

# WPA's Newsletter

Principal: Mrs Robinson

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Dear WPA parents and carers,  
Wow! What a busy week we have had in school!  
With Christmas just around the corner, all our pupils have been singing their hearts out and really getting to grips with rehearsing for their Christmas performances. It's beginning to feel very festive in school!



We had a fabulous turn out for our WPA families coffee morning. We were delighted to see so many of you there to meet with representatives from a brilliant range of support services in our local area.

## Uniform reminder

A reminder that correct uniform must be worn in school please. Please ensure your children come to school wearing appropriate school shoes. These should be black. No coloured trainers please.

On PE days, children should come to school in their kit and wear a school jumper or a navy blue sweatshirt over the top. No bright coloured tops or items with large logos please.

Key Dates for the remainder of this half term (see full calendar below)

| Date   | Who?                          | Event  |
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| November 12 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup><br>December | Year 5                        | Year 5 Swimming – Every Tuesday from 12 <sup>th</sup> November for 6 weeks |
| 21 <sup>st</sup><br>November                             | New, prospective parents      | Open day visits for prospective parents                                    |
| November 28 <sup>th</sup>                                | All community                 | Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing                       |
| December 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                 | All school                    | In school pantomime Cinderella   |
| December 11 <sup>th</sup>                                | Year 3 pupils                 | Stone Age to Iron Age event  |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup>                                | All children and staff        | Christmas jumper day   |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup>                                | Reception and Nursery parents | EYFS Christmas performance at 2:45pm                                       |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup><br>3pm                         | Reception and Nursery parents | EYFS Christmas performance at 2:45pm                                       |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup>                                | Year 1 and 2 parents          | KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm and 5pm                       |
| December 18 <sup>th</sup>                                | All pupils Rec- Y6            | Christmas dinner   |
| December 19 <sup>th</sup>                                | Nursery                       | Last day for Nursery sessions  |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup>                                | KS2 parents                   | Christmas carol concert 11:15am  |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup>                                | All school-age pupils         | School closes at 12 noon today. Christmas holidays                         |

## Christmas Tree Creations

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we will be putting up a Christmas tree in the school lobby. Therefore, we will be asking you to get creative with your child to make a decoration for our tree (a bauble, lollipop stick design etc). Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly on their entry and that you bring their decoration to school by Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can adorn the tree.

Thank you!



## Reception Applications

A reminder that the window for Reception place applications is now open. Parents of children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2025. All Reception place applications must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>



**Christmas at Kingsgrove 2024**

**MINGLE AND JINGLE WITH NEIGHBOURS**  
Join us at the forth annual KINGSGROVE Christmas celebration!

NOVEMBER  
Thursday  
**28th**  
5-7pm

Christmas Lights Switch On

FREE Mince Pies

MEET Santa

Sing Christmas Carols

Live Music FROM Wantage Silver Band

Late opening at the Kingsgrove Cafe

FREE Mulled Wine

KINGSGROVE WANTAGE

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Wantage Community Church

www.kingsgrovewantage.co.uk  
community@kingsgrovewantage.co.uk

Kingsgrove Public Square,  
Rutherford Road, Wantage,  
OX12 7FX

The poster features a central Christmas tree with various ornaments and gifts. At the top, a calendar icon shows the event date. The bottom section includes logos for Kingsgrove Wantage, St. Modwen, and preim, along with the church name and contact information. A small reindeer and holly illustration is in the bottom right corner.



# WANTAGE AND GROVE SCOUTS

## Xmas Post

Only  
**40p**  
per card



### Scouts

### WANTAGE & GROVE SCOUT POST

**With delivery to Challow, Hanney  
and other local villages!**

Post boxes are available in the following places:

*Wantage*

Barnards Way Post Office, Campbells Opticians  
Charlton Garden Centre, Sainsbury's  
Waitrose, Wantage Health Centre

*Grove*

Smiths DIY, Co-op

Post boxes will be in position from  
**10am Saturday November 30th to  
5pm Friday December 20th**

Postage costs **40p** per card and should be deposited into  
the post boxes along with the cards. We aim to deliver as  
soon as possible but we may not be as quick as Royal Mail.  
All post will be delivered between 15<sup>th</sup> December and  
Christmas Eve.

All proceeds go to the local Scout Groups.  
Should you need any details please call 760889.

Registered charity no's: 300516 and 277162

### Next Week's Learning:

Here is a short overview of the learning that will be taking place in each class next week. This enables parents to be more informed about what their children are doing in school and support where necessary. Please continue to read daily and carry out homework.

| Nursery  | Reception  | Year 1   | Year 2   | Year 3   | Year 4   | Year 5  | Year 6   |
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| <p>Book focus: Elmer's Birthday</p> <p>Maths focus: Consolidation Phonics focus: segmenting and blending</p> <p>UTW: think about how we celebrate birthdays and if this is different to other children.</p> <p>L: writing birthday cards to Elmer and signing our names at the end.</p> <p>M: matching the correct amount of candles onto numbered cakes.</p> <p>EAD: making birthday cakes using playdough and adding candles to the top.</p> <p>EAD: collaging Elmers.</p> | <p>Phonics: learning the sounds b and f, consolidating our phase 2 tricky words</p> <p>Literacy: reading the 'A Way to The Stars' story and thinking about the importance of perseverance.</p> <p>Maths: learning about how to compose numbers 1-5.</p> <p>UTW: exploring constellations</p> | <p>Phonics- Basics 4 Group 4- CCVC words</p> <p>English- Newspaper reports</p> <p>Maths- Money</p> <p>Geography- Sketch maps</p> <p>History- Wantage in different time periods</p> <p>Art- Recreating artwork by Piet Mondrian</p> | <p>English - Writing an eyewitness account about the Great Fire of London</p> <p>Maths - Column addition and column subtraction with two 2-digit numbers</p> <p>Science - How properties of materials are used to decide what materials are used for an object</p> <p>History - Firefighters in the past and now</p> <p>Art - Claude Monet's water lillies</p> <p>RE - The Christmas story</p> | <p>English - plan our innovative journey narrative and write our own journey narratives</p> <p>Maths - sharing and grouping, multiply and divide by 3 and answer word problems using the 3 times tables.</p> <p>RE - Focus on Christmas and how and why Christians celebrate it.</p> <p>PSHE - continue looking at bullying.</p> <p>Art - Looking at using different sketching pencils.</p> <p>Science - Magnets and magnetic materials.</p> | <p>Spellings – Year 4 Statutory Spellings</p> <p>English – Plan, Write, Edit the Battle of Beowulf</p> <p>Maths – Multiplication/ Division Guided Reading – Tom's Sausage Lions</p> <p>Art – Shading/Hues Science – Sounds</p> <p>DT – Building Processes Computing – Coding/Typing</p> <p>PHSE – Recognising similarities/differences between myself and others</p> <p>PE – Netball</p> <p>Spanish – Animals (singular to plural)</p> <p>History – The Battle of Hastings</p> | <p>English - Continuing with persuasive letter writing</p> <p>Maths - Finishing multiples and beginning Fractions</p> <p>History - Egypt - Primary and secondary sources</p> <p>Spellings - Hyphenated words</p> <p>Computing - Coding and Scratch.</p> <p>Spanish - Learning the names for parts of the bodies</p> <p>Swimming and Ukulele</p> | <p>English: Understand the features and structure of a persuasive letter.</p> <p>Maths: Multiply and divide fractions.</p> <p>Science: Draw and label to show how shadows are formed.</p> <p>PSHE: Explain power struggles and understand why some people may bully.</p> |

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to Freyja (Nursery), Indie and Ophelia (Reception), Sofia and Elsie (Year 1), Reuben and Luisaidh (Year 2)

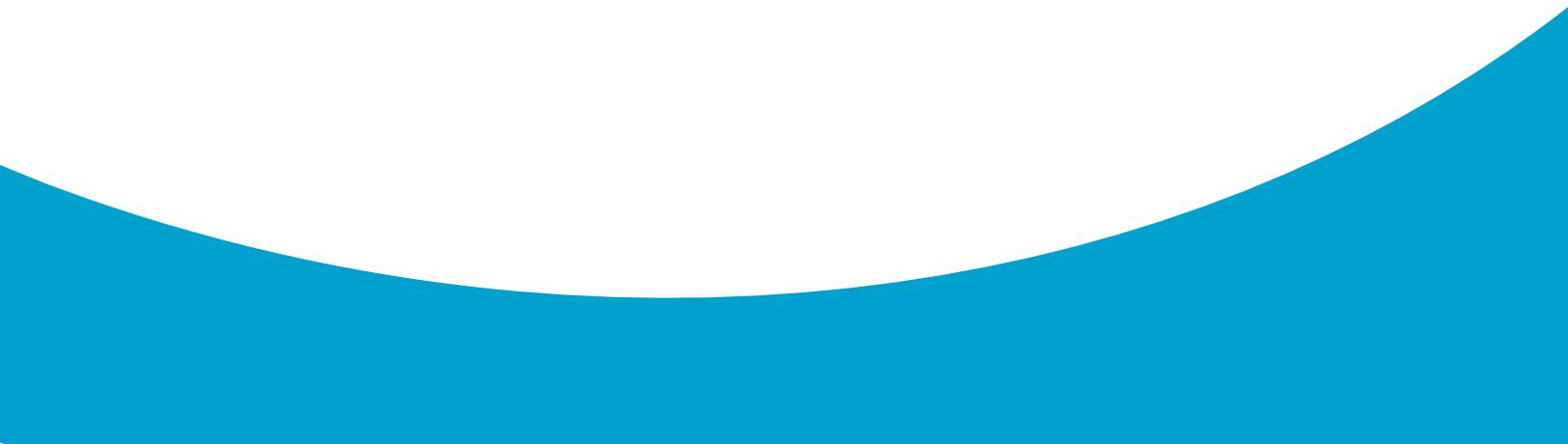
Emmi (Year 6), Jay (Year 5), Audrey (Year 4) and Josh (Year 3) for your amazing hard work and being in the celebration assembly before half term!



## Fortnightly newsletter

Please note that the next newsletter will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Newsletters will be sent out fortnightly from then on. Any information that we need to share with you between newsletters will be communicated via email as we currently do.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Robinson  
Principal



Correct at time of entry, subject to change

More dates will be added during the year, including:

- Interschools partnerships
- Additional visits and workshops
- Community events
- Coffee mornings

| <u>Date</u>                                      | <u>Who?</u>                                 | <u>Event</u>   |
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| September 2 <sup>nd</sup>                        | All Staff                                   | <b>INSET day all staff in school</b><br>No pupils in school  |
| September 3 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Children                                    | All children from Year 1 – Year 6 start school 8:40 – 3:30<br>Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon)<br>Nursery stay n play sessions |
| September 4 <sup>th</sup>                        | Reception and Nursery                       | Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon)<br>Nursery stay n play sessions   |
| September 5 <sup>th</sup>                        | Children                                    | Reception start full time<br>Nursery sessions start full time  |
| September 16 <sup>th</sup> –<br>20 <sup>th</sup> | All children                                | NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe week   |
| September 18 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 4 and 6                                | Climate and Art Exhibition   |
| September 18 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 5 parents                              | Meeting to discuss Year 5 Residential Trip and finalise forms  |
| September 23 <sup>rd</sup> –<br>25 <sup>th</sup> | Year 5 children                             | Year 5 Residential Trip  |
| September 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | KS1 – Year 1 and 2<br>parents               | Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4.30pm  |
| September 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | KS2 – Year 3, 4, 5 and<br>6 parents         | Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4.30pm  |
| September 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | Reception parents                           | Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8.45am   |
| September 26 <sup>th</sup>                       | All children                                | European Day of Languages  |
| September 30 <sup>th</sup><br>TBC                | Parents                                     | FoWPA 6.30pm AGM   |
| September 30 <sup>th</sup>                       | KS1 - Year 1 and 2<br>parents               | Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 3:45pm  |
| October 1 <sup>st</sup>                          | KS2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and<br>6 parents         | Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 3:45pm  |
| October 2 <sup>nd</sup>                          | Reception parents                           | Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8.50am   |
| September Date TBC                               | Everyone (including the<br>local community) | Kingsgrove community day   |
| October 3 <sup>rd</sup>                          | All children                                | National Poetry Day  |
| October 4 <sup>th</sup>                          | All staff                                   | <b>INSET day all staff in school</b><br>No pupils in school  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October                          | All pupils (including<br>Nursery)           | Individual and sibling photographs – Braiswick photography   |
| October 17 <sup>th</sup>                         | Parents of SEND pupils                      | SEND coffee morning – a chance to get together, meet the SENDCO and meet other<br>parents of pupils with SEND, 8:45am                            |
| October 16 <sup>th</sup>                         | Reception – Year 6                          | October Flu Immunisation   |

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| October 15 <sup>th</sup><br>8:50 – 9:20                       | KS1 (Years 1 and 2)                              | Harvest festival assembly and classroom learning exhibitions – Open morning visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff.  |
| October 16 <sup>th</sup><br>8:50 – 9:20                       | KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6)                              | Harvest festival assembly and classroom learning exhibitions – Open morning visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff.  |
| October 16 <sup>th</sup> 3pm                                  | Reception  | Open afternoon visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff. 3pm – 3:25pm  |
| October 24 <sup>th</sup>                                      | Year 3 pupils                                    | Stone Age to Iron Age workshop   |
| October 25 <sup>th</sup>                                      | All pupils                                       | End of term. Normal times of day   |
| November 4 <sup>th</sup>                                      | All  | Autumn 2 term resumes 8:40am start   |
| November for 6 weeks  | Year 5 pupils                                    | Year 5 Swimming lessons  |
| November 7 <sup>th</sup>                                      | All  | Autumn reports out to parents  |
| November 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>                  | All  | Anti-Bullying week.  |
| November Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> | Parents  | Parents' evening meetings & Book Fair  |
| November 12 <sup>th</sup>                                     | All pupils                                       | Odd Sock Day   |
| November 12 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> December         | Year 5   | Year 5 Swimming - This will start on Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November and run for 6 weeks (with the last session being Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December).  |
| November 14 <sup>th</sup> at 9.30am and 2.30pm                | New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort | Open day visits for prospective parents  |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>                                     | All children                                     | Children in Need   |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Nursery and Reception pupils                     | Diwali assembly  |
| November 20 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Year 2   | Fire Service visit   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November at 9.30am and 2.30pm                | New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort | Open day visits for prospective parents  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November                                     | Parents  | Family and Community Coffee morning for all parents  |
| November 28 <sup>th</sup>                                     | All community                                    | Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing   |
| December 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                      | All School                                       | In school pantomime Cinderella   |
| December 11 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Year 3 pupils                                    | Stone Age to Iron Age event  |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup>                                     | All children and staff                           | Christmas jumper day (normal uniform to be worn with a Christmas/ festive jumper). Proceeds to go to Save the Children   |
| December 12 <sup>th</sup> 2:45pm                              | Nursery and Reception parents                    | EYFS Christmas performance 2:45pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December.<br>(FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)<br>For those nursery children who only attend mornings, parents are welcome to bring children in with them at 2:45 pm to join. |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup> 2:45pm                              | Nursery and Reception parents                    | EYFS Christmas performance 2:45pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December.<br>(FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)<br>For those nursery children who only attend mornings, parents are welcome to bring children in with them at 2:45 pm to join. |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Year 1 and 2 parents                             | KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm & 5:00pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December<br>(FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)   |
| December 18 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Christmas dinner Reception – Year 6 pupils       | Christmas dinner   |
| December 19 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Nursery  | Last day for Nursery sessions  |

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| December 20 <sup>th</sup>  | KS2 parents                         | Year 3,4,5,6 join us for a Christmas carol concert 11:15am - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December<br>(FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)  |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup>  | All school-age pupils               | School closes at 12 noon today. Gates will open at 11:50am. (last Nursery Day is 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec)<br>Christmas holidays   |
| January 6 <sup>th</sup>  | All                                 | Staff INSET day. School closed to parents and pupils.  |
| January 7 <sup>th</sup>  | All                                 | Term 3 (Spring 1) begins for all 8:40am for all  |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup>   | All                                 | World Religion Day<br>A chance for all to learn and share each other's faiths, religions and cultures.<br>Parents welcome to come in and share with children                                 |
| January 29 <sup>th</sup> Date TBC                                | Year 5                              | Provisional date for trip – details to be confirmed  |
| February 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Parents                             | Coffee morning (theme to be decided)– a chance to get together, meet some of the team and meet other parents of pupils at WPA, 8:45am in hall  |
| February 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 4                              | Trip to Oxford Science Centre  |
| February 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>                       | All                                 | Children's Mental Health week  |
| February 11 <sup>th</sup>  | All children                        | Safer internet day   |
| February (Date TBC)  | KS1                                 | Science Workshop   |
| February 14 <sup>th</sup>  | All children                        | End of term. Normal 3:30pm finish  |
| February 24 <sup>th</sup>  | All children                        | Start of term. 8:40am start for all.   |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Choir                               | Birmingham NEC - Young Voices  |
| March 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup><br>March 6 <sup>th</sup> | All children                        | World Book Week all week<br>World Book Day 6 <sup>th</sup> March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops TBC)  |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup>   | All children                        | Author - World Book Day visit  |
| March (date TBC)   | Year 1                              | Provisional date for Cotswold Wildlife Park trip   |
| March (date to be confirmed)                                     | Reception                           | Reception Farm trip  |
| March 7 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>                         | All children                        | British Science week (activities across the school)  |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>   | All parents                         | Mid-year reports out to parents  |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>                        | All parents                         | Parents' evening appointments  |
| April 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Nursery                             | Last Nursery session for this term   |
| April 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Whole school                        | End of term. Term ends at 12pm. No Nursery sessions. Easter Holidays   |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup>   | All                                 | EASTER BANK HOLIDAY<br>School Closed to all staff and students   |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | All                                 | Term 4 (Summer 1) begins for all 8:40am for all  |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Year 6 parents                      | Year 6 SATs meeting<br>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  |
| May 5 <sup>th</sup>  | All                                 | MAY BANK HOLIDAY<br>School Closed to all staff and students  |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>                          | Year 6 pupils                       | SATS assessments – end of KS2  |
| May (date TBC)   | Choir                               | Big Summer Sing 2- 6pm   |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 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 |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Year 3, 4, 5, 6                     | Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm  |
| May 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Reception, Y1 and Y2                | Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm  |

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| May 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                | All  | Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm  |
| June 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                | All  | Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am   |
| June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (2 weeks)                      | Year 4   | Multiplication tables check  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> June (date TBC)                     | Nursery – Year 6                                 | Tennis Roadshow  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June             | Year 1 pupils                                    | Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June                               | All  | The Great Science Share  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> | Year 6 children                                  | Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London   |
| June (Date TBC)                                     | Choir  | Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)  |
| June 19 <sup>th</sup> (date TBC)                    | Reception  | Oxford Museums History of Seasides workshop  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> June (date TBC)                    | Year 4   | Rivers visit - Letcombe Brooke for a Willow Walk trip and river dipping. Parent car drivers and helpers needed. <b>Free</b>            |
| June/ July (date TBC)                               | All  | School Fete - FoWPA  |
| July (Date TBC)                                     | School age pupils                                | Assembly on Eid  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                                | All sch children – (R-Y6) including new 2025 chn | Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes  |
| July 7 <sup>th</sup>                                | All  | End of Year reports out to parents   |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup> 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<br>Stay n play sessions  |
| July (Date TBC)                                     | Year 6   | Leavers' performance<br>Leavers' ceremony  |
| July 16 <sup>th</sup>                               | Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5               | WPA Summer Performance<br>Afternoon and Evening performance  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Nursery  | Last Nursery session and then end of term until September  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> July                               | All  | Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July 22 <sup>nd</sup> July         | Staff  | Staff INSET<br>School closed to pupils   |