



**Matt Oldfield presenting to KS2 yesterday as part of Maidenhead Big Read festival**

## Dear Parents and Carers



The sun has been trying to peek through this week. It's lovely seeing the daffodils growing around the school site telling us that spring is finally here. Congratulations, Year 4, on a marvelous assembly yesterday.

Ahead of our Parent Consultation Meetings next Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March, we wanted to share some important updates to the routine. These changes will help appointments run smoothly and ensure everyone has the space they need.

### Before Your Appointment

- Your child's work will be available to view in their classroom, as usual, before you attend your meeting.
- Access to Year 5 and 6 classrooms for looking at work is via the outside doors near Lime and Yew classes.
- Please enter and exit the building through the main entrance only.
- To access the hall, please use the hall door outside Lime class.
- You may only enter the hall ten minutes before your appointment, to help us manage numbers safely.

### Key Changes to Location and Movement Around School

- All meetings will now take place in the Upper School Hall.
- There will be no appointments in the Lower School Hall this term.
- Teachers will be positioned around the outside of the hall, with clear spacing to help you find your child's teacher easily.
- A waiting area will be available in the middle of the hall, but please only enter this space ten minutes before your appointment time.

### During Your Appointment

- A ten-minute timer will be displayed on the screen to help keep appointments running to time.
- A buzzer will sound at the end of each slot to signal that the next appointment is due to begin.
- During your meeting, teachers will share:
  - Progress since the previous consultation
  - Recent assessment information, if you would like to be kept informed
  - Any areas where your child did not achieve as well, along with ways you can support them at home

### After Your Appointment

- Please exit the hall via the Year 4 door.
- Do not exit via the Year 6 corridor door.

As part of this year's Maidenhead Big Read Festival, KS2 were thrilled to welcome children's author Matt Oldfield this week. Matt is known for Unbelievable Football, the Johnny Ball: Football Genius series and the hugely popular Ultimate Football Heroes books. He spoke about his journey into writing and why he chose to focus on football, which kept the children fully engaged. The pupils asked fantastic questions and left feeling inspired to read more and write with confidence.

We were delighted to welcome Kevin Graal, a storyteller and writer, to school today to work with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Kevin led an engaging and interactive assembly that had children hanging on his every word. He shared fascinating insights into the art of storytelling, reminding us that stories existed long before books were ever written. He inspired pupils to see storytelling as something everyone can enjoy and create through a very interactive session.

Thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising the Special Person sale today. Pupils were thrilled to visit the shop and choose which presents they would like to present to any special person in their life this weekend. As ever, thanks to the very dedicated PTA team for their organisation and preparation to ensure the event ran very smoothly and the shop stock remained high!

### Mr Beavan

## Quotes of the week

"I enjoyed singing this week it was so much fun"  
Madina, Reception

"I really enjoyed English because we were making a life cycle of a frog"  
Jude, Year 2

"I liked that in the sharing assembly there was a malfunction when the microphone turned on and it was very funny"  
Jamie, Year 4

"I enjoyed the sharing assembly because everybody was happy"  
Abi, Year 4

"I enjoyed the author visit as I liked how he had written about all the different players"  
Eva, Year 6

"I enjoyed when Reverend Joan visited as I got to hold the palm leaves, I found it interesting"  
Freda, Year 6



# Diary dates coming up



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

Parents Evening - 3.30pm to 6.30pm  
Upper School Hall

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Y6 to Cox Green School to see their production of The Addams Family - 11am to 2.30pm  
Please note - children will need a packed lunch

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

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

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

Red Nose Day - mufti - wear something red

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Y2 Assembly to Parents & Guardians - 9am  
- Upper School Hall

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Last Day of Term - 1.30pm finish

# Good News Certificates



**FS2:** Onara and Eric

**Year 1:** Celestin and Reggie

**Year 2:** Jasen and Kiara

**Year 3:** Henry and Kaysen

**Year 4:** Ariana and Xanthe

**Year 5:** Russell and Adam

**Year 6:** Ayman and Chloe

# Attendance

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

**Upper School:** Holly winners with 98.7%

School attendance this week

95.8%



Last week = 94.5%  
Last year average = 94.9%

Aiming for 97%

# Opal launch in school



The children had their very first OPAL assembly on Monday where they were given information on what OPAL is, the results of the surveys from last term and were shown what resources we need to collect. Please do talk to your children about the assembly, and see if they can share with you what OPAL is going to mean for their lunchtime play. The children were very excited in the assembly and are looking forward to helping to plan their OPAL adventure.

As a result of this OPAL launch assembly, there was no value of the week. Instead, teachers picked a child for Good News Assembly based on any of the school's four values.

## OPAL - can you help?

Remember that one of the biggest positives about OPAL is that many household items can be reused or repurposed as part of our OPAL play. Have a look at the list below to see if you can donate any of the items to us. We will be very grateful for any contributions.

A reminder for any donations of items that you may have at home, such as:

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/casters
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets
- Nets and thick ropes
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators/mobile phones/desk phones/webcams/cameras that are no longer working
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Wooden pallets
- Metal frames
- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
- Hats/scarves/jazzy shirts/elasticated skirts/waistcoats/wedding dresses/character costumes

## Character Curriculum

Likewise about there being no Value of the week, this week, we also did not have a focus for a Character Trait of the week.

OPAL has a specific section of the school website. You can see the slides from our first assembly, led by Mrs Pope and Mrs Patrick, our OPAL co-ordinator and play lead. You can also follow our OPAL journey through regular updates and see who the members of the OPAL working group.



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S  
**EASTER**

# CAMP PLACE TODAY



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Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

After School Club  
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Every Monday



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Wessex Primary School



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## Wessex Primary School

Building Confidence & Well  
Being through Drama

Little Tanks drama club is enrichment for your child as it aims to develop children's confidence and well-being. Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities that will be fun, exciting and engaging. We believe that by embedding your child's resilience it will give them a more positive approach to developing their strengths even further. Work on an end of term show to share with parents during the last session.

## Summer Term 2026

21st of April – 7th of July\*  
(excluding half term – 26<sup>th</sup> of May)

**Years:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Day:** Tuesday

**Time:** 3.25 - 4.25pm

**Venue:** UpperSchoolHall

**Cost:** £88.00

To avoid disappointment please complete your form and fee as soon as possible as there are only 20 spaces per course. We work on a first come first serve basis once the payment & online

form has been received

\*Please note these dates are subject to change

## Contact Us

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**Website:** [www.littletanks.co.uk](http://www.littletanks.co.uk)

Please [click here](#) to complete the registration form online and make the payment to secure your child's space.

Spaces are only allocated on receipt of both the form and fee

### \*\*\*Payment Details\*\*\*

**Account Name:** Little Tanks Ltd

**Account Number:** 99493876

**Sort Code:** 60-83-71

**Cost:** £88.00

**Reference:** WS + your child's name



# 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!

Day & Time	Wednesday – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Course Duration (13 sessions)	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 <b>(Exc Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term)</b> Double Session on 15 <sup>th</sup> July 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
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> .	£104 – 13x Sessions NO forms or payment to be returned to the School Office
Age Groups	Open to boys in Years R - 6 Children will be grouped as follows: Group 1 – R & KS1 Group 2 – KS2 Minimum number 10 – Maximum 15 per group
Kit Required	Boots/Trainers/ Shinpads/Drink & Weather Appropriate clothing.

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.

### IPRO FRIDAY ADVANCED TRAINING CENTRE

#### Outfield Players & Specialist GK Section – Limited places

Development and Advanced sessions running weekly for talented grassroots club players in addition to all local club football.

For further info & to book your FREE trial please contact

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

Are you football mad?

Would you like to enjoy a football birthday party with your favourite iPro coach?

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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# WESSEX AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



**Girls Football - Yrs R-6**  
**Weds 15<sup>th</sup> April to Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July - 3.30-4.30pm**

**Dodgeball - Yrs R-6**  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April to Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July - 3.30-4.30pm**

**Note - Term dates only**

**Maidenhead United in the Community, the community arm of Maidenhead United Football Club, are running a weekly dodgeball session at Wessex. These sessions will run after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The club will be focused on developing ability, confidence and skill level in a fun environment. The sessions are run by experienced FA qualified coaches.**

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