



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their survival sessions these past two days – filtering water

Dear Parents and Carers



The last of our school trips for the year took place this week with Year 1 visiting Braywick Nature Reserve. Whilst there, children took part in pond dipping and created their own smelly cocktails using herbs from the herb garden.

Children very much enjoyed discovering all of the different species in the pond at the nature reserve from water boatman to shrimps to flatworms and much more. Whilst the weather ensured that we didn't have to worry about any rain, the sun meant that the itinerary for the day was tweaked to make use of the air conditioning in the centre for which everyone was grateful! Thank you to all of the parents who came along and supported us too!

Whilst the other class were at the nature reserve, the class back at school made delicious fruit kebabs as part of their Design and Technology lessons this term. Kebabs included a variety of fruits including strawberries, bananas and grapes. Some children tried new fruits this week.

Last week, Mrs Cooke had organised a travelling Book Fayre to come to school for parents and pupils to purchase books. With each purchase made, the school receive a slice of the money to put towards future books purchases. Thanks to Mrs Cooke for organising and managing the fayre, all of the staff who supported Mrs Cooke and for you and your children for supporting the school and buying £885 worth of books!

Year 6 have spent the last two days in the environmental area learning survival skills. We built shelters to protect us from the sun and also got to decorate them using natural resources we found in the woods.

We also learned how to filter muddy water to survive using materials we found on the forest floor, leaves and stones. We're not sure we'd actually drink it unless we were desperate! This morning we made pancake batter for 60 children and helped find sticks to keep the fires going to cook them all.



We're going out to make baby dragons and wood splitting as well as beaded necklaces, picture frames and ink drawings made from blackberries. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Katy for giving up two days to do this with us.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"I loved going to Braywick Nature Reserve, I made a smelly cocktail out of muddy water and flowers" Reggie, Year 1

"The pond dipping was so much fun and we seeped the meadows and found bugs" William, Year 1

"I had a lot of fun, we went pond dipping and found bugs, one was called a pea mussel, it looked like a slug" Clara, Year 1

"Roman Day was so much fun, we loved the shield making and battling between 2 empires. The feast was delicious" HAZEL Class

"I really enjoyed the Berkshire Games, learning cricket skills and we played lots of fun games" Abigail, Year 4

"I really liked the Berkshire Games, it was fun as we played different sports. I liked the fencing, cricket skills and football challenge" Charlie Wh, Year 4

Diary dates coming up



Wednesday 15th July

Y6 Production 'I'm an 11 year old Get Me out of Here' to Parents – starts at 1.30pm

Thursday 16th July

Y6 Production 'I'm an 11 year old Get Me out of Here' to Parents – starts at 6pm

Friday 17th July

Year 6 leavers' BBQ – in school event for staff & children only

School reports shared with parents

Monday 20th July

Wessex Music Festival

Tuesday 21st July

Y6 Leavers' Assembly to Parents – starts at 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd July

Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish

Good News Certificates



FS2: Elspeth and Jessie

Year 1: George and Reggie

Year 2: Milo and Vincent

Year 3: Mikey and Eloise

Year 4: Lilly H and Imogen

Year 5: Cheryl and Abigail

Year 6: Georgie, Kaitlyn and Oliver

Attendance

Lower School: Cherry class winners with 96.2%

Upper School: Pine class winners with 97.6%

School attendance this week

91.1%

Last week = 88.7%
Last year average = 95%
Aiming for 97%



School Values

In assembly this week, we started by reviewing all of the values that we have had as a focus throughout the school year. We linked these to how they can not only help guide us to be good pupils at Wessex but also how they can help us when we leave and in our lives in general.



Support over the holidays

During the summer holidays, school is closed and staff will not be routinely monitoring emails. If you have a safeguarding concern or need support, please contact the appropriate service directly rather than contacting the school.

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

For safeguarding concerns, contact RBWM Children's Services on 01628 683150.

Useful contacts are available throughout the year:

- Childline (for children and young people): 0800 1111 (free and confidential)
- NSPCC Helpline (for parents and carers): 0808 800 5000
- Shout / YoungMinds Crisis Text Service: Text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 mental health support
- YoungMinds Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544

If you are worried about a child, or if your child needs support, please use these services directly to access help.

Piano concert success

In Monday's assembly, pupils were treated to a miniature concert! Mrs Ost's piano pupils performed pieces that they have been learning. We heard pieces from musical theatre, films and some lovely jazzy numbers. All pupils performed brilliantly, demonstrated great courage and positivity and we certainly felt incredibly proud of them. Well done to Lily, Arran, Elisa, Ash, Jamie, Eliza, Aiden and Xanthe



Character Curriculum

Similarly to the school values, we shared how the character curriculum can help to guide us as we journey through life. We discussed the ways in which children demonstrate the character curriculum each and every day at school, which in turn helps to share a positive culture around the building. We also shared how the character traits discussed each week will allow us to be more successful when we leave Wessex and move onto other schools, jobs and adulthood. Therefore the challenge this week was to demonstrate as many character traits as possible!





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Autumn Term 2026

15th of September – 8th of December*
(excluding half term & parents evening – 27th of October & 17th of November)

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

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.25 - 4.25pm

Venue: Upper School Hall

Cost: £90.00

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

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