



July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a busy term for us here at West Green Primary, and it has flown by.

We have packed a lot into the last few weeks of the Summer term such as our Rags2Riches fundraising event, the Summer Fair, numerous Year 6 activities, a Year 3 class trip to the Weald & Downland museum, our Sports Day, and our transition morning to name but a few. We are sure all the children are ready for a rest over the summer holidays!

Thank you to all of our children for representing our school so well with their continued good manners and positive attitudes to learning. We are very proud of all of our students, and thank you also to the parents for all the support you give us over the year by helping reinforce your child's learning at home, and with the effort with all our fundraising and Come & Share Our Learning events.

We hope you all have a relaxing summer holiday, and we will see all the children back in school on Thursday, 4th September 2025 (3rd September is an INSET day so the school is closed to all students). Our new Reception class start full time on Thursday, 11th September 2025.

Best wishes.

West Green Team

P.S. Look how well the lovely sunflowers are doing that our Year 2 class planted for us!

HEADTEACHER - END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

"I can't believe how fast this year has gone. It only seems like 5 minutes ago that we were welcoming our new Reception class and now they are ready to move to Year 1.

I would like to say a very special goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. Mrs Marshall and I had the pleasure of teaching most of you in Reception and it has been a privilege to see you grow, in every sense, into children that are ready for their next chapter. This is our current Year 6 class when they had their Pirate Day in Reception class!

I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer break, and I look forward to seeing you in September."

Mrs Chapman - Headteacher



RAGS2RICHES FUNDRAISING EVENT

We had our Rags2Riches fundraising event this term. Thank you to everyone who was able to support us. Unfortunately we did not raise as much this year due to the company reducing the amount per kilo from 40p last year, to 25p this year. However, we did manage to raise £52.47 which all helps with our funding. Thank you for your help!



YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY

Our Year 1 class gave a lovely assembly this term. All Year 1 parent/carers were invited to attend and the effort Year 1 had put into the assembly really showed. Well done Year 1, this is what their class teacher had to say...

"On Wednesday, 18th June, Year 1 had their class assembly – and they absolutely blew us all away! The children worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to the big day, and their effort truly paid off. What made this assembly extra special was that so many of the ideas came from the children themselves. Each child brought their own unique flair to the performance, and it was wonderful to see their personalities shine through. They remembered their lines brilliantly, sang beautifully, and their big smiles lit up the room. It was a joy to watch them perform with such confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 1's – you have made us all proud!"

Mrs Bain - Year 1 Teacher



FREESHOP FUNDRAISING EVENT

We had a non-uniform day this term to gather donations for a local food bank, FreeShop. More and more families are having to turn to food banks due to the high cost of living and they need as much support as they are able to get. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

If you, or anyone you know, is ever in need of assistance you can contact Free Shop on:

Tel: 07861 907133

E-mail: info@freeshopcrawley.com

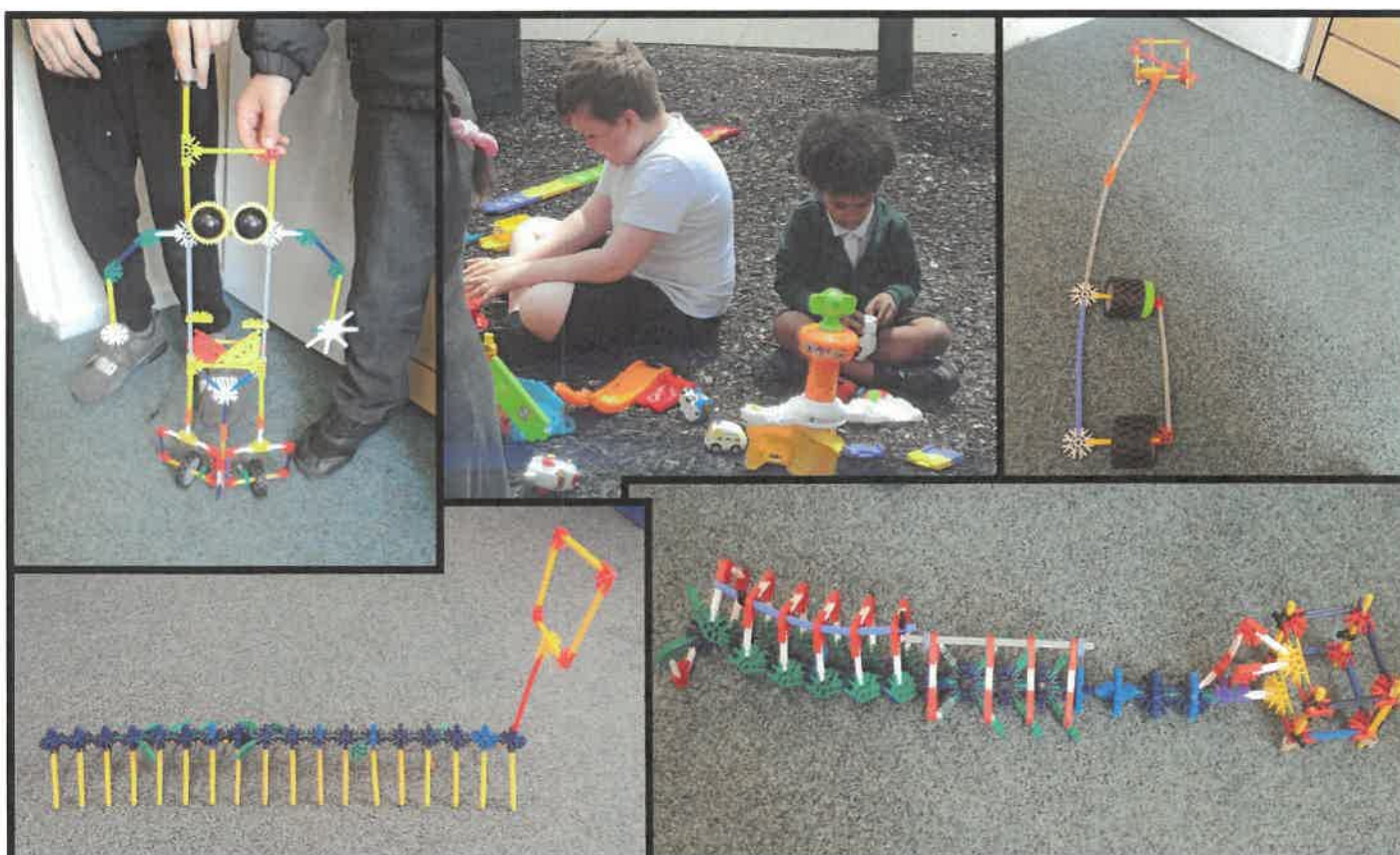


ASDA REWARDS UPDATE

We have now received the monies that our families helped raise for the school when they signed up to the ASDA Rewards Scheme. This meant that every time you shopped at ASDA and scanned your reward card it raised money for the school. We have been donated a total of £374.19, which we have put towards the cost of purchasing a new storage shed for our playtime equipment. Thank you to everyone who signed up to the scheme.

OUR PLAYTIMES

The children are still very much enjoying their playtimes. Here are some creative models the children have made during lunch play.



SPORTS DAY

We had our West Green Primary School Sports Day this term and the weather was hot! The children all tried their hardest and had fun whilst doing so. Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children. Here are some pictures of the day.

Keystage 1 got us off to a flying start...



...and Keystage 2 finished the day off admirably!



YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY

Just before the half term break, Year 3 had an Egyptian day. They had a great time, and we loved their outfits. Here is what their teacher had to say about the day...

"Last term, Year 3 had an unforgettable time dressing up for our Ancient Egyptian day. The day was packed with exciting activities. They built pyramids, took part in a shadoof building contest and proudly completed sewing their colourful Egyptian collars. Laughter filled the air during the 'wrap a mummy' competition, which was judged by Mrs Marshall. The day ended in style with a fabulous catwalk and lively dance party. It was a fun journey back in time."



Mrs Riadat - Year 3 Teacher

YEAR 3 WEALD & DOWNLAND TRIP

This term Year 3 visited the Weald & Downland Museum. They behaved beautifully and represented our school well. Here is what their teacher had to say about the day...

"The children had a wonderful time on their trip to the Weald and Downland Musuem. They enjoyed playing games that Tudor children used to play and talked about which of those games have been adapted and are still played today."

Making Victorian pancakes was another highlight. The children got to help mix the ingredients and watched how they were cooked on an open fire in a Victorian house. They thoroughly enjoyed eating them afterwards. Other parts of the museum were also explored, and we saw how the flour for the pancakes was produced by grinding grains at the mill. It was a memorable day for all (we even got to see The Repair Shop set, ready for filming)."

Mrs Riadat - Year 3 Teacher



CREATIVE CRAWLEY

We were visited by Creative Crawley again this year. They put on a wonderful show for both Keystage 1 and Keystage 2. Thank you to Creative Crawley for visiting our school and bringing so much joy to all of the children. It really was a lovely experience.

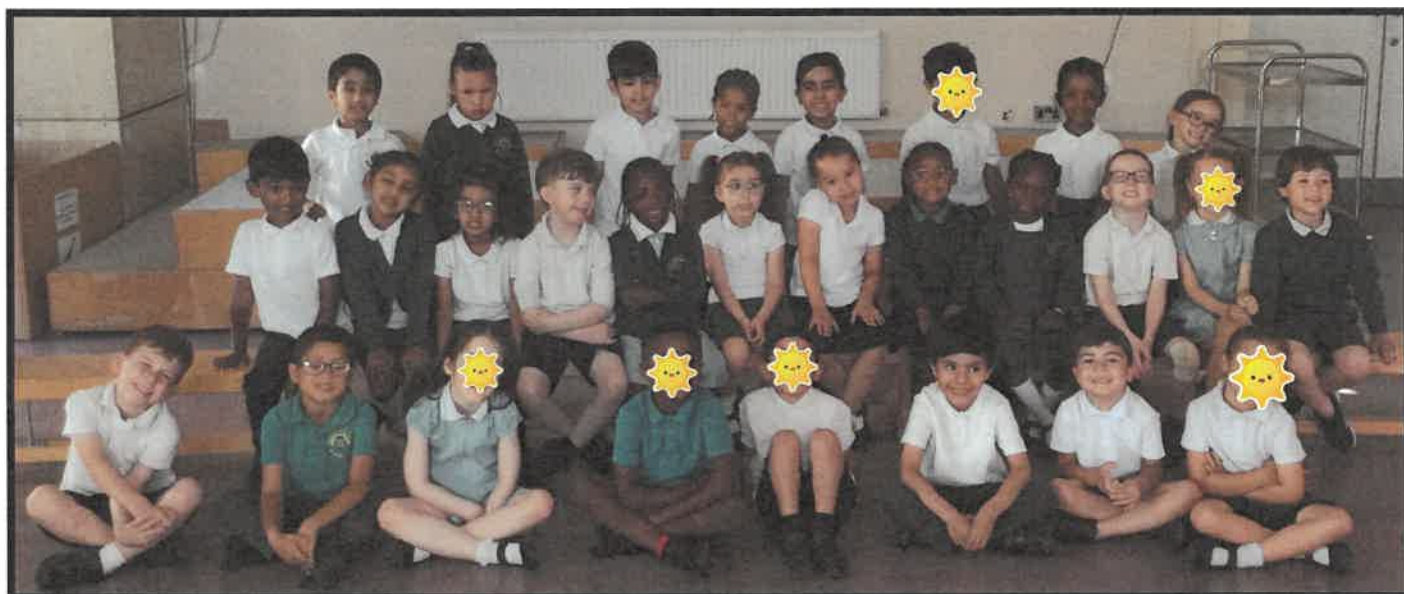


RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

Our Reception class gave a lovely assembly towards the end of this term. It was incredible to see how far they have come from the shy children who joined us last September, to the confident and happy children that gave such a wonderful assembly. We are incredibly proud of them, and also of all of our staff who have helped children across all of our classes to have the confidence to become the best versions of themselves. This is what the Reception class teachers had to say about their assembly...

"We are all incredibly proud of our wonderful Reception children who presented their first-class assembly this term. The children loved travelling back through time acting, sharing and singing songs celebrating just some of the special memories of their first year of school. They are excited to continue their passion for learning in Year One. Well done Reception".

Miss Delgado & Mrs Whitlock - EYFS/Reception Teachers



SUMMER FAIR

We had our Summer Fair this year, and it was nice to be able to celebrate it due to it being scaled back last year because of bad weather. This year the weather held out and everyone seemed to be having a lovely time. We made a profit of £1,177.00! Thank you once again for all the support you give us throughout the year!



YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES

Year 6 have had a very busy term. They had their Year 6 residential trip, they visited The Hawth cinema where they had the entire cinema to themselves, they had a junk percussion workshop and then gave an outstanding performance to the school. They topped it off with a stellar performance of Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies. This was all followed by the end of year assembly for their class. It was lovely to hear directly from the children about their experience of their time at West Green, it brought a tear to a few eyes! Well done Year 6, you have been amazing. 😊



A NEW BEGINNING

Where has this year gone?! The time has flown by and it is time for Year 6 to leave us and move on to their new schools. They have been such a lovely class and we will miss them all. We are sure they will enjoy a bit of a rest before they start secondary school in September. They have enjoyed some exciting activities in the last few weeks such as a residential trip to Gaveston Hall, a junk percussion workshop, and a trip to the Hawth Cinema. After all that they showed off their amazing talents in their end of term performance of Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies.

We hope you have enjoyed your last year with us. **Good luck Year 6!**

Year 6 Report Card	
Attendance	B
Willingness to learn	A
Tidiness	D
Fun Factor	A*
Effort made in PE lessons	A
Effort made in swimming lessons	A
Being kind to each other	A*
How much we will miss them when they go	A*
How much they will miss us when they go.	A* (we like to think)
The likelihood they will realise how easy they had it at primary school after one week of secondary school.	A***
Level of awesomeness!	Not able to allocate a grade due to the fact they are too awesome to grade.

HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

There has been some friendly class rivalry in school this half of the term for the class who has the best attendance each week. Here is the list of weekly winners:

Week 1: Year 1 - 94.34%

Week 2: Year 1 - 96.17%

Week 3: Year 5 - 99.11%

Week 4: Year 5 - 96.46%

Week 5: Year 4 - 97.93%

Week 6: Year 3 - 98.30%

Week 7: Year 2 - 97.41%

The overall winner for this half term is: Year 5 with an average attendance of 95.55%.

We are very pleased with the effort the children have made with their attendance this term, and well done to their parents too!

As you are likely aware, one of the education areas that the government is focusing on is school attendance. This is due to an increase in poor attendance since the pandemic. The following is an exert from 'working together to improve school attendance' DFE 2024

The law on school attendance and right to a full-time education

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Summer Holidays

Many children look forward to having a long break from school over the summer holidays. However, for some children this can be a worrying time for many reasons. Children may worry about:

- feeling lonely or not going out.
- not seeing people who normally support them.
- problems at home or having to care for family.
- coping without a routine.
- waiting for exam results or starting a new school.
- being hurt or abused.

Everybody feels lonely sometimes, but it can get harder over the summer holidays. Advice for children is to try to keep in touch with people they care about in person or online, they can share how they are feeling on the Childline message boards as well as with other people going through the same thing. It can also help to share how they are feeling with someone they trust.

It can help to keep a routine over the holidays, especially with sleep. It's important to try and sleep at night and get up in the morning, even if they don't have to get up for anything in particular. Keeping a healthy routine can help children to feel better and more able to cope.

If a child is struggling with their feelings, remember that they can speak to Childline any time.

Childline services are available all through the holidays to support children, whether that's having someone to talk to, giving them ideas of things to do or helping with support if they need it. These are some of the ways that Childline can help children over the summer holidays:

1. Talk to a Childline counsellor on 0800 1111, or a child can email a Childline counsellor any time by signing up for an account. They will not need an email address and they will get a reply within a day. Childline is there to talk about anything, and a child can say as much or as little as they want to. If they are not sure what to talk about here are some suggestions:
 - a little about themselves, like their name and how old they are.
 - what's happened, or whether there's something on their mind.
 - how they have been feeling.
 - whether anyone's been helping them or not.
 - anything they are worried about or any questions they have about Childline.

Children can also use the 1-2-1 counsellor chat service on the Childline website.

Childline is confidential, anyone can find out more about what that means on their website at www.childline.org.uk

2. Use the mood journal to track how things are going.
3. Share how they are feeling on the Childline message boards.
4. Play one of the games on the Childline website.

The above information was provided by www.Childline.org.uk

STAFFING UPDATES



Mrs Brotherton has returned from her well earned maternity leave and will be joining Miss Jeffery in Year 1 from September. We are so happy to have her back in school again.



With the return of Mrs Brotherton that means that we must say a fond farewell to Mrs Shabir. It was lovely to have Mrs Shabir join us again to cover Mrs Brotherton's maternity leave. Thank you for being your wonderful self, and hopefully we will see you again in the future.

The teachers for each class for the academic year 2025/2026 are as follows:

Class	Teacher
Reception	Miss Delgado (Mon-Wed) Mrs Whitlock (Wed-Fri)
Year 1	Miss Jeffery (Mon-Wed) Mrs Brotherton (Wed-Fri)
Year 2	Ms Shaw (Mon-Wed) Mrs Marshall (Thu-Fri)
Year 3	Mrs Bain
Year 4	Miss Stone
Year 5	Mrs Riadat
Year 6	Mr Wretham

The teaching assistants in the school have been allocated classes in order to support your child's class but they may have support from different teaching assistants at different times.

We will keep you updated on our new starters as and when they arrive. You can find information on school jobs that are currently available by visiting: www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/
You can then type in the location where you are searching for jobs, i.e. Crawley, Horsham etc.



CURRICULUM UPDATE

At the start of the Autumn term we will be holding a Meet The Teacher event for each class.

This will be an opportunity for your child's teacher to present to you information about the curriculum, timetable etc. For example:

- PE days;
- Homework;
- Year group specific events such as swimming or cornet/ukulele lessons.

This will also be your opportunity to ask questions on how to support your child's learning at home, or any other information you require.

We have scheduled different dates for each class in order for you to be able attend this event if you have more than one child attending the school. We wanted to give you the dates before the summer holidays to give you plenty of notice. All sessions will start at 3:00p.m. and finish 3:20p.m.

The meeting dates are as follows:

Day	Date	Year Group
Monday	8 th September 2025	Year 2 – Ms Shaw
Tuesday	9 th September 2025	Year 6 – Mr Wretham
Wednesday	10 th September 2025	Year 1 – Miss Jeffery and/or Mrs Brotherton
Thursday	11 th September 2025	Year 5 – Mrs Riadat
Friday	12 th September 2025`	Year 3 – Mrs Bain
Monday	15 th September 2025	Year 4 – Miss Stone

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

CRAWLEY SIGNAL BOX (BRIGHTON ROAD)

Many of you may have noticed the old railway signal box by the railway crossing at the end of Brighton Road. They often have open days where you can have a look around the signal box. It really is an interesting piece of our Crawley history and is well worth a look. It is a great experience for children (especially if you happen to be in the signal box when a train is going past). Their next open days will be on **Saturday, 9th August and Saturday, 27th September 2025, between 12:00 midday – 4:00p.m.** The signal box is only kept open and in such good condition due to the volunteers who give up their time to preserve it's history, so your support would be greatly appreciated. It's a lovely opportunity to make a memory with your child.



TEN LITTLE TOES BABY BANK

We try to support Ten Little Toes Baby Bank when we can. They work very hard to make sure every growing family gets off to a good start. The support they give parents, carers and children is invaluable. If you are ever in a position to make a donation to them you can find out what donations would be of use by having a look on their website.

If you are ever in need and would like to ask Ten Little Toes Baby Bank for help, you can contact them in one of the following ways:-

Website: www.tenlittletoesbabybank.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tenlittletoesbabybank

Instagram: [@tenlittletoes_babybank](https://www.instagram.com/tenlittletoes_babybank)

TikTok: [@tenlittletoes_babybank](https://www.tiktok.com/@tenlittletoes_babybank)

JUNIOR PARK RUN AT TILGATE

Tilgate junior parkrun is a FREE 2km event for juniors of all standards, which takes place every Sunday at 9:00am in Tilgate Park,

It offers an opportunity for all the family to get involved and come together on a regular basis to enjoy Tilgate Park. They want to encourage people to run, walk, volunteer and be together irrespective of their ability.

Taking part is easy – just register in advance before your first ever parkrun. Your individual barcode can then be used for this weekly 2k event, or on any of the weekly 5k parkruns around the country.

It is a free event but Park Run ask you to please register at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/tilgate-juniors/> before you first come along. You only need to register with Park Run once.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS — WHERE TO FIND HELP IF YOU NEED IT

turn2us

This website is designed to help you find out if you are able to get help with your energy bills. There are many grants out there you may not know about. Some energy suppliers have their own grant scheme in place. You can ask your supplier if they have a scheme, and what the criteria is for claiming a grant. Turn2us also has other useful links in relation to other household bills e.g. water bills. To search for grants that you may be eligible for, you can use an easy tool on <https://www.turn2us.org.uk>. Tel: 0808 802 2000

StepChange Debt Charity

If you are worried about any debt, you can contact the StepChange Debt Charity for free advice on <https://www.stepchange.org>. Tel: 0800 138 1111

Food Banks in Crawley

There are a number of food banks in Crawley, if you do a web search you should be able to find some details. Listed below are some contact details to help get you started:

Freeshop - info@freeshopcrawley.com - Tel: 07861 907133

Crawley Food Bank Partnership (they are The Easter Team and also Crawley Open House who are working together)

Tel The Easter Team: 07940 900948/Tel Crawley Open House: 01293 447702

Government and Local Council Resources

The government have an online tool to help people check the benefits and financial support they might be able to apply for. You can check at:

www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support you can also find help at:

www.crawley.gov.uk/moneyworries

Your local council may be able to help you pay for things like:

- Energy and water bills;
- Food;
- Essential items such as clothes or even an oven.

This help is known as Welfare Assistance or the Household Support Fund. Each council runs its own scheme. The help they offer, and who can get it, varies. Ask your local council if they run one of these schemes. You do not have to be in receipt of benefits to get help from your local council. If you are in receipt of benefits, they will not be affected if you get help from one of these schemes. See below for information on the WSCC Community Hub.

COMMUNITY HUB

WSCC have a community hub for anyone who may need help. You can request support from the Hub, including accessing the Household Support Fund, and where to get advice.

WSCC are focused on making sure they continue to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

If your request is urgent, for example, you are going to run out of food within the next two days, please phone [033 022 27980](tel:03302227980) so that they can make sure you get the help you need as quickly as possible.

Visit GOV.UK to find a full breakdown of the latest Government information.



CHANGE OF DETAILS

If any of your contact details change (address, home phone, mobile etc), please inform the school office so they can update the school records accordingly.

MEDICATION

From time to time we will sometimes administer paracetamol to a child if they are feeling unwell, but it is not necessary to send them home. The brand we use is Calpol paracetamol 6+ (so cannot be administered to anyone under 6 years old). For this to be administered to your child you will have needed to have signed a form giving your permission. We will always telephone you to get your permission before we administer any paracetamol, but without the signed consent form we cannot administer it in any event. This is also relevant for antihistamine's. We use Piriton, but only if the parent has provided written consent and also verbal consent just before it is administered. No child is allowed to carry their own medication in school. Please speak to the school office for further advice.

TRIM TRAIL AND TYRE TRAIL

At the end of the school day it has been noted that parents are allowing their children to play on the trim trail outside the classrooms. If you do allow your child to use the trim trail (or tyres) at drop off/collection time it is **your responsibility** to ensure they use it safely. Please keep an eye on your children at all times during drop off/collection to/from school to ensure their safety.

UNIFORM

You can order uniform with the school logo from: www.myclothing.com or buy it without a logo from a local supermarket/shop.

MOBILE PHONES

Please can you remind your child that if they bring a mobile phone to school with them, they must **not** use the phone whilst on the school premises. All phones must be turned off when your child has arrived at school, and handed to their class teacher. All phones will be returned at the end of the school day.

BIRTHDAYS AND TREATS

We love birthdays, and we love celebrating them even more! If you provide sweets for a class in order to celebrate your child's birthday, we would ask that you ensure they are individually wrapped, nut free and, if possible, vegetarian. This will mean all of your child's classmates can celebrate their birthday with them. We are not able to hand out any cakes or sweets that are homemade.

Also, from time to time throughout the school year, we will give out sweet treats to children. We will ensure we always meet a child's dietary requirements. **Please inform the school if you do not want your child to be given any sweet treats.**

ASTHMA INHALERS/AUTO INJECTORS

If we hold an asthma inhaler or auto injector for your child, when that item is out of date we will contact you and ask you to provide us ones that are in date. **Please make sure that you provide us in date items as a matter of priority. It is for your child's safety and must be acted upon immediately.**

FILMS AT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER (AND THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR)

Mainly at Christmas and Easter time we will sometimes arrange for the children to watch a film as an end of term treat. The films will either be a 'U' or 'PG' certificate. We would never show a film that we judged to be inappropriate. **However, if you do not wish your child to watch a 'PG' certificate film then please let the school office know so that a different film can be chosen for your child's class to watch.**

NO NUTS REMINDER

Please remember that we are a 'No Nuts' school. This means that no food brought into school by either children or staff should contain nuts. This includes Nutella (there are other alternative chocolate spreads available that do not contain nuts).

FIRST AID

We have trained First Aid staff at our school setting. If you do not wish for your child to receive First Aid (non emergency) then the onus is on you as a parent/carers to inform the school of your decision.

SUMMER FAIR



**Thank you to everyone
who came to support
our Summer Fair, and a
big thank you to
everyone who
volunteered. We raised
an amazing total of
£1,177.00.**



Play tennis at Crawley Parks Tennis this summer

Exclusive
offer for you

**This summer, why not hit the courts at
Maldenbower, Southgate, and West
Green Park? It's the perfect way to stay
active and have fun!**

An annual household season ticket covering all courts costs Crawley residents just £48.20 for the year per household. A household season ticket covers up to five people and can be used for a maximum of five hours of tennis per week and a maximum of two hours of tennis per day. – That's just 19p a game!

Or Pay and Play sessions on our award winning courts cost from just £4. An additional fee of £2.10 for members or £4.30 for non-members will be payable for the use of floodlights at West Green Park.

Where to play

Here are the Crawley Parks Tennis venues where you can play:

-  **Maldenbower Park**
Maldenbower Drive, Crawley RH10 7HG
-  **Southgate Park**
Southgate Avenue, Crawley RH10 6HG
-  **West Green Park**
Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley RH11 7AJ

Fancy Joining Crawley Parks Tennis?

We've got an exclusive treat for you—£5 off your annual seasonal membership at Crawley Parks Tennis!

To activate this offer – Please email parks.tennis@crawley.gov.uk quoting **SCHOOLOFFER**. We will then be in touch with a link to set up your discounted annual seasonal membership. For more information on the Crawley Parks tennis see: clubspark.lta.org.uk/Crawley



Free tennis programmes

Free, social tennis sessions. You can sign up to a session at West Green Park – no matter your age, background or ability – and play tennis for free on select Saturdays at 11am.

- any child can attend Free Park Tennis
- under 12 need to be accompanied throughout the session by an adult.
- 13+ can come on their own but should be picked up and dropped off by an adult

See: clubspark.lta.org.uk/westgreen/coaching



**TENNIS
FOR BRITAIN**



clubspark

crawley wellbeing



FREE Language Cafes in Crawley

**Come along and learn English, make
friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee!**

**Address: Broadfield Community Centre,
RH11 9BA**

Every Thursday from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

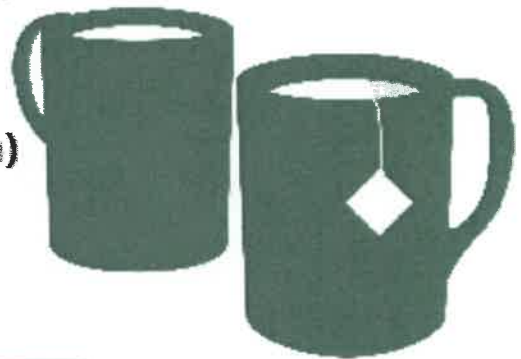
With the exception of:

Friday 27th July

Thursday 31st July (11:00am - 1:00pm)

Friday 19th September

Friday 7th November



Want to find out more?

www.advicewestsussex.org.uk

**If you have questions, you can
email us at:**

**[community.engagement@
westsussexcab.org.uk](mailto:community.engagement@westsussexcab.org.uk)**



**in West Sussex
North South East**

www.advicewestsussex.org.uk

RESPECT OUR SCHOOL

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!

Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at school, you should do the following:



Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.



Do not park on zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.



Please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.



Walk your child to school whenever possible and then go home and collect your car for your onward journey.