Wantage Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear WPA families,

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year.

We hope that everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see the school bustling with energy once again and to welcome both familiar and new faces through our doors.

The start of a new academic year always brings a sense of excitement, opportunity and optimism. Our children have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a readiness to learn, and we are incredibly proud of how well they have settled back into school routines. A special welcome goes to our new pupils, families and members of staff who have joined our school community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to working together throughout the year ahead.

The Next Two Weeks	
21st Sept	KS1 curriculum workshop 3:45pm
22nd Sept	Reception phonics workshop 2:45pm
22nd Sept	KS2 curriculum workshop 3:45pm
22nd and 23rd Sept	Individual and sibling photos
W/C 22.9.26	European Day of Languages
30th Sept	Childhood flu vaccinations





How to help your child to be successful and enjoy school

We want every child to enjoy school and will work with you to try to achieve that. There are simple things that you can do to support this and give your child every chance of success.

- Sensible bed time free of devices.
- Ensure your child attends school every day unless they are too ill to attend. Avoid routine appointments with dentists etc during the school day.
- Ensure your child is brought to school on time every day and they are picked up on time.
- Ensure that they eat breakfast before coming to school
- Ensure your child attends school in the correct uniform every day with everything they need - water bottle, reading books Keep toys, jewellery and other things that are special to the child at home.
- Read to your child, with your child and talk about the books building up vocabulary
- Talk to the staff in your class team if you have concerns as soon as they arise so that they can be dealt with as soon as possible

WPA REMINDERS

Road Safety Reminder



We have recently received several reports from members of our school community regarding unsafe driving and parking near the school at drop-off and collection times.
The safety of our children, families and staff is our highest priority, and we kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when travelling to and from school. Please remember to drive slowly, be mindful of pedestrians, avoid stopping or parking in unsafe locations, and follow any parking restrictions in place around the school site.
Please do not walk through the disabled car park and instead walk on the footpath.
We understand that the start and end of the school day can be busy times, but a few moments of patience can make a significant difference to keeping everyone safe.

Allergy Awareness





All staff at WPA are allergy and anaphylaxis trained.
We would like to remind families that we have children in school with severe nut allergies. To help keep all members of our school community safe, we kindly ask that nuts and products containing nuts are not brought into school as snacks or packed lunch items wherever possible.
We also encourage parents and carers to speak with their children about the importance of not sharing food with others, as this can help reduce the risk of accidental exposure to allergens.

School Meals Reminder

If your child would like a school meal at lunchtime, please remember that meals must be booked in advance through the Fresh Start Catering website.
To book your child's lunches, please visit:
https://mealmanager.freshstartcatering.uk/Identity/Account/Login
Booking meals in advance helps our catering team prepare the correct number of meals each day and ensures that your child receives their chosen option.
If you experience any difficulties accessing your account or booking meals, please contact the school office for support.



Celebration Assembly Success

A huge congratulations to all of our Celebration Assembly winners from the past two weeks! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, positive attitudes and determination that you have shown both in and out of the classroom.
Well done to all of the children named below for demonstrating our school values and being excellent role models for others. Keep up the fantastic work!

Congratulations to our winners:

- Christian and Ava Year 1
- Gustave , Cora , Contie and Reuben Year 2
- Tommy, Aya,Luna and William Year 3
- Yaseen, Kibishan, Sammy and Arthur Year 4
- Raphael and Amelia Year 5
- Ellie and Noah Year 6



YOUR SCHOOL TEAM	
School Office: Please speak to our friendly office team if you need to see a member of staff, have an issue with Arbor, or to check any queries or questions.	Jodene Khan Holly Cripps
Principal:	Hannah Robinson
Principal: The Assistant Principals work alongside the principal to lead the school.	Jess Hammond Rosella Young
Family Support Worker: will work directly with families to improve attendance, behaviours and other issues. Learning Behaviour Mentor supports children and families with more challenging behaviours	Holly Cripps
Care Taker: Our caretaker works hard to ensure our school is safe and ready for learning.	Carl Galvin

Early Years Early Years Lead: Katherine Stewart	
Nursery: Katherine Stewart, Jae Kupka, Sarah Drake, Sarah Groves	Reception 1: Reception 2: TA's: Amy Robins and Alice Smith
KS1 **KS1 Lead: Jess Hammond**	
Nursery: Katherine Stewart, Jae Kupka, Sarah Drake, Sarah Groves	Year 1: Jess Hammond and Louise McDade Year 1: Gemma Collett TA's: Rachel Hope, Louise McDade, Charlotte Dunstan
Year 2: Ellie Greenaway Year 2: Amy Walker TA: Phoebe Willis	

KS2 KS2 Lead: Rosella Young	
Year 3: Hana Allen Year 3: Annabel Oliver TA: Lucy Wall	Year 4: Che Constable Year 4:Tia Watson TA: Nicole Feek and Cassie McCarthy
Year 5: Jenny Mitchell and Rhiannon Demain TA: Carlie James	Year 6: Rosella Young and Rhiannon Demain TA: Chloe Sayer
Nurture Team	
Rosie Phillips Kirsty Smith Sara Columbo	

Support for Young Carers

A Young Carer is a child or young person who helps to care for a family member who has an illness, disability, mental or physical health condition, or who misuses drugs or alcohol. Caring responsibilities can look different for every young person and may include practical tasks, helping with siblings or providing emotional support.

We are proud to work with Be Free Young Carers, an Oxfordshire charity supporting Young Carers aged 8–17. They provide Young Carers with opportunities to meet others, take part in activities and access support. If you think your child may be a Young Carer, please speak to Mrs Cripps or contact Be Free Young Carers directly to find out more about the support available. You don't need to be sure that your child is a Young Carer before getting in touch — the team can talk things through with you.

BE FREE YOUNG CARERS

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