



Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th November 2025

EYFS children enjoying the visit from Maidenhead Fire Service

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our second term. We all hope that you had a good half term break and to those of you who went away in the holiday rather than term time, thank you. Children have come back this week refreshed and ready to learn. They have enjoyed getting stuck in to their new topics and books for Reading and Writing. Do remember that children will need to bring coats to school now that the weather is starting to get colder.

Over the half term break, Mr Dalziel has been busy with some jobs around the site, which has included removing some broken planters. Fortunately, we have some fabulous new benches on the Key Stage 1 playground for pupils to sit at whilst they have their snack. We are ever grateful to the PTA for funding the four benches at a total of just under £2,000. The benches are made of recyclable polyethylene so provide longevity requiring minimal maintenance. They also help us to support environmental sustainability and helps teach children about the importance of recycling and environmental responsibility.

Whilst the end of last term seems like a dim and distant memory, a total of £385 was raised from the Break the Rules fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event and adhered to the rules relating to costumes.

We also had our harvest festival goods collected by Maidenhead foodshare who sent the following message of thanks:

We wish to say a big thank-you for the harvest festival donations we collected recently. This year is proving challenging for Foodshare; the high cost-of-living has resulted in a significant reduction in donations of food items from the public, while at the same time the demand for help continues to rise. In this situation the kind support received once again from Wessex Primary School is especially valuable to the charity, and enables us to go on providing much-needed help on a large scale.

Thank you to everyone who contributed for caring about those in our community who are in need of a helping hand.

We also had our Talent Show right before the half term break. There were so many wonderful acts demonstrating so much talent and therefore congratulations should go to all acts who entered. We have four acts going through to the local final at Furze Platt theatre on 22nd November. Congratulations to Fynn (magic), Nola and Emma (gymnastics), Xanthe (singing) and Imogen and Talia (singing). We look forward to updating you after the final.

EYFS pupils got a wonderful surprise when Maidenhead Fire Station brought one of their fire engines to school to teach the children all about keeping safe. The EYFS staff enjoyed seeing the children learn all about how the fire and rescue service support people.

Next week sees us celebrate Anti-Bullying week and also Children in Need - more info on page 2.

Mr Beavan



Quotes of the week

Best learning this term so far ...

"I enjoyed reading my new book" Torvi, Reception

"I enjoyed making computer designs" Medi, Year 2

"My favourite thing was getting Teddie to take home for the weekend" Ellis, Year 1

"I liked English because we got to create posters and do lots of writing" Jude, Year 2

"I loved DT as we did sewing because we were learning how to do cross stitch. It was hard but I loved it" Leo, Year 3

"I liked PE as we are focusing on footwork and we also played tag rugby" Isabella, Year 3

"I liked DT since we got make cool lightbulbs" Jackson, Year 4

"I really enjoyed PE as we did gymnastics and I was really good at it" Jaïda, Year 5



Diary dates coming up



Monday 10th November

Antibullying week - odd sock day

Wednesday 12th November

Bags2Schools collection - see email for information

Friday 14th November

Children in Need - wear something spotty

Y2 Lego Workshop

Tuesday 18th November

Y6 Height & Weight Measurement with the School Nursing Team

Parent Consultation Meetings - 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Wednesday 19th November

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Saturday 22nd November

Maidenhead Lions Talent Show

Good News Certificates



FS2: Elspeth and Theo

Year 1: Ivy-Blue and Evie

Year 2: George PW and Ava

Year 3: Henry and Delilah

Year 4: Finley and Abigail

Year 5: Daniel and Jamie

Year 6: Tanaaya and Oliver S

Attendance

Lower School: Alder, Beech & Birch **TRIPLE** winners with 100%

Upper School: Holly winners with 99.4

School attendance this week

97%



Last week = 94%
Last year average = 94.9%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



We looked at the theme of Celebrating Difference in assembly this week as this will be the focus for our PSHE lessons this upcoming term. We talked about differences you can see and differences that you can't. We linked our values of pride and respect alongside the British values of Tolerance and Respect too to demonstrate how we can all celebrate being unique.

Anti-bullying week

Next week sees us celebrate Anti-Bullying week. To kick off the week, we are encouraging all children and adults to wear odd socks to show that it's ok to be different. This links very nicely with our school value theme this week and our Character trait focus also. Therefore, pupils can come to school wearing odd socks **next Monday 10th November**.

Children in Need

Next Friday is Children in Need. We will be celebrating at school by looking at what Children in Need is and how the charity supports individual children. Pupils may wear something spotty in exchange for a donation to go to Children in Need. We will have buckets on the way in and out of school plus teachers will collect in their classrooms too.

PTA discos

The PTA is busy preparing for the school discos coming up right at the end of term in December. It promises to be a fabulous event so do start buying those tickets:

Date:

Thursday 18th December 2025

Timings:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Year 3 & Year 4, 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Year 5 & Year 6, 6pm - 7.15pm

The cost of a ticket is £5.50 for EYFS and Year 5&6 discos and £5 for the Year 3&4 disco as EYFS get water or a fruit shoot and a small bag of sweets to take home whilst the Year 5 and 6 disco is slightly longer.

Our thanks as ever to Faye, Mairi and the team!

Character Curriculum

As we have been looking at Celebrating Differences this week in assembly - and with Anti Bullying week next week, we thought that reminding children about not giving in to peer pressure was a good theme to have.

Managing peer pressure



- Know that not everything your friends say or do is always the right thing
- Recognise that what your friends may say or do is not right.
- Sometimes it is hard to stand up to your friends and say no.
- Speak to an adult who can help.



Wessex PTA Christmas Discos

Thursday 18th December 2025
Upper School Hall

TIMINGS:

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2 - 3:30 - 4:30

YEAR 3 & 4 - 4:45 - 5:45

YEAR 5 & 6 - 6:00 - 7:15

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON ARBOR



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