



# Wessex Weekly

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November 2025

Children starting off Anti-Bullying week with Odd Socks Day

### Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week it has been in school with lots to report on that shows Wessex children at their finest. I must start with the Remembrance event that we held on Tuesday which many parents attended. Wessex is the only primary school I have known to hold such an event and I am incredibly proud of the fact that we are able to come together as a school community alongside Rev. Joan to remember and reflect upon all those who have served and continue to serve to keep us safe. Year 6 Leaders supported our younger pupils so well, Aaron and Freda read our chosen poems with solemnity and respect and our two minute silence was observed impeccably. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended too.



Year 5 and 6 took part in a whole day of workshops entitled "Prison Me No Way" on Monday. The aim of the day was to prepare children for challenges of the modern-day in an interactive way whilst also ensuring their well-being and safety is protected. These days also help children prepare for the step up towards secondary education with increased confidence and accurate knowledge better able to understand, react appropriately and protect themselves during the transition period. There was a focus on why we have rules, laws and justice, the role of the courts, police and prisons and area relevant sessions covering for example county lines, Child exploitation, knife crime, railway safety, road safety, drugs, hate crime, alcohol abuse, young victims, domestic abuse, mental health, tagging, bullying, staying safe on and offline and in the home and street life. Children were complimented on their engagement in the day.



This week, of course, was Anti-Bullying week, which allowed each class the time to focus even more so on why it is so important to be kind to each other. Year groups chose to focus on a variety of themes and you can read all about those throughout the rest of the newsletter.

Odd Socks Day was the perfect way to kick off our Anti-Bullying Week! The playground was full of colour and creativity as children and staff proudly wore mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and remind us that it's okay to be different. This fun start set the tone for a week of activities focused on kindness, respect, and standing together against bullying.

For Children in Need today we have raised £322.13, thank you all very much for donating.  
**Mr Beavan**

### Quotes of the week

Prison Me No Way comments...

"They brought a van with a prison cell inside which we got to go in, it was really cool but I wouldn't want to spend long in there!" Thomas, Pine class

"I enjoyed it in assembly when we had to stand up or sit down on whether you thought certain actions were legal or illegal" Theo, Yew class

"We got to see what prison was like and what you had to do. It was interesting to learn that it takes a train the length of 20 football pitches to stop" Jacob, Yew class

"It was very informative because I learnt about some of the laws" Tanaaya, Willow class

"I really enjoyed the GWR workshop as I knew about trains and could share my knowledge" Arran, Willow class

"We saw a prison cell, I didn't like it as it looked very claustrophobic" Ellie, Willow class



# Diary dates coming up



## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Y6 Height & Weight Measurement with the School Nursing Team

Parent Consultation Meetings - 3.30pm to 6.30pm

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Consultation Meetings - 3.30pm to 6.30pm

## Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Maidenhead Lions Talent Show

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Travelling Book Fair

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Y1 to Y6 Share my Learning - 2.45pm to 3.15pm

# Good News Certificates



**FS2:** Aaryan and Torvi

**Year 1:** Holly and Isabella

**Year 2:** Elsie and Sophie

**Year 3:** Cameron and Sebastian R

**Year 4:** George and Nola

**Year 5:** Archie and Amaan

**Year 6:** Riley and Magnus

# Attendance

**Lower School:** Chestnut winners with 100%

**Upper School:** Lime winners with 99.3%

School attendance this week

97.1%



Last week = 97%  
Last year average = 94.9%

Aiming for 97%

# Anti bullying comments

Our Value has been respect linked to Anti-Bullying week.

## Reception

In Early Years we talked about 'What makes a good friend' We talked about what makes us happy when we are playing with our friends and how it makes us feel. We thought about what makes us sad and what we can do or who to tell if someone makes us feel sad.

## Year 1

In Year 1, we learned what defines a bully and the types of bullying in school - unkind acts, physical or emotional, that happen often, are deliberate, and unfair. To promote a Bully-Free School, we created slogans like "We don't Bully!" and designed odd socks for Odd Sock Day to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week.

## Year 2

Year 2 showed their support for Anti-Bullying Week by designing odd socks decorated with ideas for how they would help someone being bullied. Their creative designs were full of thoughtful ways to show kindness and stand up for others.

## Year 3

For Anti-Bullying Week, Year 3 used BBC resources for fun activities. Children completed a wordsearch, discussed respect and kindness, and explored myths and facts - learning that ignoring bullying doesn't stop it. These activities built empathy, awareness, and confidence to respond safely.

## Year 4

Year 4 have talked about the importance of recognising signs of bullying and helping those in need by doing the right thing. All the children have written a pledge and created a class poster. They have also linked their learning to this week's Character Curriculum of helping other people.

## Year 5

This week we explored "The Power of Good," focusing on how small acts of kindness make a big impact. Children created handprints filled with positive qualities and ideas for helping others if they see bullying. These will be displayed as a reminder that together we can build a caring, supportive school community.

## Year 6

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# Character Curriculum

This week's character curriculum was helping people. Anti-Bullying week gave us the opportunity to remind children that being helpful goes a long way.

## Helping other people



- Does the other person need help?
- Can you stop to help them?
- Ask if the other person needs help
- Accept that they may not need help
- Do it because you want to; not for praise, thanks or rewards.



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

# Wessex PTA Christmas Discos

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**







Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December



# christmas dinner

FESTIVE ROAST TURKEY  
or  
VEGETABLE WELLINGTON



WITH ROAST POTATOES,  
SAUSAGE (pork or veggie),  
STUFFING & GRAVY



PEAS  
CARROTS



GINGERBREAD COOKIE



Please book via Arbor by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov



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# THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.

Discover our **FREE** rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting [railsafefriendly.com](http://railsafefriendly.com)



**DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC**



Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 – March 24 on UK railways:

**12**

people died in accidents while trespassing

**58%**

were struck by a train or tram

**42%**

were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

**120+**

companies support the programme

**11,000+**

schools in the UK have engaged

**20,000+**

UK schools still need to be reached



# NETBALL

Furze Platt Leisure Centre

— Every Monday —



4:30PM - 5:25PM

RECEPTION TO YEAR 4

5:30PM - 6:25PM

YEAR 4, 5 & 6

6:30PM - 7:25PM

YEAR 7 & 8

Scan to Book or Visit  
[www.leisurefocus.org.uk](http://www.leisurefocus.org.uk)



**SCAN ME**

**Saturday 13 - Wednesday 24 December 2025**

**Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead**



# Snow White



**£5 OFF YOUR PANTO TICKET!**

Valid for adult and under 16s tickets on Sun 14 Dec (5pm) and Tue 23 Dec (2:30pm). Offer ends Fri 21 Nov 2025.

**CODE: AMSSP-2025**

**Book online at [www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk](http://www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk)**





Information for  
parents and carers

**NHS**

**Berkshire Healthcare**  
NHS Foundation Trust

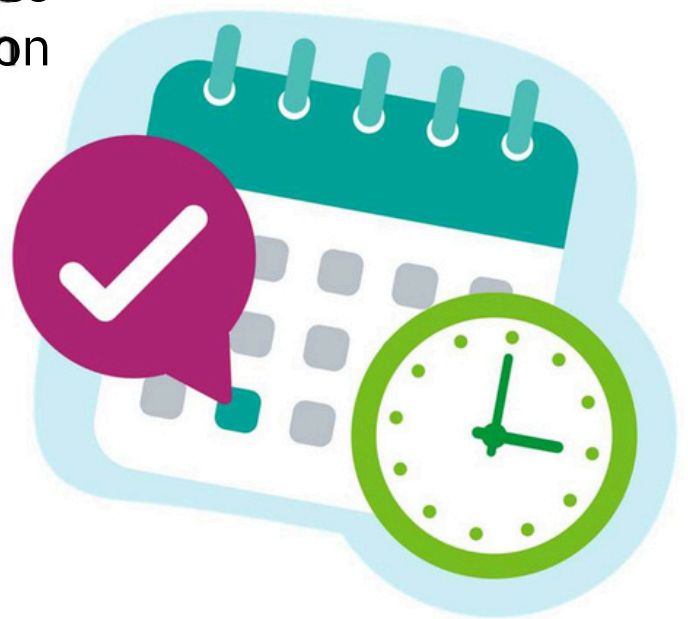
# Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team



Go to the address below to share your views and ideas



[cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback](https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback)