



# NEWSLETTER

31ST JANUARY 2025

Welcome to this week's newsletter! We're excited to share all the wonderful happenings in our school community over the last fortnight. From engaging classroom activities to special events, there's so much to celebrate and continue to look forward to. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making our school a nurturing and inspiring place for our children to learn and grow.

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This year, Children's Mental Health Week takes place from the 3rd February - 9th February. The theme is about empowering young people to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them so that they can build resilience, grow and develop their sense of self.



Our school council have worked extremely hard to come up with a range of activities for the whole school to engage in during Mental Health Week. Each day will have a different focus which are shared below:

**Mindful Monday-** Focus on mindfulness and awareness.

**Tummy-Twist Tuesday-** Focus on yoga poses that focus on core and twists.

**Wellness Wednesday-** Focus on emphasising overall well-being and balance.

**Thriving Thursday-** A day to focus on growth.

**Feel-Good Friday-** Promoting positivity and good vibes to end the week.

The next two weeks	
Feb 3rd-9th	Children's Mental Health week
Feb 11th	Safer Internet Day
Feb 11th	Valentine's Disco
Feb 12th	Trip to Oxford Science Center (YR4)
Feb 13th	Bug hunt and workshop
Feb 14th	End of term 3:30pm finish

## WORLD RELIGION DAY

During World Religion Day this week, our students have had the opportunity to learn about various religions through engaging activities, discussions and presentations. This allowed all children to foster an appreciation for different cultures whilst encouraging them to have respectful dialogue among our students. Ask your children some questions to see what they have learnt.



**LAST WEEK IT WAS VERY CLOSE, BUT THE RED HOUSE WERE THE WINNERS OF THE HOUSE COMPETITION. CONGRATULATIONS!!**



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## YR5'S TRIP TO THE ASHMOLEAN

This Tuesday saw the year 5 class travelling to Oxford to visit the Ashmolean Museum.

During the autumn term, Year 5 had been studying the Egyptians. The Ashmolean is an amazing museum with a fantastic array of artifacts, archaeological and historical objects. Amongst these is an incredible Egyptian section. A trip to the museum was, of course, a must.

The Year 5s were to spend the day at the museum and this meant time in the Egyptian section with a museum guide but also time to look around the rest of the museum. We were all astounded at the size and volume of the museum. We had two sessions to explore the museum during the day. However, we were unable to see all that it had to offer. The children, who were all fantastic ambassadors for WPA, were fascinated by the range of artifacts to see and investigate - from Japanese Samurai armour to the lantern that Guy Fawkes was holding when he was arrested; from a screen decorated with silk and gold thread embroidered to depict two lions, to hundreds of gold coins dug up in someone's driveway. With so much to see, the consensus was, "we must come here again."

The Egyptian lesson was the final session of a great day. Having spent the early part of the day looking for the museum's highlights - in a stimulating treasure hunt - the final session focused only on the Egyptian rooms. We saw objects that the Egyptians used in everyday life and found that they were very similar to objects we use today - water bottles, combs, toys, games and jewellery.

The museum guide was impressed with the Year 5's knowledge of the Egyptians, their way of life, gods and burial rituals. The children then had the chance to look at and handle some real Egyptian artifacts. The class had to use their history skills to identify the objects and their uses. There was also the chance to see a real sarcophagus and a real mummy!

Both teachers and pupils had a fantastic time and learned a great deal. The teachers from WPA and those at the museum were really impressed with the knowledge and fantastic behaviour of all the students. A great learning experience for all.



## REMINDERS



### Medication

With the increase of winter bugs, it's crucial to remind parents about the importance of keeping your child of school if they are unwell.

We have recently noticed that several children have brought medication into school within their lunchbox. We would like to remind you not to send medication directly into school with your child. We would like to ask you to sign it into the main office. This process ensures that medications are administered correctly and that it is recorded.

### Entering the school grounds

A polite reminder to please take care when entering the school grounds in the mornings. This is a busy time of day and it is important that parents and children stay together and walk not run into the playground. This ensures that everyone arrives in school feeling safe and happy and can have a positive start to their day. Thank you so much for your help with this.



## FRIENDS OF WPA- SCHOOL DISCO



School Disco - 11 Feb 2025 - Pay Online\*

If you would like to purchase disco tickets online and collect at drop-off/pickup, please use this link to head to our SumUp page: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q786CPS1>.

When asked for your name, please enter **\*YOUR FULL NAME + CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAME(S) + YEAR GROUP(S)\*** so we can identify your payment and supply your ticket(s). Having a screen shot of your payment confirmation page to show us at collection would also be super helpful.

Thank you!

## SCHOOL SNAPSHOT



FRIENDS of WANTAGE PRIMARY ACADEMY

SCHOOL

11TH FEBRUARY

DISCO

In the School Hall

Reception, Y1 & Y2 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

£5 per child

Hosted by:

Entry includes drink and snack

Tickets on sale before and after  
school between 29/01 and 6/02

All children must be accompanied by an adult



## Term dates 2024-25

<b>Spring Term</b>	
First day of term	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half term	17th February 2025 – 21st Feb 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – Thursday 3rd April 2025 Friday 4th April (school finishes at 12 noon)
Easter/Spring holidays	7th April 2025 – 21st April 2025
<b>Summer term</b>	
First day of term	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term	26th – 30th May 2025
Last day of term	Nursery – 17th July 2025 18th July 2025 (school finishes at 12 noon)
Further information	INSET DAYS 21st and 22nd July

# Key Dates and Events

## 2025 Spring 1

When	who	What
7th January	All	Term starts at 8:40am
20th January	All	World Religion Day A chance for all to learn and share each other's faiths, religions and cultures. Parents welcome to come in and share with children
28th January	Year 5	Year 5 trip to Ashmolean Museum
3rd - 9th February	All	Children's Mental Health Week
11th February	All	Safer internet day
11th February	Reception - Y6	FoWPA Valentines Disco
12th February	Year 4	Trip to Oxford Science Centre
13th February	Reception	Bug hunt and workshop
February (Date TBC)	KS1	Science Workshop
14th February	All	End of term. Normal 3:30pm finish

**2025 Spring 2**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
24th February	All	Spring 2 starts
27th February	Choir	Birmingham NEC - Young Voices
March (Date TBC)	Reception	Reception Farm Trip
3rd - 7th March	All	World Book Week all week World Book Day 6th March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops)
6th March	Year 1	Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip
11th March	All	Author - World Book Day visit
11th March	Reception and Year 6	NCMP (height and weight)
7th - 16th March	All	British Science week (activities across the school)
20th March	All	Mid-year reports out to parents
25th - 26th March	All	Parents' evening appointments
2nd April	All	Group Photos
3rd April	Nursery	Last Nursery session for this term
4th April	All	End of term. Term ends at 12pm. No Nursery sessions. Easter Holidays

## 2025 Summer 1

When	Who	What...
Tuesday 22nd April	All	Summer 1 starts at 8:40am
2nd May	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 SATs meeting Year 6 Residential meeting
May (Date TBC)	Eco council	Eco event with Wild Wantage
May (Date TBC)	EYFS pupils - Reception and Nursery	Oxford museum in school Transport
5th May	whole school	Bank holiday
12th - 15th May	Year 6	SATS assessments – end of KS2
May (date TBC)	Choir	Big Summer Sing 2- 6pm
19th May	All parents	4:30pm online – Parent RSE (Relationship and Sex education) consultation. relationships and Sex education parent consultation to inform the content taught in summer term across year groups
22nd May	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
23rd May	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
23rd May	All	Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm

**2025 Summer 2**

<b>When</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>What...</b>
2nd June	All	Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am
2nd June (2 weeks)	Year 4	Multiplication tables check
4th June (Date TBC)	All	Tennis Roadshow
9th – 13th June	Year 1	Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time
11th June	All	The Great Science Share
16th - 19th June	Year 6	Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London
June (Date TBC)	Choir	Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)
19th June (Date TBC)	Reception	Oxford Museums History of Seasides workshop
23rd June (date TBC)	Year 4	Rivers visit - Letcombe Brooke for a Willow Walk trip and river dipping. Parent car drivers and helpers needed. Free
June/ July (date TBC)	All	School Fete - FoWPA
July (Date TBC)	School aged pupils	Assembly on Eid
3rd July	All school aged children – (R-Y6) including new 2025 children	Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes
7th July	All	End of Year reports out to parents
10th July 8:50 – 9:20	Parents of existing WPA children	Open morning session – a chance for parents to visit the school, classrooms etc, see children’s learning and books, and speak to staff
July (Date TBC)	New Reception 2025	Parent meetings Stay n play sessions

July (Date TBC)	Year 6	Leavers' performance Leavers' ceremony
16th July	Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5	WPA Summer Performance Afternoon and Evening performance
17th July	Nursery	Last Nursery session and then end of term until September
18th July	All	Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.
21st and 22nd July	Staff	Staff INSET School closed to pupils