

Principal: Mrs Robinson **WPA's Newsletter** 13th September 2024

Dear WPA parents,

Another week has flown by, and the children have yet again astounded us with their amazing attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. Our value this half term is 'Respect and Friendship' and the children have been showing this in abundance through their interactions with one another and in their compassion and understanding for the needs of others. Their beautiful behaviour makes all the staff here feel so proud.



NSPCC – Keeping Safe



Next week is all about 'Safety'. In our assemblies and PSHE lessons next week, we will be discussing how to keep safe, specifically focusing on the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." Children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for: **P**rivates are private; **A**lways remember your body belongs to you; **N**o means no; **T**alk about secrets that upset you; **S**peak up, someone can help. The discussions will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. So, if your children come home next week discussing PANTS, please do not be concerned! Engage with the discussion and feel free to share the resources from the NSPCC website.

In addition to this, I am pleased to tell you that we will be participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. online* programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. *Speak out Stay safe* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, to a trusted adult. In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website:

www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

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

Date	Who?	Event
September 16 th – 20 th	All children	NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe week
September 18 th	Year 5 parents	Meeting to discuss Year 5 Residential Trip and finalise forms
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September 24 th	KS2 – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 25 th	Reception parents	Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8:45am
Sept 26 th	All children	European day of Languages
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NSPCC

You may also like to visit the NSPCC [Online Safety Hub](#) where you will find advice and information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. You will also find online information for families of children with additional needs and disabilities. The NSPCC have worked with parents and carers to create activities to help talk about online safety www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send.

Childline also have a website with age-appropriate advice for primary school children. It has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

In school learning and homework

A reminder that you can find information about what your child is learning on our website. Please visit <https://www.wantageprimaryacademy.org.uk/childrens-termly-learning-overviews/> to see termly learning overviews for each class.

This week, children also received their first homework assignments. These were sent via Google Classroom. Please let us know if you have any problems accessing the homework and we will be happy to provide you with a paper copy while the issue is resolved.

Secondary School Transfer

This is another reminder that the window for secondary school applications for Year 6 pupils is open. The deadline to submit an application is 31 October 2024. National Offer Day for Year 7 is 3 March 2025. If you miss the deadline, your application will be processed later in the year, making you less likely to secure a place at a preferred school.

[Year 7 - secondary school applications | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Year 5 Residential Trip Meeting

With Year 5's exciting residential trip just around the corner, parents are invited to join us at 4pm on Wednesday 18th September for a meeting about the trip. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the trip, receive reminders about what you need to do to prepare your child and for you to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you!

Year 4 and Year 6 Climate and Art Exhibition

On Wednesday 18th September, years 4 and 6 will visit the Vale and Downland Museum to view their artwork on display. We hope they have a fabulous time and we look forward to sharing photos from the trip with you next week!

Celebration Assembly

Well done to Holly (Year 3), Oscar (Year 5), Fletcher (Year 6), Amaanah (Year 4), Emilia (Year 2), Primrose (Year 1), Ellaria (Year 1) and Savannah (Year 2).



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
<p>EAD: Painting matching socks</p> <p>EAD: Using playdough to create different facial expressions</p> <p>Lit: Drawing pictures of what makes us happy, sad and excited Going on listening walks to see what we can hear around school</p> <p>Maths: Finding matching buttons and playing picky pairs games, finding matching socks and peg them onto the washing line</p> <p>UTW: Playing whole class games to help children learn others' names</p>	<p>Phonics: Oral segmenting and blending</p> <p>Literacy: Reading The Colour Monster, discussing how to manage our big emotions (links with PSED and C&L)</p> <p>Maths: Discussing similarities and differences, recognising 'matches'</p> <p>EAD: Creating our own colour monsters</p>	<p>English: The Secret Sky Garden book - setting descriptions</p> <p>Maths: Ordering numbers, counting on a number line, numbers as words</p> <p>Phonics: Basics 3, Group 3 - ch, sh, th, ng</p> <p>History: Chronology-ordering photographs of buildings in Wantage</p> <p>Science: Describing the properties of a variety of materials.</p> <p>PSHE: How to make our class a safe place for everybody to learn</p> <p>Spanish: Saying hello and goodbye in Spanish</p> <p>Computing: Online safety</p>	<p>English The features of a traditional tale and an introduction to 'Red and the City'</p> <p>Maths: Numbers to 100 in different representations</p> <p>Science: Comparing and contrasting weather and day length across the four seasons</p> <p>Geography: Weather in the UK and seasonal changes</p> <p>Computing: Online safety</p> <p>Art: Exploring blending and lines with pencil, oil pastels, pastels and chalk</p> <p>MFL: Greeting another person appropriately in Spanish</p>	<p>English: planning and writing a first-person narrative</p> <p>Maths: ordering and comparing numbers to 100</p> <p>Spelling: using apostrophes for contraction</p> <p>Science: formation of rocks</p> <p>History: Key features of the Stone age in more detail.</p> <p>Art: exploring hatching and cross hatching</p>	<p>Maths: Place Value Comparing to 1,000</p> <p>Grammar: Irregular past tense verbs</p> <p>English: Plan, write, and edit a character description about Arthur from 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'</p> <p>Spelling: Consolidation of the year 3 and year 4 spellings</p> <p>PSHE: To think about everyone's right to learn</p> <p>Science: Sates of matter and the effect of heating and cooling</p> <p>RE: Buddhism</p> <p>History: Viking life</p> <p>Art: Creating tone through shading</p>	<p>Maths: Place value, comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,00</p> <p>English: Exploring explanation texts</p> <p>Spelling: words with silent letters</p> <p>PSHE: Learning about being a citizen in a wider community</p> <p>Science: Material properties and changes</p> <p>RE: Sikhism and how Sikhs practice their religion</p> <p>History: Ancient Egypt</p> <p>Art: Exploring drawing and mark making inspired by architecture</p> <p>Spanish: recognising numbers to 100</p>	<p>Phonics: 'able' words</p> <p>English: Writing the introduction, build up, dilemma, resolution for a myth</p> <p>Maths: Negative numbers, place value reasoning and problem solving questions, place value consolidation, add and subtract integers and common factors</p> <p>History: Know about Greek democracy</p> <p>Science: Making and drawing circuits</p> <p>Spanish: Saying what there is and is not in a town</p>

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>
September 2 nd	All Staff	INSET day all staff in school No pupils in school
September 3 rd	Children	All children from Year 1 – Year 6 start school 8:40 – 3:30 Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon) Nursery stay n play sessions
September 4 th	Reception and Nursery	Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon) Nursery stay n play sessions
September 5 th	Children	Reception start full time Nursery sessions start full time
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October (date TBC)	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age workshop
October 25 th	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day
November 4 th	All	Autumn 2 term resumes 8:40am start
November for 6 weeks	Year 5 pupils	Year 5 Swimming lessons
November 6 th	Reception parents	3pm – 3:30pm Parents of existing Reception WPA children – Open session – a chance to visit child's classroom and see their learning
November 7 th	All	Autumn reports out to parents
November 11 th – 15 th	All	Anit-Bullying week.
November Tues 12 th and Wednesday 13 th	Parents	Parents' evening meetings
November 10 th	Nursery and Reception pupils	Diwali workshop EYFS Diwali assembly (all year groups)
November 12 th – 17 th December	Year 5	Year 5 Swimming - This will start on Tuesday 12 th November and run for 6 weeks (with the last session being Tuesday 17 th December).
November 13 th (date TBC)	Year 2	Fire Service visit
November 13 th – 17 th	All	Anti-bullying week
November 14 th at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
November 15 th	All children	Children in Need
November 18 th	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
21 st November at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
21 st November	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age trip
29 th November	Parents	Coffee morning for all parents. Come to the hall for a brief presentation (subject matter to be circulated nearer the time) and a cuppa and a chat with other parents
November 29 th (date TBC)	All community	Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing
December 12 th	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 th	Reception parents	Reception Christmas performance 2:45pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December. (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)
December 13 th 3pm	Nursery parents	Nursery Christmas concert for parents at 3pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December For those children who only attend mornings, parents are welcome to bring children in with them at 3pm to join.
December 17 th	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)
December - date to be confirmed	Christmas dinner Reception – Year 6 pupils	Christmas dinner
December 19 th	Nursery	Last day for Nursery sessions
December 20 th	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 (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)

December 20 th	All school-age pupils	School closes at 12 noon today. Gates will open at 11:50am. (last Nursery day is 19 th Dec) Christmas holidays
January 6 th	All	Staff INSET day. School closed to parents and pupils.
January 7 th	All	Term 3 (Spring 1) begins for all 8:40am for all
January 20 th	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
January 29 th Date TBC	Year 5	Provisional date for trip – details to be confirmed
February 10 th	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 (Date TBC)	Year 4	Trip to Oxford Science Centre
February 3 rd – 9 th	All	Children's Mental Health week
February 11 th	All children	Safer internet day
February (Date TBC)	KS1	Science Workshop
February 14 th	All children	End of term. Normal 3:30pm finish
February 24 th	All children	Start of term. 8:40am start for all.
February 27 th	Choir	Birmingham NEC - Young Voices
March 3 rd – 7 th March 6 th	All children	World Book Week all week World Book Day 6 th March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops TBC)
March 11 th	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 th – 16 th	All children	British Science week (activities across the school)
March 20 th	All parents	Mid-year reports out to parents
March 25 th – 26 th	All parents	Parents' evening appointments
April 3 rd	Nursery	Last Nursery session for this term
April 4 th	Whole school	End of term. Term ends at 12pm. No Nursery sessions. Easter Holidays
April 21 st	All	EASTER BANK HOLIDAY School Closed to all staff and students
April 22 nd	All	Term 4 (Summer 1) begins for all 8:40am for all
May 2 nd	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
May 5 th	All	MAY BANK HOLIDAY School Closed to all staff and students
May 12 th – 15 th	Year 6 pupils	SATS assessments – end of KS2
May (date TBC)	Choir	Big Summer Sing 2- 6pm
May 19 th	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 nd	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 rd	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 rd	All	Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm
June 2 nd	All	Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am
June 2 nd (2 weeks)	Year 4	Multiplication tables check

4 th June (date TBC)	Nursery – Year 6	Tennis Roadshow
9 th – 13 th June	Year 1 pupils	Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time
11 th June	All	The Great Science Share
Monday 16 th – Thursday 19 th	Year 6 children	Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London
June (Date TBC)	Choir	Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)
June 19 th (date TBC)	Reception	Oxford Museums History of Seasides workshop
23 rd 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 age pupils	Assembly on Eid
3 rd July	All sch children – (R-Y6) including new 2025 chn	Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes
July 7 th	All	End of Year reports out to parents
July 10 th 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
July 16 th	Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5	WPA Summer Performance Afternoon and Evening performance
17 th July	Nursery	Last Nursery session and then end of term until September
18 th July	All	Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.
21 st July 22 nd July	Staff	Staff INSET School closed to pupils

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robinson

Principal