



Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th February 2026

Year 6 Junior Leaders did a fantastic job of displaying Headteacher Golden Sticker work in Mr Beavan's office

Dear Parents and Carers



As we come to the end of our penultimate week of the term, we have been celebrating much learning. We have had our second Share my Learning session and also Year 1's sharing assembly.

Thank you to those of you who came along to the **Share my Learning** event on Wednesday this week. It was lovely to see so many people coming in to look at children's work, see the classrooms and learning environment. Children have commented to us about how much they love parents and carers coming in to school and sharing time together discussing their learning. We hope you were pleased with your children's effort with their learning and the amount and quality of work they have been producing.

Year 1 loved their **sharing assembly** yesterday morning. It was the first one of our school year. Children spoke confidently to parents and carers about their learning in English, Art, RE, History, Science and more. We all loved seeing the 3D sculptures and how much you enjoy school - well done Year 1! We look forward to Year 5's assembly next week!

We have been developing two new **policies** which we want to bring to your attention. One is our **Online Safety policy** and the other our **Social Media policy**. Both of these are attached with this newsletter for you to read. You can also find them on our school website. In particular, we would like you to share the acceptable usage agreement for children at home and also make yourself familiar with our parent acceptable usage agreement. Both policies have sections relating to parents and communication so please do have a look at these. If you have any questions about these, please direct them to the school office and we will do our best to answer them.

As part of our **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** journey - see [newsletter](#) from 9th January - we are seeking parent and carers' views on play. We ask you please to complete our survey by following this [link](#) and giving us a baseline parent view before we embark on the project. We shall be sending an official launch letter next week so you have all of the information about the initiative but in the meantime, if you can send us your views, we would very much welcome them.

Pupils across most areas of the school have been busy completing **assessments** in English, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. These assessments give your child a taste of what tests are like but also provide teachers with information about the learning for your child and their class. Parents evening takes place next month and so this will allow you time to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

Calling all singers: Mrs Eves is again offering the chance for a choir of children to perform on the Hexagon stage alongside 400 other children on 15th June 2026. More information is in the attached letter. Sign up by completing this [form](#).

Mr Beavan

Wessex Primary Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Cakes Cookies
Chocolates Tray bakes
Cupcakes Donuts
and so much more!

Friday 13th February
After School

All types of cake donations welcome for the cake stall
Please bring your cakes to the school office on the Friday morning.
Please clearly name any boxes to be returned.

See you there!

Quotes of the week

"I like phonics because it helps me learn" Reya, Year 1

"I liked History as we learn about things in the past" George, Year 2

"I've enjoyed writing a safety brochure" Lexi, Year 6

"I've enjoyed writing a letter about our school" Nola, Year 4

"I've enjoyed learning about the Mars rover called Curiosity" Flossie, Year 5

"I liked Art because I liked putting random pictures together to make it look incredible" Eva, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Tuesday 10th February
Safer Internet day

Thursday 12th February
Y5 Assembly to Parents & Guardians – 9am
(upper school hall)

Larch class – Primary Dance Festival at
Braywick Leisure Centre

Friday 13th February
Last day of Term 4 – 3.20pm finish

PTA Valentine's Day Bake Sale – 3.20pm

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February
Start of Term 4 – 8.45am to 8.55am

Good News Certificates



FS2: Ethan and Kiara

Year 1: Henry and Ciara

Year 2: Rosie and Maya

Year 3: George and Louie

Year 4: Indie and Gracie

Year 5: Hasnain and Olivia

Year 6: Fynn and Jacob

Attendance

Lower School: Beech winners with 96.8%

Upper School: Holly winners with 96.4%

School attendance this week

93.4%



Last week = 93.5%
Last year average = 94.9%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



This week's assembly focused on **Collaboration**. We explored how working together helps everyone go further, using the example of geese flying in formation. The children learned that each goose creates lift for the one behind it, showing how small acts of support can make a big difference. They also discovered that geese take turns leading when one becomes tired, reminding us that good teams share responsibility and encourage one another.



Bags to school

The next Bags 2 School collection will take place on Friday 27th February. If you are planning a clear out over half term, this is a great opportunity to donate any unwanted clothes and textiles while helping to raise funds for the school.

PTA Cake sale

Don't forget that the wonderful PTA have a cake sale next Friday so do come with some donations and cash to buy back your donations! Thanks as ever to Faye, Mairi and the team!

Playstation family app

The Playstation Family App came out in Sept 2025 and it is a great way to help parents set up and manage their children's Gaming experience.

Features include:

- Manage playtime.
- Activity report.
- Visibility into what children are playing.
- Approving playtime requests.

On this [web page](#) you will find detailed instructions to guide you through setting up a child account, get notified what game your child is playing in real time, approve or decline a request for extra playtime, apply content filters, privacy settings and more.

Character Curriculum

Throughout the week, pupils are being encouraged to look for moments when they can help someone else succeed. This might mean cheering on a friend who is finding something tricky, letting someone know you believe in them or using positive words to lift others up. By practising these simple habits, children learn that we go further when we work together.

Encouraging others



- Notice when someone is trying their best
- Say kind words to help them keep going
- Let people know you believe in them
- Cheer someone on when they are finding something hard
- Remember: even small encouragements make a big difference



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Price + Offers

from £25 per day

Sibling discount: 10% off

Early Bird discount
(15% off)
Code: FHT15



Age

5 - 12 Years Old

Dates + Times

Monday 16th – Friday 20th
February

Standard day: 9am-3pm
Extended day: 9am-5pm

Venues

Newbury:
Winchcombe School

Maidenhead:
Alwyn Infant School

Reading:
Calcot Junior School



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