



Year 2 children enjoying their Lego workshop.



Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers



The weather certainly has turned this week. Despite reminders sent out, there are still children arriving at school without a coat. Please do send your children to school with a coat so that we can ensure they can enjoy their playtimes.

Thank you to everyone who came to parents' evening this week. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your children's books and see the learning that has been taking place. We deliberately moved parents evening to be later this year so that teachers had more information to share with you relating to your child's learning. We hope you found this appointment useful. Please email the office with any feedback relating to parents' evenings.

Last Friday, Cherry and Chestnut had a Lego workshop that focused on habitats, which they have been studying in science. The children were able to build animals and habitats from LEGO. They shared their knowledge with the Lego instructor and were able to talk about animals that had become extinct. The creativity was fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was lovely to see the children using their imagination and helping each other to succeed.

You may remember last term's optional homework which Mrs Newman facilitated - that was the 500 word story competition. Our entries have all been sent off to the selection panel and now we wait until the new year to see if any of our stories have been selected. However, we do have one story to celebrate - Aadriti in Year 4 was selected by Mrs Newman as someone who has won our in-school competition. A touching story about how two friends resolved conflict using the phrase hug first, sorry next. It had a lovely moral to it about how seeking advice from others can really help when we are stuck with a problem. Mrs Newman is hoping to circulate Aadriti's story around the classes so other children can hear it.

This weekend sees our Talent Show representatives heading to Furze Platt auditorium to take part in the Maidenhead finals, organised by the Maidenhead Lions. Good luck to Fynn, Xanthe, Imogen, Talia, Nola and Emma! We are sure that you will do Wessex very proud!

Please remember to book your Christmas lunch by next Friday, 28th November.

Mr Beavan



Quotes of the week

Best learning this term so far...

"I liked doing art and crafts this week" Olivia, Reception

"My favourite lesson has been science because we went outside to explore" Milo, Year 2

"My favourite lesson is English because I like writing stories" Jude, Year 2

"I liked Maths this week as we drew pictures when we were learning about 2D & 3D shapes" Aiden, Year 2

"I really liked DT as we made pillows" Joshua, Year 3

"My favourite lesson is Maths because I like doing questions" Greyson, Year 4

"I liked PE this week as we did an obstacle course" Zedan, Year 5

"The fractions in Maths were a challenge this week but I figured it out in the end" Fynn, Year 6



Diary dates coming up



Saturday 22nd November
Maidenhead Lions Talent Show

Monday 1st to Friday 5th December
Travelling Book Fair

Monday 1st December
Y1 to Y6 Share my Learning – 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Wednesday 10th December
FS2 (Reception) Nativity – 9.15am

Thursday 11th December
Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day

Good News Certificates



FS2: Onara and Eric

Year 1: Isla and Lola O

Year 2: Amelie and Vincent

Year 3: Thiago and Shivaay

Year 4: Finley and Emma

Year 5: Anaya and Jackson

Year 6: Kleda and Aanya

Attendance

Lower School: Chestnut winners with 99.4%

Upper School: Larch winners with 99%

School attendance this week

94.5%



Last week = 97.1%
Last year average = 94.9%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



This week's assembly was led by Mrs Pope and was based around The Wessex way. The children were reminded of who can help them achieve The Wessex Way and what they need to be able to do in order to be successful. Children were reminded about how proud we feel when we demonstrate the Wessex Way.

Mini marathon funds

Some of our Year 6 Sports leaders and Active 60 leaders helped choose some playground equipment to be purchased from the money raised from the mini marathon last term. Pupils have chosen table tennis bats, small balls and skipping ropes, which have all arrived and are being used.

Road Safety Week

This week was road safety week. This formed part of our assembly on Monday and pupils have been busy learning about keeping safe on and around roads. Some examples of the types of work completed included looking at the theme of 'Safe Vehicles save lives'. Children looked at presentations, completed quizzes and discussed how children, as passengers, can make cars safer. Then pupils looked at different road signs and designed some signs specifically for children. Don't forget to ask your child what they have been learning about road safety this week.

Year 6 leaders

We haven't yet shared our Leadership team this year so here they are! Pupils have started their various roles around school and helping in assemblies on Fridays with handing out certificates.

House Captains: Abigail, Amber, Kiwi, Summer
Junior Leaders: Maiya, Anah, Arran, Lexi, Freda
Sports Leaders: Zach, Eva, Zayena, Elisa, Ashton, Harlow, Leo, Ariella
Active 60 Leaders: Georgie, Dominic, Isla, Theo
Growth Mindset Ambassadors: Tanaaya, Annabel

Character Curriculum

This week's character curriculum trait was closely linked to The Wessex Way and focused on helping children understand how to respond if someone has been unkind. The aim was to build confidence in making positive choices and reinforce the importance of respect and empathy in everyday interactions.

What to do if someone is unkind to me



- Move away from the situation
- Take time to calm down
- Do not retaliate it makes the problem bigger
- Do not involve friends who may make the situation worse
- Speak with an adult and share what has happened and how you feel
- Let the adult help you reconcile



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

School Tours and Stay & Plays



For pupils starting school in
September 2026

Tour dates 9:15am - 10:30am:

Tuesday 7th October
Tuesday 14th October
Thursday 6th November
Tuesday 11th November
Tuesday 18th November
Tuesday 2nd December

**Stay and Play dates
9:15am - 10:00am:**

Thursday 13th November



Tuesday 25th November



Thursday 8th January



Book via the website



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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

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