



**Pupils in Year 5 braving the rain in their bikeability sessions this week**

### Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back to the final term of what has been a very busy year. We hope that you all had a good half term break and are ready for a very busy and exciting term ahead!

On the last day of term, we raised over £400 with our break the rules fundraiser - thank you so much to everyone who broke a rule or two and brought in some money as payment for this. This money will be handed over to the PTA to go towards one of our next projects or opportunities for children.

23 Year 5 pupils took part in bikeability sessions this week. It was great to see pupils cycling in and out of school each morning and evening as they have become more confident on their bikes. As part of their programme, pupils learnt how to:

- Start and stop with more confidence
- Pass stationary vehicles parked on a road
- Understand the road: signals, signs and road markings
- Negotiate the road: including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts
- Share the road with other vehicles

With SATS now a dim and distant memory in Year 6, they have turned their attention to the production. Rehearsals are well underway and already, you can hear the humming from adults as they entertain themselves along the corridors with the catchy songs that have fast become ear worms! Also this week, Year 6 received a visit from Wayne Dixon who is a regular visitor to the school. Wayne works for Christian Connections in Schools and came in to discuss transition to Secondary School and how our pupils can embrace the change.

This term, Year 6 pupils will take part in the CREST SuperStar Award – a national science programme by the British Science Association. Through hands-on investigations and teamwork, they'll build skills in observation, planning, and scientific thinking. Each child will receive a certificate at the end to celebrate their achievements. We're excited to see their curiosity and creativity in action!

Don't forget to cast an eye over this term's optional homework which has been sent out with this letter.

**Mr Beavan**

**WESSEX PTA PRESENTS**

**Wessex Primary Summer Party**

**3:20-5:00PM**

**FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2025**

**BOUNCY CASTLE  
TOMBOLA  
SLUSHIES & SNACKS  
AND MORE!**

**SCHOOL FIELD  
WESSEX PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### Quotes of the week

*Bikeability quotes from Year 5*

- "I really liked Bikeability, it was fun and I really liked it when I got to lead the group and do a U-turn" Jack
- "I enjoyed it because I felt more confident to ride on main roads & at junctions. It has taught me to indicate better. Thank you to Terry & Bryan our bike teachers" Abigail
- "I love cycling, it has helped me understand what I need to work on. I can now cycle to school which will make me fitter. Everyone was helpful & encouraging as well as the instructors" Freda
- "I enjoyed the U-turn and being at the front of the the snake, leading the group" Harlow
- "I really enjoyed riding on the road in snake order. I also enjoyed the free riding. I am able to indicate safely & cycle fast on the road" Aanya
- "I feel much more confident on the road & had a lot of fun doing the drills. It was really fun when we each got the chance to lead the group. Thank you Bryan & Terry" Elisa

# Diary dates coming up



**w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
Berkshire Music Trust Brass Concert to Year 4

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
JMF Rehearsal at Courthouse Junior School

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
FS2 trip to Wellington Country Park

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
PTA Summer Party

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Berkshire Maestros Junior Music Festival – A Night at the Movies, The Hexagon, Reading

# Good News Certificates



**EYFS: Daniel and Ciara**

**Year 1: Leo and Francesco**

**Year 2: Sebastian and Hughie**

**Year 3: Remiah and Emma**

**Year 4: Oscar and Freddie F**

**Year 5: Freddie M and Erin**

**Year 6: Isabelle and Emily**

# Attendance

**Lower School: Birch winners with 98.8%**

**Upper School: Willow winners with 97.8%**

**School attendance this week**

**95.6%**



Last week = 95.9%  
Last year average = 95%

**Aiming for 97%**

# School Values



We introduced a new food waste system into the school this week. Our daily food waste now goes into a separate bin in the lunch hall and when pupils picnic outside at lunch. We discussed how this is respectful to the environment and also can make us feel pleased and proud that we are doing our bit to help look after our world.

# Phonics and Multiplication

Next week, pupils in Year 1 will be taking part in the phonics screening check – reading 40 words. This is also the case for any pupils in Year 2 who did not score above the pass threshold last year.

Also next week, pupils in Year 4 will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check – 25 questions with 6 seconds allowed for each. Results of both of these will be able to be shared with you at the end of the year.

# Wessex Music Festival

The Wessex Music Festival is back!

Date: Monday 21st July

Time: 3.30pm – 5pm (approx)

Venue: Upper school hall

The perfect opportunity to perform your musical talents to a friendly, receptive audience. Singing, piano, guitar, bagpipes or spoons..... all welcome, on your own or as a group. Keep your eyes peeled for a letter and an online form to complete to apply.

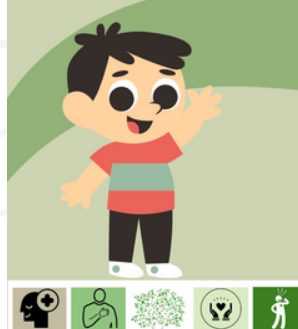
# Year 5 Open Days

Most of the local secondary schools have begun advertising dates for their open days and school tours for pupils starting secondary school in September 2026. If your pupil is currently in Year 5, it may be worth having a look at the websites of the schools and making enquiries as applications will open in September and close towards the end of October.

# Character Curriculum

As we have started offering grab bag lunches this week as part of our school dinner offer, we decided to revisit our character curriculum trait of keeping our school environment clean and tidy. We discussed the impact of litter on the environment and the benefit of recycling food waste which is a new addition to our waste disposal. We also reminded ourselves about keeping the indoor environment clean and tidy and being helpful to our classmates.

## Respecting our school environment



- Tidying books
- Tidying up a cloakroom
- Not dropping litter
- Picking up litter (using correct equipment)
- Tidying table pots
- Telling an adult about displays



Mental Health Support Team



Berkshire Healthcare  
Children, Young People and  
Families services

# LIVE WEBINARS

**For Parents  
and Carers**

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**Dates: Various**



**Time: 6pm - 7pm**



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