



# West Wycombe Combined School

## Newsletter

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy few weeks at West Wycombe School! We had a wonderful May Fair, which was timed almost perfectly before the rain arrived. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout.

We recently won the Year 2 Football Tournament, for the second year in a row! It seems like we are on a roll! Thank you, as always, to Miss Piercy for organising the games and doing such a great job with the teams.

We are also pleased to share we have 19 children on our admissions list so far for September for Reception class, despite it being a low birth year. I am pleased that so many families will be joining the school for the next academic year.

Our KS2 SATs are now completed and we have begun our KS1 SATs now. Please make sure that, if your **child is in Y2, they attend school on time next week**, as it disrupts the whole class up if they arrive late. We know it is not easy for the children to face formal assessments, but we know they will make us proud by just doing their best.

Half term is rapidly approaching. We hope all of our families have a wonderful break, before we begin the last half term of the year.

Best wishes,

Ms A Preston  
Headteacher



### Staffing News

We are sorry to say Miss Murray will be leaving us at the end of this school year. She has decided to do a bit of supply, to get some more experience, before heading home to Australia at the end of the year. We will be recruiting for a replacement over the next few weeks.

Mrs Wynne, a temporary teacher, will be joining us to cover the maternity leave for the last half term in Y4. She is an experienced teacher, who has a passion for art and history, and she is looking forward to working with us. She will be with us on 24 & 25 May to meet the children.

### Y6 SATs

I would like to say a big well done to the Y6s for completing their SATs this week. It is never easy to do so many assessments but their positive attitudes have meant they have made us all very proud. Well done Y6!



### Mufti Day

The PTA are holding a mufti day to support the Summer Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> July. They have asked that children bring in cake donations this year instead of bottles. Please bring in what you can on the day, to help us raise more funds for the school.

# MUFTI DAY

### May Fair

Thank you to the PTA for arranging a fantastic May Fair. It was wonderful to see so many people attend. Thank you to the staff for helping on the stands also. The May **Fair raised £1377!** Well done everyone!

Following the ‘Guess the Teacher’ stall (answers to which are attached), the following children will be Headteacher for the Day:

Lily Bilton  
Rosie Bilton  
Jack Lacey



### Club Pickup

Please remember that **pick up time for after school clubs is at 4.15pm**. We would appreciate parents collecting the children on time, to avoid staff having to stay on past their contracted hours (which is happening on a regular basis).

For wrap around care, there is a new padlock, with a code on, on the front gate for you to use when picking up and dropping off. Friends at Play will give you the code to access it.

## Safeguarding

### Online safety: YouTube restricted mode

The UK Safer Internet Centre has blogged a parent's guide to YouTube restricted mode. It covers what restricted mode is, how it works, and how it can be implemented. Advice includes: giving children strategies to deal with unwanted content; exploring further settings, such as disabling the autoplay feature to ensure no unwanted videos automatically start playing; and enabling filtering systems.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parent%E2%80%99s-guide-youtube-restricted-mode>



## Half Term

Next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, we break up for half term. Children will finish at their usual time. The school reopens on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at 8.30am.



## Parking

Please remember that parents are not allowed to drive the children to the school directly in the mornings. All parents must park at the Garden Centre and walk the children across. It is not safe to have parents driving up the hill to the school directly. This will be monitored carefully, as it is not fair that most parents follow the policy, but one or two continue to break the rules.

## Dates for your diary

21 May Olympic Speaker workshops  
23 May Headteacher's breakfast  
24 May Y6 Hazard Alley  
25 May Platinum reward time  
Sports sponsorship money due in

### Half term

5 June Children back to school  
7 June Vision screening – Reception class  
11 June PGL residential – Y6  
Phonics testing week Y1  
19 June am -Y4 football tournament – Cressex  
3 July Transition day  
6 July Mufti Day – cake donations for Summer Fair  
18 July Y2 trip to Ruislip Lido  
20 July Y6 leavers Disco

## Attendance

for the year so far!

Reception-95.8 %

Year 1- 93.5 %

Year 2- 94.0 %

Year 3- 93.8 %

Year 4 – 96.3 % 🌟

Year 5 – 95.7 %

Year 6 – 96.4 % 🌟

Well done children – our attendance is improving.

Keep up the good work!

## Dates for Academic Year 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018	
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Thursday 6 September – Friday 19 October
<i>Half term</i>	22 October – 28 October
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 29 October – Wednesday 19 December
<i>End of term</i>	19 December – 2 January 2019
Spring Term 2019	
<b>Spring 1</b>	Thursday 3 January – Friday 15 February
<i>Half Term</i>	18 February - 24 February
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 25 February – Friday 5 April
<i>End of term</i>	8 April – 19 April
Summer Term 2019	
<b>Summer 1</b>	Wednesday 24 April – Friday 24 May
<i>Half Term</i>	27 May- 2 June
<b>Summer 2</b>	Tuesday 4 June – Wednesday 24 July

**Insets:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## Academic Dates

### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Inset days:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018