



Young Voices singers outside the O2 on arrival

Dear Parents and Carers



The new term certainly started with a bang this week when the phone rang at 9:30 on Monday morning to let us know that we would have an inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Needless to say, much of the school diary was swiftly rearranged to make way for three inspectors to spend two days getting to know the school, exploring our strengths and considering how well we understand our next steps for continued improvement. Over the two days, the team took part in a wide range of activities including visiting lessons, looking at pupils' work, speaking with pupils, parents and carers, staff and the leadership team. They also reviewed the results of pupil, parent and staff surveys as part of the recently revised Ofsted Inspection Framework.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the revised framework sets a high bar for schools to meet in order to be considered securely at the expected standard. At this stage, we are not able to share the outcomes of the inspection. Over the next few weeks, we will receive a draft report to check for factual accuracy. After this is verified, the report will be published and we will be able to share the findings with you. Thank you in advance for your patience while we go through this process.

I would like to express heartfelt thanks to everyone who completed the parent view survey. The team shared that the vast majority of open text comments were very supportive of the school and what we offer at Wessex, alongside the responses to the multiple choice questions. It was encouraging to hear how many families took the time to give thoughtful feedback.

We were extremely proud of our pupils who represented the school so well. They were friendly, polite and confident when speaking with inspectors and they demonstrated the Wessex Way throughout their conversations and in their conduct across the school. They were keen to share all that is good about Wessex and their enthusiasm for learning was clear to see.

Enormous thanks must go to the whole staff team for pulling together during what is a complete rollercoaster of three days from Monday morning's phone call through to Wednesday evening's feedback meeting. From the office and site staff to the teaching support staff, teachers and leadership team, I can't thank them enough for ensuring that the inspection process ran smoothly. Inspectors also commented on the strong sense of team around the school. Let's hope for a quiet weekend for our colleagues.

Not only did we have an inspection on Tuesday, but Mrs Eves and Mrs Phillips, together with parent volunteers Mrs Bryan, Mrs Moore and Mrs Puddephatt, took forty-two very excited children from Years 3 to 6 to the O2 Arena in London for our third Young Voices massed-choir event. Young Voices is the largest children's choir concert series in the world, bringing together thousands of pupils for a spectacular arena performance and is an excellent opportunity for children to sing in such a venue to thousands of spectators!

The children performed music and routines they have been rehearsing in school, supported by a live band and professional backing vocalists.

We were incredibly proud of how confidently our pupils sang, as well as how brilliantly they coped with returning to school the next day after a very late journey home from London. A huge thank you to Mrs Eves, Mrs Phillips and our parent volunteers for making this memorable experience possible.

This is the final opportunity for children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) to sign up to join the choir performing at The Hexagon in Reading on Monday 15th June 2026. It's a fantastic chance to sing alongside around four hundred children from local schools, accompanied by a live band, and to be part of a brilliant music festival.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

What we enjoyed at Active 60...

"I enjoyed playing dodgeball & trying archery"
Vincent Year 2

"We were very active and they made sports fun for us"
Rosie, Year 2

"I liked the archery and kung-fu panda tag rugby"
Nellie-Mae, Year 2

"I loved archery as our team got 180 points"
Rex, Year 2

"I really enjoyed the bicycle course, the bikes had no pedals, we had to glide around the course of cones 2 times, it was fun"
Delilah-Rose, Year 2

"We loved the archery, it was fun to learn something new"
Faith & Anna, Year 2



Diary dates coming up



Tuesday 3rd March
Y3 Trip to Ufton Court

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Friday 6th March
Y4 Trip to The Look Out, Bracknell

Thursday 12th March
Y4 Assembly to Parents & Guardians - 9am
- Upper School Hall

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th March
Parent Evening - 3.30pm to 6.30pm - more details to follow

Good News Certificates



FS2: Elspeth and Torvi

Year 1: Reuben and Bella

Year 2: Beatrice and Keya

Year 3: Aiden and Eloise

Year 4: Sonny and Kaiden

Year 5: Tylar and Aneesa

Year 6: Ariella and Freda

Attendance

Lower School: Beech winners with 100%

Upper School: Hazel winners with 99.5%

School attendance this week

95%



Last week = 93.4%
Last year average = 94.9%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



This week's assembly focused on the British Value of **Tolerance**. We explored how understanding and respecting different beliefs helps everyone feel valued. The children learned about several religious festivals taking place at this time of year, including Ramadan, Lent, Holi, Purim and Hola Mohalla. They discovered that although these festivals come from different faiths, many share themes of kindness, gratitude and community. By recognising these similarities, the children were reminded that our differences make us interesting, but our shared values bring us together.

PTA updates

Last term's **cake sale** raised just under £250 and all cakes sold out. A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought and supported the event, and to the PTA for organising it.

As Mother's Day approaches, the PTA will be running a small in-school gift sale to give children the chance to choose a present for someone special. For £4, paid in advance via Arbor, pupils can select from a range of gifts which will be packaged in a gift bag to bring home. This is not just for mothers - children can choose a gift for any important person in their life, such as a grandma, auntie or guardian. Classes will visit the shop during the school day, and those who have paid will make their selection. Additional gifts can be purchased if desired, though siblings will choose separately.

Cherry Class Active 60

Cherry Class took part in a multi-sports skills festival focused on agility, balance and coordination. The children enjoyed activities such as archery, laser-run challenges and balance bikes in a friendly, non-competitive environment. The event encouraged everyone to be active, have fun and experience physical activity positively.

Character Curriculum

This week, pupils are being encouraged to use the toilet at the right time and to ask respectfully when they really need to go. This includes waiting for an appropriate moment, raising their hand and using a polite full sentence. By practising this calm and considerate approach, children help keep lessons focused and avoid disrupting others.

How to ask to go to the toilet?



- Going to the toilet at playtimes to avoid disrupting learning time.
- Only asking when desperate
- Waiting for the right moment to ask
 - Raising your hand
- Asking in a full sentence and using please.
- Not disrupting others when you get up.



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Respect



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What's Happening At Camp



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FRI 10th APRIL



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Easter Half Term

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