



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another incredible school year, we'll take a moment to reflect on the memories made, the milestones reached, and the amazing growth we've seen in every one of our pupils. It has been a year full of learning, laughter, and resilience, and we couldn't be prouder of our school community.

On a personal note, as I come to the end of my first year of headship, I would like to say that it has been an honour to lead our amazing school. It is our wonderful pupils, families, and incredible, hard-working staff who make our school so special and it my privilege to work with you all. I have been so touched by the many words of kindness, encouragement and appreciation from parents and carers over the year-your support is greatly appreciated.

With the summer holidays now upon us, the whole team at WPA hope everyone finds time to relax, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved rest. Whether you're heading off on an adventure or enjoying time at home, we wish you a safe, sunny, and joyful break.



SMOOTH STEPS INTO A NEW CHAPTER – TRANSITION DAY SUCCESS!

Our class transition day was a brilliant success and full of excitement! The children had the opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms, meet their future teachers, and get a feel for what the next school year will bring. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, eager questions, and growing confidence as they explored their new learning environments.

The day was thoughtfully planned to help ease any nerves and build excitement for the year ahead—and it certainly did just that. We're so proud of how well the children adapted and embraced the change with such enthusiasm. It's clear they're ready for their next adventure!

SCHOOL FETE



A huge thank you to our incredible FoWPA parent volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our summer fete a roaring success! From the amazing DJ to the dancing dads on the bbq and all the helpers on stalls- it was a fabulous day of community fun. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time and we raised a magnificent £3981 which will benefit our pupils! Well done to everyone involved!





WPA SPORTS DAY



Sprint, Skip, and Shine – Sports Day Success!

What an incredible Sports Day we had! The sun was shining, spirits were high, and the children gave it their all in a fantastic display of energy, determination, and teamwork. From the thrilling hurdles and classic egg-and-spoon race to the bouncy sack races and fast-paced sprints, every event was filled with excitement and enthusiastic cheers.

Most importantly, the children showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day—encouraging one another, celebrating each other's successes, and giving every race their best effort. It was a joy to watch them take part with such pride and positivity.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special—we're already looking forward to next year!



EARLY YEARS & KS1 ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

A Wild Visit to Remember!

We had an exciting and unforgettable visit from a special guest who brought along an incredible collection of animals for us to meet, learn about—and even hold! The children were amazed to get up close with creatures they'd only seen in books or on screens, including a tarantula, a skunk, a snake, and a fascinating colour-changing chameleon.

It was wonderful to see so many of our children being brave and curious, asking thoughtful questions and trying new things. Some even held the tarantula or let the snake gently coil around their arms! The visit sparked so much wonder and learning, and it was a joy to watch the children's confidence grow with every new creature they encountered.

A big thank you to our incredible visitor for such an engaging and educational experience!



LETCOMBE BROOK

On a beautiful but very hot day, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Letcombe Brook to learn more about rivers and the wildlife they support. The children took part in a walk around the nature reserve, where they looked for signs of animals and explored the natural habitat surrounding the brook.

During the visit, one of the highlights was studying and identifying creatures that had been caught from the river. The children were fascinated to learn about the different species living in the water, including insects, snails, and small fish. However, the star of the show was without a doubt the crayfish, which caused lots of excitement!

Throughout the morning, the children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and eagerly taking part in every activity. Despite the heat, spirits remained high, and it was a brilliant and memorable experience to end their 'Rivers' topic in Geography.



HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOUR



Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a truly magical and memorable experience during their visit to the Warner Bros. Harry Potter Studios. The children were an absolute credit to the school, modelling exemplary behaviour throughout the day and impressing staff and Studio guides alike with their enthusiasm, curiosity and respect.

This year's visit was themed around the Triwizard Tournament, so alongside exploring iconic sets like the Great Hall, Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and Diagon Alley, the children also had the chance to watch a spectacular dance performance inspired by the Yule Ball. One of the most unforgettable moments was venturing into the Forbidden Forest – complete with eerie lighting, thunder claps and more than a few screams when giant spiders suddenly descended from the trees!

We are incredibly grateful to our Friends of WPA (FoWPA), who generously donated £500 towards the cost of the trip. Their support helped make this special leavers' celebration affordable and unforgettable for all of our Year 6 pupils.



CONGRATULATIONS!

A big WELL DONE to all our brilliant end of year celebration award winners. These children were chosen by their teachers amazing learning in Maths and English and for embodying our school values:



Inspiring

In our school we love **learning**, we aim **high**, we think **creatively**, we dream **big**, we are **ambitious**.



Challenging

In our school we work **hard**, we **focus**, we learn more, we **remember** more, we develop our **potential**, we exceed **expectations**.



Nurturing

In our school we **listen**, we **debate**, we're **kind**, we **support**, we take **responsibility**, we are a **team**.



Empowering

In our school we are **brave**, we have a **voice**, we take **action**, we are **confident**, we think **globally**.



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU



As we come to the end of the school year, we also say goodbye to some much-loved members of our teaching team. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Miss DiPiazza, Mr Tomlins, and Mrs Gladwin, who will be moving on to new adventures beyond our school.

Each of them has played a special role in supporting our children's learning journeys, showing endless dedication, warmth, and care. Whether it's through inspiring lessons, thoughtful guidance, or the little moments that make school life so meaningful, their impact will be remembered by pupils, parents, and colleagues alike.

We are incredibly grateful for all they have given to our school community and wish them every success and happiness in their next chapters. They will be greatly missed!



Saturday
20th September
9:30am - 1pm



NEW SCHOOL STAGECOACH WANTAGE

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Pick up a book and raise money for the Friends of Wantage Primary Academy library improvement project!

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Keep track of your reading in your log, and don't forget to hand it in along with your sponsorship form and money to your class teacher by **Monday 8th September**.

Don't forget to email photos of your wild and wacky reading spots to pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org!

Collect a reading log and sponsorship form from the office or email pta@wantageprimaryacademy.org

