November—Jenny Payne coffee morning 9-10

6th and 7th November Parents' evening

7th November—FOTS Fireworks (see attached poster)

29th November—Flu vaccinations (more info to follow)

2nd December (week) - Buttercups Bikeability

3rd December p.m Decorations afternoon

10th December p.m and 11th a.m Christmas Performance Yr R, 1,2,3

17th December p.m Oakwood sing-a-long

18th December—2:30pm Christingle service Twineham church (all welcome)

20th December—Theatre company to perform Aladdin

20th December—Last day of term

7th January—First day of term

INSET DAYS—25th October, 4th November, 6th January, 2nd June

### A message from Mrs Davy


It has been a lovely week of enrichment opportunities for some of our children. On Monday, Oakwood had a wonderful visit to Reverend Rachel in St Peter's church to learn about the pulpit and lectern. Our sporting calendar has started again with Year 3 and 4 children taking part in a partially wet football session. We pride ourselves in providing several sporting locality opportunities for every child throughout the school year.

Thank you to those parents/ carers who are keen to support with the FOTS events this term—the funding from parents will have a huge impact on our plans for continued Improvement this year.







With the current weather being so changeable, please could you remind your child to bring a jumper and coat to school. Many thanks

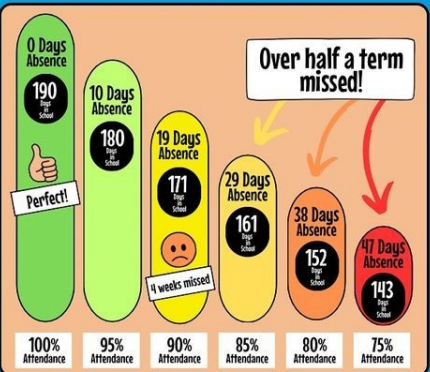
# School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...

 <b>Academic Achievement</b> Regular attendance helps children keep up with the curriculum and perform better academically.	 <b>Social Skills</b> Attending school regularly helps children develop friendships, social skills and learning how to interact with others.	 <b>Routine &amp; Responsibility</b> Good attendance teaches the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility, which are all valuable life skills.	 <b>Focus &amp; Engagement</b> Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.	 <b>Building Confidence</b> Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.	 <b>Enhanced Learning Opportunities</b> School provides not just academic instruction, but also extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.
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**Over half a term missed!**

**Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!**

**Did you know there are...**

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Silly School Education

## Harvest Festival —23rd October

Reverend Rachel has asked if on the day children could bring in one small item from the following list to donate to Knight Support Homeless charity: Tinned meat, soup, fruit (ring pull can) Bottled or canned soft drinks, Toiletries including toothbrushes and paste, shower gel, shampoo, travel tissues and wet wipes. Many thanks

## September Admissions

Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? The application process for school places opens on the 7th October until 15th January. Please spread the word to friends and family with young children, we are happy to book in personal school tours. Tours can be arranged via Jess on 01444 881207—  
office@twineham.w-sussex.sch.uk

### Smart Phones

Join the growing movement of parents across Britain who believe that childhood is too short to be spent on a smartphone. It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact. And the more of us who do, the quicker we'll change the social norm - and protect childhood for our children and future generations. Find out more about our mission to keep childhood smartphone-free on

<https://parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

### SEN

Please see attached poster from Mrs Fitzgerald—This is a good one for all adults & children.

### Worship Spot

In Collective worship, we are learning about the Sermon on the Mount. Next week, we will be thinking about asking God in times of need and connecting with Harvest. Matthew 5:3



# The Klaus Flugge Prize

2024 WINNER

AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING AND EXCITING NEWCOMER TO CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK ILLUSTRATION.

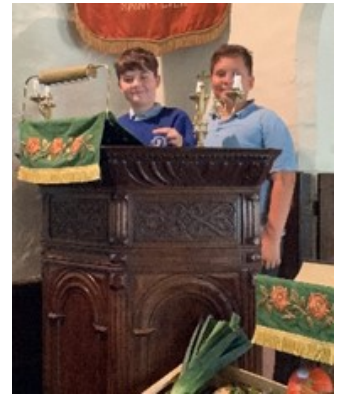
## Picture Book



The Fossil Hunter

By Kate Winter





## Oakwood Church visit

Here is a write up from some of Oakwood class—

At the church, we met Reverend Rachel and she told us about the reason the signs that say people's names were there; they were either rich or important to the church (like a priest). The boxes in church used to be for the rich and the poor sat quite far at the back. She also told us about what happens in a normal church gathering. Someone would walk up the aisle with a tall crucifix and two people would stand to either side of the crucifix with lit candles. A pulpit is a special place where you stand to make speeches. A lectern is where the bible sits and then the priest/reverend would read the bible. We all enjoyed learning about the different items in the church.



## School Clubs/Sports

My name is Florence, and I am the Principal at The Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts (PQA) in Haywards Heath. I am also a Secondary Drama Teacher at St Paul's Catholic College. At PQA, we are a weekend performing arts academy that offers engaging and dynamic classes in musical theatre, comedy, drama, and filmmaking for young people aged 4-18. We welcome students across Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Wivelsfield, Uckfield, Lewes, East Grinstead and the surrounding areas.

We are delighted to offer your school the exclusive opportunity to participate in a free performing arts workshop. Your students/teachers can choose from the following exciting options:

- Musical Theatre
- Comedy & Drama
- Filmmaking

In addition, we would like to extend an invitation to your students to attend a FREE FULL SESSION at PQA Haywards Heath. This is a fantastic chance for them to try our amazing performing arts experience firsthand.

Our academy operates every Saturday at Warden Park Secondary Academy, providing a supportive and inspiring environment for young performers to develop both industry skills, confidence and self-belief. Parents can book their child's free taster session here: <https://www.pqacademy.com/academies/haywards-heath/>

Please see attached poster for Tennis club & Half term Halloween clubs.

We have been sent the following information from a local swimming venue—see attached poster.

October half term swimming taster lessons are available to book now. If parents would like to take advantage of the free lesson they only need to register on this form: <https://unitedswimmingacademy.wufoo.com/forms/free-swim-trial-registration/> or email direct and I will reply to confirm. For more information, please visit [www.unitedswimmingacademy.com/events](http://www.unitedswimmingacademy.com/events).

## Every child is a gift and every child is gifted

### This Week's Celebrations...



On Thursdays, we celebrate children who have been doing some great learning, showing amazing behaviour for learning or living out our school values. We are now thinking about our value of creativity. Here are our latest celebrations :

*Buttercups: Zack for his reading & Freddie for his independent writing.*

*Willow: Timmy-James for his writing, Matilda for her maths, Tyreek for his writing & Theo E for good effort in his missions.*

*Oakwood: Tyreece for his amazing Beowulf discussion, Liam for his incredible maths work, George for his mature writing skills & Jayden for his application across the curriculum.*



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