



Key dates for the next 2 weeks:

A very warm welcome back to Wantage Primary Academy, especially for those children and families who are joining us for the first time. This newsletter will be longer than most, as it aims to provide you with key information for the year. Do also check our website regularly.

The school newsletter is emailed out **once a fortnight**, usually on a **Friday**. It includes important information and an updated diary for the year.

The staff team have worked hard over the summer to prepare for another year of enriching learning and exciting trips and visits. They are a phenomenal team and everything they do has your child at the heart of it

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

September 15th – 19th	NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe week
September 18th	Meeting to discuss Year 5 Residential Trip and finalise forms
September 22nd – 26th	European day of languages
September 24th – 26th	Year 5 Residential Trip
September 23rd	Reception parents phonics workshop 2:30pm KS1 parent workshops - 3:30pm
September 24th	KS2 parents workshops- 3:30pm



The School Team



<p><u>School office</u> 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.</p>	<p>Jodene Khan (Officer and finance manager) Abbie Hayes Holly Cripps</p>
<p><u>Principal</u> The school principal plays a vital role in providing leadership, fostering a positive learning environment, supporting teachers, and ensuring that students achieve their full potential.</p>	<p>Hannah Robinson</p>
<p><u>Assistant Principal</u> The Assistant Principal works alongside Hannah (Principal) to lead the school.</p>	<p>Jess Hammond</p>
<p><u>Special Education Needs Coordinator</u> The SENCO is responsible for co-ordinating and leading the school approach to ensuring that children with special educational needs are receiving the best support</p>	<p>Bronwyn Wyatt</p>
<p><u>Pastoral Team</u> Family Support Worker: will work directly with families to improve attendance, behaviours and other issues.</p>	<p>Holly Cripps</p>
<p><u>Phase leaders</u> The phase leaders are responsible for developing the teaching and learning within their phase of responsibility.</p>	<p>Early years- Katherine Stewart KS1- Jess Hammond KS2- Rosella McNally</p>
<p><u>Caretaker</u></p>	<p>Carl Galvin</p>

Early Years
Early Years Phase Lead- Katherine Stewart

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception 1</u>	<u>Reception 2</u>
Jae-Marie Kupka, Karen Carey, Sarah Drake	<u>Teacher:</u> Rosie Slatter	<u>Teacher:</u> Meg Palipane
TA: Amy Robins and Daisy Brooker		

Key Stage 1
Key Stage 1 Lead- Jess Hammond

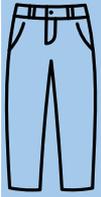
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
<u>Class 1 Teacher:</u> Jess Hammond and Melissa Perez <u>Class 2 Teacher:</u> Amy Walker <u>TA's:</u> Louise McDade, Aimee Froude, Paulina Sieczka	<u>Class 1 Teacher:</u> Ellie Greenaway <u>Class 2 Teacher:</u> Annabel Oliver <u>TA's:</u> Lucy Wall

Key Stage 2
Key Stage 2 Lead- Rosella McNally

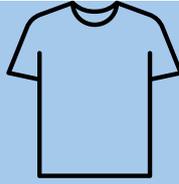
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<u>Class 1 Teacher:</u> Tia Watson <u>Class 2 Teacher:</u> Jo Saunders <u>TA:</u> Jess Dale and Sarah Groves	<u>Class Teacher:</u> Che Constable TA: Carlie James	<u>Class Teacher:</u> Rhiannon Demain and Jenny Steele TA: Aimee Froude	<u>Class Teacher:</u> Rosella McNally TA: Chloe Sayer

Safeguarding at WPA

Safeguarding is everyone's business. The staff team at Wanatage Primary Academy are all trained in Safeguarding and have to be curious. All concerns are noted on our system and the majority of these will be discussed with parents and carers before contacting social services. The only time when there will not have been an initial discussion is when it is felt by professionals that a child could be put in danger. If a member of staff has a concern about your child they have to report it on our safeguarding system. The Designated Safeguarding Leaders: Mrs Robinson, Mrs Hammond and Mrs Cripps will all be able to view this concern -but no other member of staff. They will then make a decision about what happens next: to monitor, to discuss with yourself or your child, or to seek further support. If further information is needed you will then be contacted by a member of the team. You may be asked for information to complete a Strength and Needs form as this is usually requested by social services. The main aim of any of this is to help your child and to support your family. If a referral to social services is made they will then carry out an assessment to determine what happens next. This could be nothing and the case could close, you may be offered family help or, for more serious cases, it could progress to a Initial Child Protection Conference where professionals will decide if a child should be placed on a Child Protection Plan. The school will continue to work with you to support your child throughout the process. Please help us to help you. If your child has been upset about something that has happened at home or has sustained an injury at home, please let your child's teacher know (or email the office) as soon as possible.



Uniform



UNIFORM PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD WEARS THE SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY

Nursery

White polo shirt (with or without logo)
Purple sweatshirt with logo Own choice of leg wear trainers/shoes Do not send your child into school in crocs, wellies or sandals

RECEPTION - YEAR 6

White polo shirt (with or without logo)
Purple sweatshirt with logo Navy shorts, trousers (not leggings), pinafore, Navy Grey, white or purple socks/tights Black school shoes or plain black trainers

PE

PE Uniform You will be told which days are PE days and this is when the PE uniform will be worn. Children do not get changed at school and must come to school in their PE kits on these days. House colour top with logo Plain black hoodie, school sweatshirt or Omnia hoodie Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings trainers (any colour) Long hair (past shoulder length) must be fully tied back every day. Small purple/black accessories may be worn. No animal headbands. No jewellery (exception of small studs but not on PE days) No make up

Parking

Please be considerate if you have to drive to school to drop your child off and park in a safe place without blocking the driveways of residents. DO NOT USE THE STAFF CARPARK You are able to use the parent car park which is only a few minutes walk away.



Concerns and Queries

If you need a longer discussion with your child's teacher, please do speak to the office to make an appointment so that you can be allocated sufficient time. This will be made at a mutually agreeable time and could be a phone call if that is preferable



KEEPING YOU INFORMED... We aim to work with you, in partnership, to keep you informed about your child's progress and curriculum - both academic and **pastoral. There are a number of ways that we do this:**

1. Curriculum Information - you will receive information, each full term, about your child's curriculum for that term. This is a summary of the content that will be taught to your child so that you can have informed discussions about this at home. This leaflet will also be available on the school website.

2. Meetings with the class teacher - we call these 'Learning Reviews' and they are held twice a year - in October and again in February. These ten minute appointments are an opportunity to hear and talk about how your child is doing. These will be held in person or via the telephone. You will also be able to view their books.

3. Progress Reports: You will receive a report in February with your child's latest assessment against areas of the curriculum. In July you will receive a more detailed annual report. These will be emailed to you.

4. Meetings/Workshops: We will be running a series of meetings/workshops during the year which will start at 9am. The PowerPoints will be available to those that are unable to make it during the school working day.

5. Newsletters - This newsletter is sent out at least once a fortnight - usually on a Monday. There will be information about things that have happened/will be happening in school as well as an updated diary.

6. Website - Our website holds a huge amount of information which is updated. You can find information about your child's curriculum and year group (including timetable) on the Curriculum tab of our school website: Curriculum Information by Year group

7. Arbor- Arbor is our messaging service which we often contact parents on.

8. Emails - Our school office team endeavour to keep you informed and reminded through emails. They might not be able to remind you about every single event - so make sure you put the dates in the diary

9. Responding to your queries: If you send an email into school this will be dealt with as soon as feasibly possible. If you have not had a response within 48 hours, please do contact the office again to ensure that we have received it.

10. Facebook: We have an official school Facebook account where we post various information and celebrations - do follow us to keep up to date.

★ READATHON SUCCESS! ★

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE FRIENDS OF WPA TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN OUR RECENT READATHON - TOGETHER WE RAISED AN AMAZING £412.50 TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL! 📖❤️

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS FOR THE MOST PAGES READ IN EACH YEAR GROUP:

GUSTAVE BAILLIF (Y1)
ELLARIA MULLINS (Y2)
ROSE SMITH (Y4)

AND A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO GUSTAVE BAILLIF (Y1) FOR ALSO WINNING THE PRIZE FOR THE MOST UNUSUAL PHOTO LOCATION! ✈️

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR BRILLIANT READERS - WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU! 🌟

Friends of WPA

Congratulations to our
**READATHON
WINNERS**



Gustave Baillif, Y1

Ellaria Mullins, Y2

Rose Smith, Y4

Most pages read per year group!



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Most Unusual
**PHOTO LOCATION
WINNER**



Gustave Baillif, Y1



FRIENDS OF WPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Celebrate our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association's fundraising successes, hear our plans for the year, and help shape the future of our school. We'll also be electing committee members – all are welcome!



1 OCTOBER 2025

7:00PM

School Hall @ Wantage Primary Academy



pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org



← Register attendance here

ELECTIONS



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

THE SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A PARENT OR CARER OF A PUPIL AT THE SCHOOL TO BECOME PARENT GOVERNOR, FROM EARLY OCTOBER 2025. THE PARENT GOVERNOR WILL HOLD AN IMPORTANT ROLE, WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL'S STAFF GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND CHALLENGE TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM ON A RANGE OF MATTERS SUCH AS SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT, EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE, SAFEGUARDING, CURRICULUM, PUPIL WELLBEING AND INCLUSION, AND MORE. SCHOOL GOVERNORS SIT ON THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AND SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE, PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO FEED INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH TRUSTEES ON THE OMNIA LEARNING TRUST BOARD, WHICH OVERSEES ALL FOUR OF THE TRUST'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS. INDUCTION SUPPORT AND REGULAR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ARE PROVIDED.

PARENT GOVERNORS DON'T NEED TO HAVE A BACKGROUND IN EDUCATION BUT DO NEED TO HAVE THE TIME AND ENERGY TO COMMIT MEANINGFULLY TO THE ROLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD, OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES, YOU ARE WELCOME TO GET IN TOUCH BY E-MAILING: OFFICE@WANTAGEPRIMARYACADEMY.ORG



CONGRATULATIONS!

A BIG WELL DONE TO JACOB, ALESSIA, THEO, SAM, RJ, HOPE, MAX, MYA AND NADIA WHO ALL RECEIVED CERTIFICATES IN OUR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GREEN TEAM WHO WON THE HOUSE CUP THIS WEEK!

