



### World Book Day celebrations

## Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another busy week at school with two school trips and World Book day. All of this on top of normal school life. It's really exciting to be at Wessex at the moment!

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Ufton Court on Tuesday, where they stepped back into Ancient Egypt and were welcomed as members of the royal household in Thebes. The immersive storytelling set the scene brilliantly and the children were soon taking part in lively drama activities, including a session on Egyptian crime and punishment that helped them understand how justice worked thousands of years ago.

They also learned about mummification and Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife, working together to "embalm" a cloth body and exploring some of the rituals involved. The outdoor Book of the Dead game was a real highlight, giving them the chance to experience the challenges Egyptians believed they would face on their journey to the afterlife. It was an exciting and memorable way to bring their history learning to life.

Year 4 had a brilliant visit to The Look Out Discovery Centre today, where they explored the hands-on science exhibition and enjoyed trying out the different activities linked to their learning. The children were fully absorbed in the interactive zones and loved having the chance to test ideas and investigate in a practical way.

They also took part in a lively Light and Sound show, which tied in perfectly with their science work this term. With rainbow-making, UV light pictures and a very entertaining "bucket moo", the session kept everyone engaged and laughing. After lunch the children made the most of the adventure playground before heading back to school. It was a great mix of learning, fun and fresh air.

In keeping with the theme of World Book Day, some classes in KS2 had a virtual visit from the author Simon Mole. Simon Mole is an acclaimed children's poet who has recently published a new poetry book called 'Poetry Pizza'. He worked with the classes to develop a poem using their senses and the children enjoyed writing their own poems and sharing them in their classes.

It was lovely to celebrate World Book Day yesterday with so many children sharing their favourite stories and celebrating either characters, being readers or being authors! There was a real buzz around the school about books! We shared a story in an assembly and also learned about the National Year of Reading 2026 by watching the 'Go all in' video. More information can be found here: [National Year of Reading 2026 | National Literacy Trust](#) Next week we are welcoming two authors to the school as part of Maidenhead's Big Read: Matt Oldfield for KS2 on Monday and Kevin Graal for EYFS and KS1 on Friday.

All book tokens have been given to children so do make sure you take advantage of getting a free book with your tokens.

A few reminders / notices:

- We are currently advertising for caring and enthusiastic Breakfast Club Assistants to support the day-to-day running of our Breakfast Club. This is a wonderful opportunity to help ensure pupils start their day in a safe, happy and nurturing environment. Please find full details on our [website](#).
- The Cox Green Village Fayre poster competition - details have been sent out this week. Entries needed by 27<sup>th</sup> March.
- Red Nose Day - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come to school dressed in red and we will collect donations which we will pass on to the charity. Red noses will be available from the office from next week at a cost of £2.
- PTA special person sale next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - £4 via Arbor

## Quotes of the week

"I've enjoyed English because I enjoy writing stories"  
Jude, Year 2

"I've enjoyed PE this week because we did little jumps"  
Nellie-Mae, Year 2

"I really enjoyed our school trip to ufton Court, it was interesting"  
Ariana, Year 3

"I've enjoyed English because I can express how the characters feel in the books"  
Abi, Year 5

"I've enjoyed designing our own lost things in English"  
Jessica, Year 5

"I really enjoyed making posters for World Book Day"  
Alessia, Year 5

"I liked science because we were doing an experiment on how light reflects off of mirrors"  
Nehchal, Year 6

# Diary dates coming up



## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Y6 SATs Parent Presentation – 3.20pm – Upper School Hall

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Y4 Assembly to Parents & Guardians – 9am – Upper School Hall

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm – letter has been sent accompanying this newsletter with further information

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Y3 Assembly to Parents & Guardians – 9am – Upper School Hall

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

# Good News Certificates



**FS2:** Mason and Liam

**Year 1:** Elliot and Rose

**Year 2:** Elsie and Francesco

**Year 3:** Victory and Lily

**Year 5:** Junior and Mia

**Year 6:** Daisy and Dominic

# Attendance

**Lower School:** Chestnut winners with 98.3%

**Upper School:** Larch winners with 98%

## School attendance this week

**94.5%**



Last week = 93.4%  
Last year average = 94.9%

**Aiming for 97%**

# School Values



This week's assembly focused on our value of Friendship. Linked to the Hindu festival of Holi, the children learned how this celebration encourages people to repair relationships, forgive others and enjoy the start of spring together. We also explored the story of Prahlad, which helped the children think about what it means to stand up for what is right in a calm and respectful way. Throughout the week the children have been reflecting on how good friendships are built on honesty, respect and the courage to make positive choices.



# International Womens' Day

This Sunday sees us mark International Womens' Day, a global event held every year on 8th March to recognise the achievements of women and highlight the ongoing need for gender equality

If you want an inspiring athlete from this year's Winter Olympics, look no further than Choi Ga-on, the 17-year-old snowboarder whose story became one of the defining moments of the 2026 Games.

Choi won gold in the women's halfpipe despite a severe fall in her first run and competing through significant pain. She went on to deliver the highest-scoring run of the final, beating her mentor and Olympic legend Chloe Kim – who then warmly congratulated her. It was widely described as one of the most emotional, courageous and sportsmanlike moments of the Games.

She is a brilliant example for children of:

- Resilience (getting up after setbacks)
- Courage (competing when things feel hard)
- Sportsmanship (being gracious in competition)
- Belief (trusting herself under huge pressure)

A perfect fit for International Women's Day.

# Character Curriculum

This week the children are being encouraged to think about how they can stand up for what is right. This includes speaking up calmly when something feels unkind or unsafe and knowing when to ask an adult for help. Pupils are also learning how to support others who may be treated unfairly and how to make sensible, brave choices even when others disagree. By practising these skills in a safe and respectful way, the children help create a positive and supportive environment for everyone at Wessex.

## How to stand up for what is right



- Choosing to do the kind and fair thing
- Speaking up calmly when something is unkind or unsafe
- Supporting someone being treated unfairly
- Asking for help from a trusted adult
- Making brave choices when others disagree
- Challenging unkind behaviour in a safe and sensible way
- Using your voice to protect others
- Knowing the difference between "telling" to get someone into trouble and "telling" to keep someone safe



Positive



Honesty



Respect



Pride

# Wessex OPAL Play Survey – a summary



We have been gathering views from pupil, parents and staff relating to break and lunchtimes. Thank you to everyone who provided their thoughts through the surveys.

## What Parents Told Us

🎯 Playtime really matters – Parents overwhelmingly described play as extremely important for children's wellbeing, friendships and confidence.

😞 What's tricky right now:

Not enough equipment; Playtime feels too short; Children want more freedom, variety and imagination; Many said children today have fewer chances to play freely outdoors than in the past

💡 What parents would love to see:

More sports equipment; Trees, natural spaces and climbing; Loose parts like crates, tyres and boxes; Sand, water and mud play; Big play kitchens, dens and building areas; Quiet spaces for reading or calmer play; Scooters, skateboards and places to ride; More imaginative, creative and social zones

## What Children Told Us

Every child had a voice through class surveys representing all 14 classes.

♥ What children love now:

Running, climbing and football; Dancing and imaginative play; Talking with friends; Role play and building games

🌈 What children dream of having:

Swings, slides and zip lines; Treehouses and monkey bars; Mud kitchens, sand pits and digging areas; Ride-on toys, go-karts and scooters; Giant blocks, den-building kits and creative materials; Cosy reading spots and quiet corners

## What Staff Noticed

Staff strongly believe playtime is essential and highlighted that:

Children get bored when resources are limited

This can lead to conflicts or tricky transitions back to class

More variety, zones and loose parts will support happier play

Staff are positive about OPAL and excited for change

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## Breakfast Club Assistant

Salary: RBWMScale2a,Point2—£13.60p/h,£3,133per annum. April 2026 pay award pending.  
Hours: 7.45 - 8.45am, 5 days a week, term time only  
Required to start: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.  
Closing date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Interviews: W/C 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### About the Role:

Wessex Primary School is seeking a reliable, caring and enthusiastic Breakfast Club Assistant to manage the day-to-day running of our Breakfast Club provision for children aged 4–11. This is a fantastic opportunity to play an important role in ensuring our pupils start their day in a safe, happy and nurturing environment. You will organise and supervise engaging activities, provide breakfast in line with health and hygiene standards, and create a positive atmosphere where children feel valued and ready to learn. The role involves standing for the duration of the session and setting up and clearing the dining/club areas.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Organise and manage the daily operation of the Breakfast Club
- Provide a safe, stimulating and inclusive environment that promotes free play.
- Prepare and serve breakfast in line with food hygiene and health & safety regulations.
- Support children with special dietary requirements or additional needs.
- Maintain accurate registers and incident records.
- Supervise behaviour in line with the school's Behaviour Policy
- Administer First Aid and follow accident/incident procedures as required.
- Set up, clean and tidy the club and dining areas.
- Communicate effectively with parents/carers and colleagues.
- Remain vigilant to safeguarding concerns and follow school safeguarding procedures.
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### We Are Looking for Someone Who:

- Is patient, positive, reliable and well organised.
- Enjoys working with young children and can build positive relationships.
- Can manage behaviour calmly and consistently.
- Understands basic hygiene and health & safety requirements.
- Is able to switch between tasks and respond to interruptions.
- Communicates clearly and professionally with children, parents and staff.
- Is willing to undertake relevant training (e.g. safeguarding, first aid, food hygiene).
- No specific qualifications are required; however, experience of working with children is essential.



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# Parents... Ready To Press Start On Easter?

From 30 March to 10 April, your little bunnies can jump into days packed with movement, laughs, friendly battles, and full-on energy.

## Gotta Play Them All! What's Happening At Camp



Football Fun Zones  
Our Pokémon Special Themed Day



FRI 10th APRIL



Glow Dodgeball Arena



Create & Craft Studio



Yoga & Mindful Movement



East Hunt Missions & MORE Easter Surprises



There will be sport, strategy, teamwork, and plenty of chances to make new friends in a safe, structured space where confidence grows naturally.

## Gotta Catch Them All?

Book before **15 March** and **20%** is automatically applied at checkout. No codes. No chasing. Just instant savings.

Spaces will fill quickly.

Lock in their place before this one disappears.

Easter Half Term

To Book Your Space visit:

<https://getactivesports.com/active-camps/>



# MAIDENHEAD FESTIVAL

## SOUND LAB

UNLEASH YOUR INNER MUSICIAN AT THE SOUND LAB!

This May Half Term, dive into the world of music at Maidenhead Festival's Sound Lab—a fun, hands-on experience for all ages!



Dates: Wed 8<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Time: 10am - 3pm

Location: Nicholson Shopping Centre

# FREE ENTRY

- Try instruments like trumpets, clarinets, saxophones, flutes, and pianos
- Join The Piano Sessions - showcase your talent, inspired by Channel 4's The Piano
- Plus other workshops to be announced!
- Fun for all—kids and adults welcome!



Don't miss this chance to explore music and discover your hidden talents!



### Our Partners:





# iPro Football COACHING



**BOYS' ONLY**

**Wednesday After School Football Club @ Wessex Primary School**

iPro Football will be holding an After School Football Club at your school during the Summer Term.

**Contact: Office 07908 172175 Email: [office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk)**

Guided by our team of our fully qualified professional coaches, the course will work on developing players skills as well as having small sided matches, competitions and fun for all!

<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	<b>Wednesday – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Course Duration (13 sessions)</b>	<b>Wednesday 22nd April – Wednesday 15th July 2026 (Exc Wednesday 27th May - Half Term) Double Session on 15th July 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.</b>
<b>BACS Payment: Sort Code 09 01 29 Account Number 32421826 Account name: iPro Football Coaching Ltd Forms to be completed and emailed to <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>.</b>	<b>£104 – 13x Sessions NO forms or payment to be returned to the School Office</b>
<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>Open to boys in Years R - 6 Children will be grouped as follows: Group 1 – R &amp; KS1 Group 2 – KS2 Minimum number 10 – Maximum 15 per group</b>
<b>Kit Required</b>	<b>Boots/Trainers/ Shinpads/Drink &amp; Weather Appropriate clothing.</b>

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. To secure your place, please complete the attached form and email it to [office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk). This course is **non refundable** however a credit note may be issued for use on a course at a later date.  
**If you require any further information, please contact the iPro Football Coaching office using above details.**

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**BIRTHDAY PARTIES!**

Are you football mad?

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If so please contact Office Manager, Julie Adams, [office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk)

**\*\*Please Complete in Block Capitals\*\***

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method (please tick) BACS [ ]

Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide us with a clear email address so we can keep you up to date with everything iPro)

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_  
(Children attending who require Epi pens must have written letter of consent to allow our staff to administer treatment. In the unlikely event that your child should need first aid and /or be transferred to hospital, by signing this form you give permission for our staff to do so. You also confirm that all relevant medical conditions have been disclosed). I understand and accept that whilst reasonable care will be taken, neither 'iPro Football coaching', not any personnel authorised by it, not the school of facility at which the course is being held, will be held responsible for any loss or injury suffered by, or to the applicant, howsoever caused.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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