




Weekly Bulletin



Diary Dates	
27 th April – 01 st May	'All the thons' – Tomathon
04 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
07 th May	Exam Session Starts
11 th – 14 th May	Bikeability Week Year 8 - School Site
14 th May	Interview Skills Day
18 th – 22 nd May	Key Stage 3 Activity Week
20 th May	Parallel Youth Games – K2 Crawley
20 th May	Year 9 – Parents Presentation 09:30am at College Site
20 th – 22 nd May	Elderflower Fields Festival (Year 9)

Letters sent this week
College Swimming Monday Group Summer Term 1
Bikeability Year 8 2026 Letter to Parents
Teams Link – Parents meeting for Residential to Blackland Farm Outdoor Centre, East Grinstead 15-17 June-26
4BG Sponsored Walk from Ditchling to Hassocks 08.06.26
Suncream Letter KS3 – 2026
College Swimming Friday Group Summer Term
4DS Trip to School Site – 23.04.26
5CP Trip to school Site – 23.04.26
KS3 Broadcasting Enrichment Club – Summer Term 2026
KS3 Travel Enrichment Club – Summer Term 2026
School Site Menu Change – Monday 20 th April
Owl & Fox Class Walk around the green circle, Burges Hill – 20.05.26
Fox Class Trip to Bedelands Nature Reserve, Burgess Hill – 21.04.26
KS3 Exploring the Outdoors Enrichment – Summer Term 2026

<p><u>Lunch Menu</u></p> 	<p><u>Copies of letters</u></p> 	<p><u>Term Dates</u></p> 
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Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been advised by West Sussex County Council that they will no longer be issuing Free School Meal Vouchers in the holidays for those families in receipt of Free School Meals due to changes in Government funding.



DIARY DATES - SUMMER TERM 25 -26



Monday 13 th April	FIRST DAY OF TERM
13 th -17 th April	KS3 Humanities Week
27 th April – 1 st May	'All the thons' - Tomathon
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 th May	Examinations season starts
Wednesday 14 th May	Interview Skills Day
11 th – 15 th May	Bikeability Week at School Site Year 8
18 th – 22 nd May	Key Stage 3 Activity Week
20 th May	Parallel Youth Games – K2 Crawley
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 9 parent presentation 9.30am (college site)
21 st May	Blossoms and Brews KS4/5 Enterprise event
20 th – 22 nd May	Elderflower Fields Festival (Year 9)
25 th – 29 th May	HALF TERM
1 st June	Year 8 2nd dose HPV Vaccine
1 st June	Year 9 Td/IPV and MenACWY Catch up session
2 nd June	Team picnics School & College Site - PM
8 th & 9 th June	College presentation & interviews – Lake and Mountain (Year 9)
5 th June	South of England Show (College)
15 th – 17 th June	Year 10 and 12 College residential
15 th June	Key Stage 3 Sports Day – 10am start
16 th June	Primary Sports Day 1 – 10am start (Mole, Rabbit, Owl, Fox)
17 th June	Primary Sports Day 2 – 10am start (Woodpecker, Otters, Squirrels, Hedgehog, Robins, Badger, Ocean)
23 rd June	Year 9 transition visit to college
22 nd - 26 th June	Functional Skills Assessment Week
Friday 26 th June	Year 11 last day of school
Friday 26 th June	College site reports to parents.
Friday 26 th June	Leavers & Alumni BBQ
Friday 26 th June	Examination Season end
Friday 26 th June	Hurst community day
Tuesday 30 th June	INSET DAY
Wednesday 1 st July	Bump up morning (college site)
Wednesday 1 st July	Bump up afternoon (school site) 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 2 nd July	KS4 and KS5 Performance Amphitheatre
2 nd – 3 rd July	DofE expedition/camp
Tuesday 7 th July	Parents' Evening at School and college site (Meet your new teacher) 4/6pm
Tuesday 7 th July	New parents welcome meeting (5.00pm)
Thursday 9 th July	College Prom – Kings Church (7-10pm)
Friday 10 th July	School site reports to parents
Wednesday 15 th July	Orange Pathway End of Year Celebration Day
Tuesday 21 st July	KS5 Leavers & Awards Ceremony (KS5 leavers families welcome) 10am
Tuesday 21 st July	KS4 Leavers & Awards Ceremony (Year 11 families welcome) 2pm
Tuesday 21 st July	Orange Pathway Leavers & Awards Ceremony (families welcome) 9:30am
Wednesday 22 nd July	LAST DAY OF TERM

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 26-27

1 st September	Inset Day – School and College shut to pupils
2 nd September	Inset Day – School and College shut to pupils
3 rd September	Welcome sessions for NEW pupils at college site only – 10am – 12pm
3 rd September	Welcome sessions for NEW pupils at school site only – 1pm to 3pm
4 th September	School site first day of term for all pupils
4 th September	College site first day of term for all pupils
18 th September	Jeans for Genes Day – both sites
21 st September	Nasal Flu Vaccine Reception – Yr11
23 rd September	School Photos at School Site
24 th September	School Photos at College Site
22 nd October	Harvest Festival School Site (primary only)
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term
2 nd – 6 th November	KS3 Humanities Week
3 rd November	New Parents Meeting/Coffee at School Site - 9.30am
4 th November	M&M Productions – Robin Hood Pantomime (School Site) 09:30am
5 th November	Inset Day
10 th November	Parents' Evening at School & College Site
10 th November	Time 4 Transition Careers event for Year 9, KS4 and KS5 pupils and families
WB 16 th November	Anti – Bullying Week (Well-being teams)
17 th November	Odd Socks Day – School & College
20 th November	BBC Children in Need Day
26 th -29 th November	Burgess Hill Town Christmas Village Market (Key Stage 5 Enterprises)
8 th and 9 th December	KS3 Christmas Performance at School – 2pm
10 th December	Orange Pathway College My Creativity Performance - 2.30pm
10 th December	Primary Christmas Performance at School – 2pm
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
15 th December	Christmas Lunch at School Site
16 th December	Pupil Christmas Pantomime at College Site
17 th December	Christmas Lunch at College Site
18 th December	Last Day of Term

JOLF Festival Triumph: Team Effort Drives Major Success for the Third Year Running

On Wednesday 25th March, we were delighted to host our annual JOLF Festival for the third consecutive year, celebrating pupils' progress over the spring term. The event marked the culmination of 10 weeks of dedicated JOLF activities and brought together approximately 100 children from our primary classes, alongside students from our orange and pink pathways, as well as visitors from Palatine School in Worthing.



JOLF Festival Triumph: Team Effort Drives Major Success for the Third Year Running

Building on the success of previous years, the festival has become a valued and much-anticipated event within the school calendar. JOLF specialist Neil expertly planned and delivered a morning of engaging, inclusive, and accessible activities, carefully designed to meet the needs of students across all key stages and with a wide range of abilities.

The programme of activities was both varied and thoughtfully structured, providing pupils with opportunities to apply and refine their physical skills in a supportive environment. Challenges included guiding balls along benches with control and precision, navigating up and down ramps, and manoeuvring around a diverse range of obstacles using an assortment of adapted and specialist equipment. These activities encouraged coordination, balance, and spatial awareness, while also promoting problem-solving and perseverance.



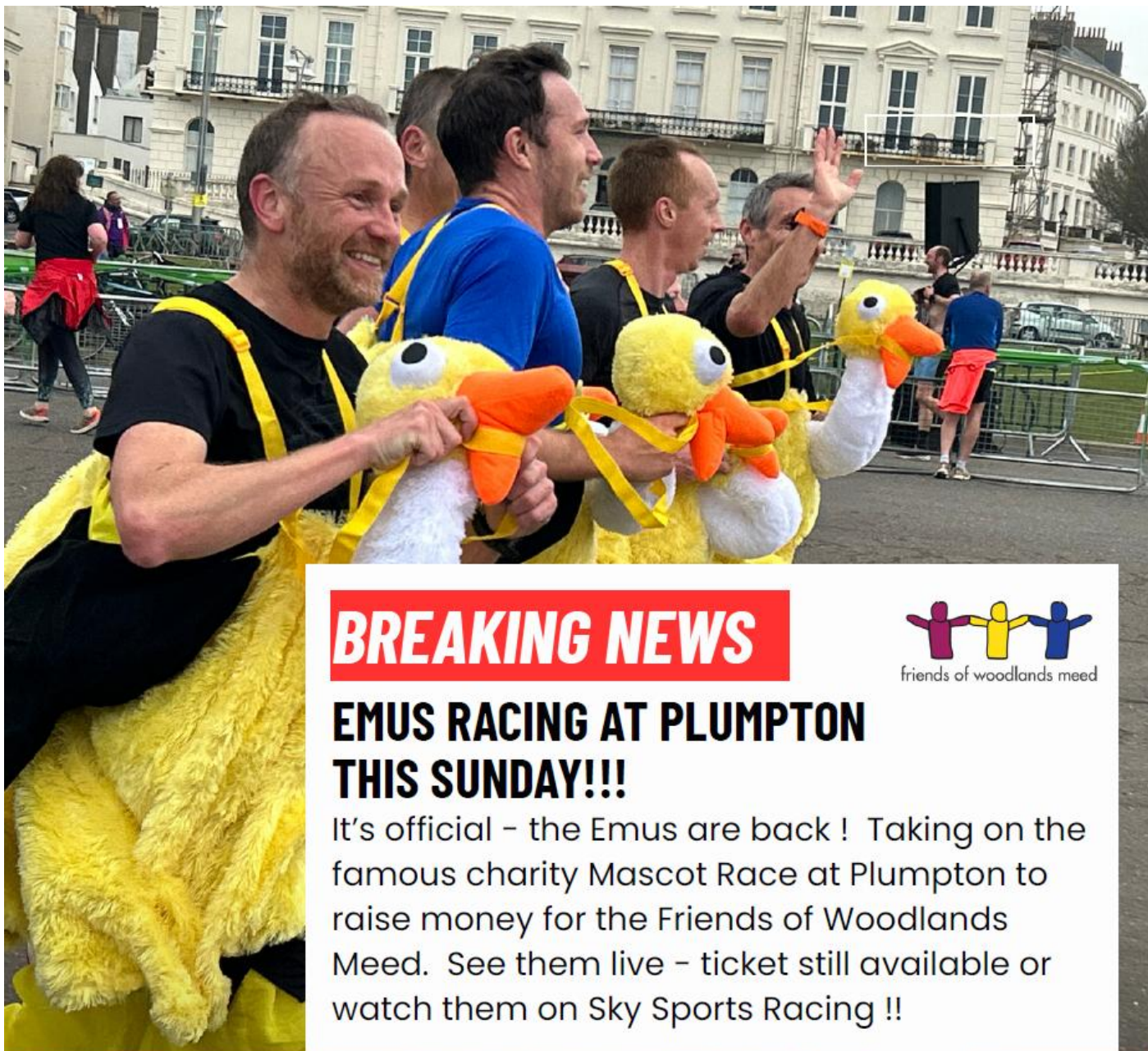
JOLF Festival Triumph: Team Effort Drives Major Success for the Third Year Running

In addition to their physical achievements, students demonstrated significant development in their social skills. Throughout the morning, they showed excellent turn-taking, patience, and an ability to wait considerately for their peers. It was particularly pleasing to observe the genuine encouragement and celebration of others' successes, reflecting the strong sense of community and mutual respect that has been fostered during the programme.



All participants approached the activities with enthusiasm and determination, successfully applying the skills they had developed over the course of their 10 weeks of coaching with Neil.





BREAKING NEWS



friends of woodlands meed

EMUS RACING AT PLUMPTON THIS SUNDAY!!!

It's official - the Emus are back ! Taking on the famous charity Mascot Race at Plumpton to raise money for the Friends of Woodlands Meed. See them live - ticket still available or watch them on Sky Sports Racing !!

SUSSEX RACEDAY

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

CELEBRATING THE BEST OF **Sussex**

SCAN

Active 30

Active 30 is a government initiative to help children become fitter and healthier. It directs schools to provide 30 minutes of active time (in addition to playtimes and scheduled PE) each school day. Families are responsible for encouraging their children to become more active for an additional 30 minutes at home. With this in mind, we are supporting families by providing a suggested weekly activity for children to do at home which requires no specialist equipment, but maybe a bit of creativity to deliver it. If you would prefer to do your own activity, that is fine. It is not compulsory, but it would be great for as many students as possible to participate. Please put any photos taken on Seesaw and tag Active Time.

Shadow tag



Get Set 4
Education

What you need: A sunny day, two plus players, two socks (optional)

How to play:

- First, find your shadow. Change direction and explore the effect it has on your shadow. Discuss with a family member how the angle of your shadow is effected by the location of the sun.
- Try chasing your own shadow.
- Select one player to begin as the tagger. They tag other players by stepping on their shadow. Once caught players change roles.
- Playing with just two players? First to three tags wins that round. First to win 5 rounds wins the game.
- Change the game by allowing players to throw socks at the shadow instead of stepping on them.



Well Being Weekly

What is Roblox?

How can I help my child stay safe while playing Roblox? If you're one of the many parents who grapple with this question, explore the guide below to build your confidence.

Explore the guide

There are many concerns around Roblox in social media and the news. However, the right controls and parental oversight can give you peace of mind when it comes your child's time online.

To help you understand what makes Roblox so popular and how to ensure your kids don't get any nasty surprises, explore the guide below.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/online-gaming/roblox/>

What is Roblox? Parents' guide to playing safely

Roblox is popular among children worldwide, even though it is an odd-looking and often confusing platform (for parents at least).

Like [Minecraft](#) before it, its attraction to youngsters is partly because mum and dad don't get it. That makes it all the more exciting but can also lead to fears over its safety. After all, players spend most of their time on Roblox playing online.

How it works

Roblox is an online video game platform where users create most of the content. That is, users can create their own games for the public using [Roblox Studio](#). Users can create and publish games to the community using simple tools. And that means they can try ideas that wouldn't get funded for a commercial release.

Children worldwide can then play these games, often online together, through a smartphone, video games console, tablet or personal computer like a laptop.

Types of Roblox games

Games like [Prison Escape](#), [Work at a Pizza Place](#), [SharkBite](#) or [Natural Disaster Survival](#) offer a playful way to experience adult-like scenarios in quick competitive rounds played socially.

Roblox games reflect the sort of imaginative play you often find in the playground. One child has an idea about a game to play, others join him or her, and the rules slowly change as the group decides how to have fun together. Creators can quickly update and adjust their games with Roblox Studio to match the demands of the huge playing community.

This ever-changing and expanding library of games is a big part of why so many are playing Roblox. Combine this with the millions of other players to compete against in challenges and you have the perfect recipe for youngsters to enjoy.

However, as with any online game, there are some risks to be aware of.

What is Roblox's age rating?

Because the content on Roblox is user-generated, it doesn't fall under the same rigorous age ratings as content made by commercial companies.

However, [PEGI](#) has altered their rating from PEGI 7 to Parental Guidance Recommended (PEGI !) because of the amount of user-generated content.

Roblox includes [Content Maturity Labels](#) on all content on the platform. These labels are:

- **Minimal:** May contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood and/or occasional mild fear.
- **Mild:** May contain repeated mild violence, heavy unrealistic blood, mild crude humour and/or repeated mild fear.
- **Moderate:** May contain moderate violence, light realistic blood, moderate crude humour, unplayable gambling content and/or moderate fear.
- **Restricted:** May contain strong violence, heavy realistic blood, moderate crude humour, romantic themes, unplayable gambling content, the presence of alcohol, strong language and/or moderate fear. These games are only available to 17+ users who verified their ages by completing ID verification.

Roblox filters and checks the games being created both for inappropriate images and profanity. If you or your child sees content which is in the wrong category, make sure you report it.

Concerns around children using Roblox

Hopefully, that should clear up exactly what Roblox is and how to keep your kids safe while playing it. The final thing to mention is that the slew of tweets, Facebook posts, emails, and school gate chatter about police warnings on nudity and stranger danger in the game didn't originate from Kent Police as has been [widely reported](#).

The real danger here is scaring parents into banning the game and closing down the opportunity for healthy and helpful conversations about appropriate behaviour online. As ever the best way to mitigate any of these risks in your family is to start playing Roblox together and keep devices and consoles in shared family spaces.

Talking to strangers

Being an online game means that players in Roblox can interact and communicate with each other in various ways. This can be via voice or written text once friend requests have been made.

While parents might worry about children talking to strangers, it's important to remember that most strangers are not predators. However, some strangers might target your child if they seem vulnerable.

The risk of contact with strangers can be reduced by using private servers. Private servers allow your child to play games only with invited friends, preventing strangers from joining the session. Some games require users to pay to create a private server, while others allow players to create private servers for free.

Make sure your child understands that:

- They should never share personal information like their address, school or anything else (even if the person says they live in a different country);
 - Some people are not who they say they are, so it's better to be cautious;
- They can come to you if they have any questions or concerns (and you will respond calmly and without judgement);
- There are signs that someone might be targeting them for [grooming, scams or other issues](#);
- They can and should make use of the in-game reporting and blocking features if someone makes them uncomfortable.

Inappropriate content

An [April 2025 report from Revealing Reality](#) highlighted "suggestive behaviours" among other concerns. The research team created Roblox accounts for 5-, 9-, 10-, 13- and 42-year-olds to test the interactions of different users based on their age.

Exploring as the 10-year-old, the team was able to access "highly suggestive" spaces. These included games featuring hotels with private rooms and characters dressed in "sexually suggestive outfits."

Revealing Reality noted that a 10-year-old was easily able to “observe and participate in conversations” that were often adult in nature.

One game designed like a night club was called ‘Boys and Girls Club Roleplay’. It had a Content Maturity Level of ‘Mild’ despite the “strong sexual undertones” and accessibility for children. Users received no warning about the material before entering the game. Following the launch of the report, the game is no longer available.

Games on Roblox should be appropriate for children if rated ‘Mild’. If you don’t believe a game is appropriate for the rating it has, make sure you report it and [block it using built-in parental controls](#). Encourage your child to also report such games.

Loot boxes and gambling

Loot boxes are common in many online video games. They let users unlock items and rewards usually for purchase at random. However, the rarity of the items can differ from game to game. While the term comes from box-shaped items, these interactions come in many forms. For example, a user could toss a coin into a fountain and receive a random virtual item that way.

In Roblox, the Terms of Use state that Creators who offer random virtual items (i.e. loot boxes) for payment must [state the odds](#) of each type of item a user might receive. But because users don’t know which item they will actually receive, some have compared loot boxes to gambling.

Some Creators make gambling-themed games as well. However, users cannot win real money from these games. Instead, they earn Robux. If they can earn items, the same rules above apply — users must clearly identify the odds of winning each item.

In August 2024, [Roblox announced](#) that games which include paid random items would be restricted for UK users under the age of 18.

Other in-game purchases

Although the Roblox is a free game to play, users are incentivised to make purchases in the game with real money. Kids can purchase Robux for cash which is then spent on equipment and outfits in the games.

Ensure that you are tracking and password-protecting credit cards on your systems, so no unanticipated purchases are made. It’s worth talking to your child about this commercial aspect of the game before they play. You can also [set up parental controls in Roblox](#) to set spending restrictions.

All the games work fine without additional content, but at the same time will signpost players to benefits of spending money. This is how gamemakers make a profit from their creations made in Roblox Studio.

What kind of parental controls does Roblox have?

In addition to setting broadband and device controls, Roblox has built-in parental controls you can set. By setting up a parent account, you’ll get a better overview of your child’s activity.

With Roblox parental controls, you can:

- set the Content Maturity Level that your child can access;
- block specific games that are within their Level but you don’t want them accessing;
 - set screen time restrictions and get an overview of their time on Roblox;
- limit who they can contact and who can contact them, including adding new Friends;
 - turn on spending restrictions;
 - report users; and
- manage more features related to children’s privacy and safety.

To set children up for safety on Roblox, it’s important to ensure their account reflects their real age. Roblox parental controls work best for under-13s.

Age-based accounts

Roblox has [announced that it will be introducing age-based accounts](#) to the platform. Users will automatically be assigned to an account type based off the age they input when creating a profile. Anyone who doesn't verify their age will be assigned to a Roblox Kids account.

Age-based accounts are divided into Roblox Kids accounts and Roblox Select Accounts.

Roblox Kids (Ages 5-8):

- Access limited to games with a Minimal or Mild content maturity label
 - All communication with other players is disabled

Roblox Select (Ages 9-15):

- Access limited to games up to and including Moderate content maturity label
- Chat is gradually introduced with safeguards, enabling game chat from age 9 and private messaging as they get older.

Roblox (Ages 16+)

- Requires age-check
- Access to all content except Restricted content maturity label
 - Chat enabled by default

Additional supervision features

Roblox has several other ways to monitor account activity beyond parental controls. While logged into your child's account, you can view the following histories, though some are only viewable in a web browser.

- Direct and small group chat. You can see individual chat histories. This feature only allows access to Friends and Friends of Friends.
 - Private message history
 - Friends and Followers
- Virtual item purchase and trade history
- Creations such as games, items, sounds, ads, etc.
 - Recently played games

Roblox on Xbox

A couple of years ago, the free game came to the Xbox. How the parental controls work on the Xbox is slightly different from a PC, Mac, tablet or through mobile gaming.

Although the Xbox has controls for friend requests, this doesn't restrict those in Roblox as they are considered a different type of "in-game" friend. However, the Microsoft terms of service for game makers means that players can't make new friends while playing on Xbox. They will only see friends already made on the PC, Mac, or tablet.

Additionally, you can further limit the interactions with other players on the Xbox as follows:

- Start Roblox
- Select the Account Settings page
 - Identify the Linked Account
- Apply restrictions via [roblox.com](https://www.roblox.com) for this account.

Toggle on/off Cross-Platform Gameplay to limit who your children can play with (Note: Currently Roblox doesn't support cross-platform messaging, so Xbox players can't message players on other platforms)

How Roblox fits in 'the metaverse'

The metaverse is becoming more popular with the work from Meta and platforms like Roblox. It's essentially a vision where users will be able to communicate, interact, play, shop and more all in one place.

This may even include seamlessly transitioning from one platform to the next.

Roblox fits well into this idea because users are able to participate in games, concerts and more all within the platform. They create content for each other, which is a large idea for the metaverse. It was [founded on the idea](#) of "human co-experience: people doing things together in synchronous 3D spaces." In this way, it seems a big part of the metaverse.



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March 2026

ORCHYD Holiday for Children with Disabilities
Residential - 31st July - 8th August 2026

ORCHYD is a registered charity based in West London providing a residential holiday for children with physical disabilities.

We enclose a copy of our holiday programme for children who would like to be considered for our holiday scheme. We would be most grateful for any help you could give in passing this information on to your Team and to families who could benefit from a place on our holiday. Application forms can be submitted online through our website www.orchyd.org.uk/apply.

The holiday is provided free of charge and this year we are able to offer places to sixteen children aged 8 - 12 years with a physical disability, from any part of the UK. Our holiday scheme has been held annually for over 50 years and we have been able to give children with all degrees of physical disability an exciting holiday experience whilst providing a respite for their parents. We should prefer to offer this opportunity to children who might not otherwise have a holiday, but we are happy to consider any applications if there are families with other special needs.

The children will be accommodated at St Martin's Church Hall, Eastcote Road, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 8DG and a full programme of daily outings and activities is planned to entertain the children (please DO NOT contact the Church directly with enquiries about our scheme). Qualified Health Care Professional staff and first aiders accompany the children on the outings to attend to any special needs and each child is allocated their own personal helper. Our helpers come mainly from our local community and all volunteers must undergo a screening process in line with Government Guidelines on Child Protection and must complete a DBS check.

Application forms should be returned for consideration by the end of April.
We will aim to inform applicants if they are successful by the end of May.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Children's Co-ordination Team



Disability Register Newsletter



Springboard Activities and Events



Drop-In SEND Social Hub

Enjoy social activities with other young people aged 16-30.

Activities include: Dungeons and Dragons, Nintendo Switch, Arts and Crafts, and Lego

Thursdays 1.00 – 3.00pm in The Hub at Springboard House, Horsham

£12.50 per session

For more information email hello@springboardproject.com

Wakehurst Wonders



Roots and Rhythm

A relaxed outdoor session for families and young people to **connect, play and create music** together in **Wakehurst's wild landscapes**.

This is a **free two-hour outdoor session** suitable for ages 5+. Each session includes a gentle walk, creative music-making and moments of mindfulness surrounded by nature.

Saturdays, 16 May to 13 June

10.15am – 12.15pm or 1.15pm – 3.15pm

Pre-booking is essential.

Register by emailing wakehurstcommunity@kew.org with the subject line: Roots and Rhythm or call 01444 894066 (ask for the Participation team)

Free ARFID workshop with Autism Support Crawley



Autism Support Crawley have been VERY lucky once again to secure the brilliant **Joanna Mankelov**, our locality's leading Children's Dietitian, to deliver an excellent and informative face to face workshop on Complex Feeding and ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder).

📍 **Location:** Training room at Hazelwick Tesco in Crawley

📅 **Date & Time:** Tuesday 14 April from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Please arrive at 9.30am to sign in and get settled with refreshments.

Places are limited to a first come, first served basis and are bookable via EventBrite.

[Book your ticket here](#)

Free Disability Benefits Webinars from Citizens Advice



Citizens Advice in West Sussex are running free online sessions to help parents and carers understand **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)** and **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**.

These short, relaxed sessions explain eligibility, how to complete the forms, and what support is available and are run by one of our expert advisers.

Out of Bounds SEND events



Looking for a fun, inclusive activity for SEND families?

Out of Bounds hosts dedicated SEND events designed to create a relaxed, welcoming experience for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, along with siblings, parents and carers.

Upcoming events take place on **Sunday 7 June, Sunday 26 July, Sunday 23 August and Sunday 13 December**, all running from **4.00 – 6.30pm**.

Guests can enjoy a range of SEND-friendly activities including **Bowling, Clip 'n Climb, Soft Play, Adventure Nets, Adventure Golf and Jumping Pillows**.

The sessions are thoughtfully adapted with **reduced sound, no loud music or flashing lights, multiple check-in points, flexible use of activities, and access to quiet spaces**, helping everyone enjoy the experience at their own pace.

Out of Bounds also offers accessible facilities and a café on site.

[SEND Activities Event | Book Today | Out of Bounds](#)

If you need support, help is out there...

Crisis Services:

SAMARITANS

116 123 (open 24/7)



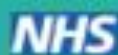
PAPYRUS

0800 068 41 41 or Text
PAPYRUS to 07860 039967

childline

online, on the phone, anything

0800 1111 (open 24/7)



Sussex Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Sussex Mental Healthline

0800 0309 500 (24/7)



Text Services:

For under 25s:

Text THE MIX to 85258



For help with self-harm:

Text SHOUT to 85258



For info and advice:

Text YM to 85258



**General
Support:**

For emotional wellbeing:
e-wellbeing.co.uk



For help with eating disorders:
beateatingdisorders.org.uk



For young people and families:
youngminds.org.uk



**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY:**

Call 111 or 999, or go to
your nearest A&E



e-wellbeing

MEMBER OF
YMCA Sussex UK Group

Special School Menu 2026/27



Special School Meal Information

Welcome to your new School meals menu for 2025/26. School meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 and for pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. For pupils in other years meals can be ordered and paid for via the school.

Catering Services work with the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA) to ensure that our menus comply with the Government's School Food Standards. We have reduced sugar, salt and fat content on our menu and support local suppliers providing fresh meat and vegetables. Our meals are produced in school by our award-winning teams to support your child's lunchtime experience. We have recently partnered with ProVeg helping to make changes to our menu that can have a significant impact on children's health and the health of the planet.

How do I order and pay for a School meal?

All meals must be ordered via your school payment system please contact your school administrator. If you are entitled to Free School Meals or your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 the school will order for you direct to Catering Services and you do not need to contact the school after your initial order.

What happens if my child is sick and cannot attend School?

Please contact the school office as soon as possible to inform them your child will be absent and will not require their meal.

What happens if my child has a school trip?

Free School Meals and pupils in Reception, Years 1 & 2 will be provided with packed meals on trip days, the school will order directly with Catering Services. Paid meals should be ordered with your school as usual.

What if I require a special medical diet?

We can work with you and the school to support a medically prescribed special diet. Please ask for a Special Diet Request form from the school office, once completed return with the medical evidence to the school office. This request will then be passed to and reviewed by the Catering Services team and where possible a special diet meal will be provided.

How much does a school meal cost?

A school meal is currently £2.95, this may be subject to change in September 2026.

Free School Meals Eligibility

We would like to remind you that some families are entitled to Free School Meals.

There are two important reasons why families should register for Free School Meals:

- students who are eligible receive a fresh nutritious hot Free School Meal every day.
- schools receive additional funding from the government for each eligible student who claims the Free School Meal allowance, even if the student does not regularly eat a meal.

The process for parents to submit applications for Free School Meals is now entirely online, and so schools will be unable to provide hardcopy forms or submit your application form for you. This system gives families an instant indication as to whether their child is eligible for Free School Meals and ensures that eligible children receive their entitlement as quickly as possible.

Link to the online Free School Meal application form: [Free school meals - West Sussex County Council](#)

The Catering Services Free School Meal team will then run further checks and confirm the outcome via email. You can contact the Catering Services Free School Meal team directly on 0330 222 5555 or at fsm@westsussex.gov.uk for further assistance.

Other key contacts:

- Orders / Payments / Cancellations - Your school office.
- Special Diets - Your school office in the first instance.
- Catering Services Office Hours - 09.00 - 17:00, Mon-Fri.
- Compliments / Complaints/ Feedback

catering.advisory.service@westsussex.gov.uk

Special School Menu 2026/27



Week 1			
13th Apr, 5th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul, 7th Sep, 28th Sep, 19th Oct, 16th Nov, 7th Dec, 11th Jan, 1st Feb, 1st Mar, 22nd Mar			
	MAINS	SIDES	DESSERT
MON	Option 1: Classic Macaroni Cheese V Option 2: Hearty Lentil Shepherdess Pie VE	Country Mixed Vegetables VE	Yoghurt & Fruit V
TUES	Option 1: Chicken & Bean Curry & Rice Option 2: Flaky Quorn Twists VE	Mashed Potatoes VE Cauliflower VE & Sweetcorn VE	Peach Upside Down Sponge V & Custard V
WEDS	Option 1: Beef Cobbler Option 2: Golden Lentil Roast v	Roast Potatoes Swede VE & Chefs Choice Vegetables VE	Chocolate Shortbread VE
THURS	Option 1: Pork Sausages Pasta Option 2: Crunchy Vegetable Goujons VE	Diced Potato VE Carrots VE & Green Beans VE	Date & Chocolate Swirls V
FRI	Option 1: Salmon Fish Cake Option 2: Cheesy Jacket Potato V	Herby Dice VE Broccoli VE & Baked Beans VE	Apple Flapjack VE

Week 2			
20th Apr, 11th May, 8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul, 14th Sep, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec, 18th Jan, 8th Feb, 8th Mar			
	MAINS	SIDES	DESSERT
MON	Option 1: Quorn Southern Spiced Burger in a Bun V Option 2: Golden Cheese & Onion Frittata V	Wedges Sweetcorn VE & Cauliflower VE	Fruit Smoothie VE
TUES	Option 1: Chicken & Thyme Pie Option 2: Beanie Pasta Bake VE	Country Mix Vegetables VE	Lemon Drizzle Cake V
WEDS	Option 1: Beef Lasagna & Garlic Bread Option 2: Soy Power Balls in Tomato Sauce V	Mashed Potato VE Peas & Chefs Veg Choice VE	Pear Pastry Puffs VE
THURS	Option 1: Roast Chicken Option 2: Roasted Quorn Fillet VE	Roast Potatoes VE Swede VE & Broccoli VE	Fruity Ginger Sponge & Custard V
FRI	Option 1: Crispy Coated Fish Fingers Option 2: Saucy Mixed Bean Chilli & Rice VE	Chipped Potatoes VE Carrots VE & Mushy Peas VE	Mini Shortbread & Fruit Portion VE

Week 3			
27th Apr, 18th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul, 1st Sep, 21st Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov, 4th Jan, 25th Jan, 22nd Feb, 5th Mar			
	MAINS	SIDES	DESSERT
MON	Option 1: Cheese, Tomato & Pepper Pizza Slices V Option 2: Boston Quorn & Beans V	Herby Diced Potatoes VE Peas & Sweetcorn VE & Carrots VE	Banana Muffins V
TUES	Option 1: Roast Chicken Option 2: Crispy Chickpea Roast VE	Roast Potatoes VE Cabbage VE & Swede VE	Fruit Crumble & Custard V
WEDS	Option 1: Shepards Pie Option 2: Warm Root & Lentil Casserole VE	Boiled Potato VE Carrots VE & Cauliflower VE	Sultana Cookie & Flavored Milk V
THURS	Option 1: Hawaiian Street Pan Chicken & Rice Option 2: Cheesy Jacket Potatoes V	Broccoli VE & Baked Beans VE	Fruity Jelly V
FRI	Option 1: Tuna Pasta Bake Option 2: Crunchy Vegetable Goujons VE	Mashed Potato VE Country Mixed Vegetables VE	Chocolate Brownie V



FRESHLY BAKED BREAD V, WATER AND MILK V AVAILABLE DAILY. ADDITIONAL DESSERT OPTIONS - FRESH FRUIT VE & FRUIT YOGHURT. V VEGETARIAN & VE VEGAN OPTIONS

