



Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2026

Year 3's brilliant writing on display above their lockers

Dear Parents and Carers



The leaves have started falling off the trees already yet we are still able to make full use of the field at lunchtime with our OPAL provision keeping children happy throughout lunch.

A word on OPAL. Lunchtime duties used to seem like a long time before OPAL. Now, spending time outside over lunch sees children sharing, laughing, collaborating, creating, joking and just being children. We can't say enough how happy your children are at lunchtime when they are outside. Do make sure you speak to your child about what they have been getting up to. Pallets were introduced today - what great fun children had!

Mrs Oliva and Mrs Cox have been incredibly busy interviewing Year 6 pupils who had applied for one of our Leadership roles. We will present their special jackets to pupils on Monday in assembly when we introduce our leaders to the school community. Congratulations to everyone who was successful in being awarded a role and thank you to everyone who applied. The standard of applications was very high!

Thank you to those parents who have used our Under the weather form to let us know your child may not quite be 100% but they are in school regardless. We can keep a close eye on the children and keep you informed if they are feeling any worse throughout the day. It takes just a few seconds to complete so please make sure you use the form if you need to.

We haven't had so many people say they wish to take part in this year's Talent Show - held after school on Thursday 22nd October. Details are on the attached posted and also can be found on the application form.

It's that time of the year where pupils in Year 6 start thinking about their preference for Secondary School but also Infant and Primary Schools share details of their school tours coming up for anyone who has a child starting school in 2027. Our current Reception parents have said some lovely things about Wessex, including: *"Everyone is lovely, helpful and it's clearly child centered, I would highly recommend"*.



Are you ready to run?

Mini Marathon



Tuesday 29th September



Children wear PE kit



Children can collect sponsors

Pupil only event

All proceeds will go towards funding new equipment and resources for OPAL lunchtimes

Sponsorship forms available from the school office and also were sent as an email
Donations can also be made through Arbor - ref Mini Marathon

Don't forget, next Tuesday we have our annual sponsored Mini Marathon taking place during the afternoon. Please ensure that pupils come to school in their PE kit and come prepared to run. Please do collect a sponsor form or make a donation via Arbor. If you do donate via Arbor, please mark the reference as Mini Marathon. All proceeds will go towards more OPAL equipment and resources for pupils to play with and use at lunchtimes!

Have a great week.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"Fred the frog helps us to read & write"
Toby, Reception

"I like playing with the bricks, I built a tall tower"
Bradley, Reception

"I like practising my balancing on the trim trail"
Vincent, Reception

"The nice thing today has been DT, I've enjoyed designing and making baby bears chair" Sienna, Year 2

"I've enjoyed watching my friends make baby bears chair, they've made good progress"
Zulfi, Year 2

"I've used a giant box to make a house, I customised it using paint and stuck buttons inside. It's great" Reggie, Year 2

Diary dates coming up



Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd October
Individual and Sibling Photographs

Thursday 15th October
Share my learning - Years 1 to 6

Monday 19th October
Childhood National Flu Immunisations
Programme Reception to Year 6 - more details to follow

Thursday 22nd October
School Talent Show - 3:30pm Upper School Hall
Last day of Term 1 - 3.20pm Finish

Friday 23rd October
INSET DAY - Pupils need not attend

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd November
Start of Term 2 - Autumn Term
8.45am - 8.55am start

Good News Certificates



Reception: Star

Year 1: Elspeth

Year 2: Isla and Muhumed

Year 3: Isaiah and Delilah-Rose

Year 4: Mitranish and Oliver

Year 5: Sidney S and Ellis

Year 6: Junior and Imogen-Rose

Attendance

Lower School: Birch class winners with 98.6%

Upper School: Hazel class winners with 98.9%

School attendance this week

94%



Last week = 94%
Last year average = 95%
Aiming for 97%

School Values



Following last week's assembly about contributing, we looked at responsibility this week. We watched videos of some mining bees which have settled outside Mr Beavan's house and saw how each had a responsibility to do their bit to ensure there is a system and order which allows each bee to be successful. We compared this to school life and shared how we all have a responsibility to do our bit so that everyone can achieve.

2027-2028 term dates

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead has announced it's term dates for next academic year. These can be found on the [RBWM website](#) and will soon be on our [school website](#). Before booking Summer 2027's holiday please note that pupils return to school on Thursday 2nd September 2027 with Wednesday 1st September being an INSET day for staff only.

We have not decided the other four INSET days yet. When we have, we will update parents and carers so you can arrange trips and outings during our holidays.

School tours

If you know of anyone who has a child starting school in September 2027, please take a leaflet or prospectus for them. These are available from the office. We look forward to welcoming people to our School Tours and Stay and Play sessions this term.

Also, see the poster attached to this week's newsletter.

Year 5 science

Year 5 have been busy scientists this week, getting hands-on with an exciting filtering investigation! The children designed and tested their own filters, exploring which materials were most effective at cleaning muddy water. Mrs Ashby and Miss Hussain were amazed by the results and couldn't believe how clear some of the water became! It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to investigate, predict, test and evaluate like real scientists.

Character curriculum

We spoke about Thinking - one of our class expectations. We shared that thinking is the main way we engage our brain and if we're not thinking hard, we're not respecting our opportunity to learn.



Why is thinking important?



- You learn when you think hard
- Shows you respect yourself and others
- Teachers know how to help
- Everyone knows what is happening





Wessex

TALENT SHOW



Do you have a
talent you'd love
to share?

Unleash your
inner star!

October 22nd
3.30pm
Upper School Hall

★ Sing your favourite song!
★ Show off your dance moves!
Perform a musical theatre number!
Wow us with your gymnastics skills!
Play a musical instrument!
Make us laugh with a comedy act!
Perform as a musician!
or surprise us with a hidden talent!



The top two acts will go on to
perform, representing Wessex
at The Maidenhead Lions
Primary School Talent Show!
You must be free to perform
on Saturday 28th November @
Furze Platt Senior school
auditorium.

How to
Register?



Any questions speak to Mrs Eves or Mrs Ashby

School Tours and Stay & Plays



For pupils starting school in
September 2027

Tour dates 9:10am - 10:30am:

Thursday 8th October
Tuesday 13th October
Tuesday 3rd November
Thursday 19th November

**Stay and Play dates
9:15am - 10:00am:**

Thursday 12th November



Tuesday 24th November



Book via the website



wessexprimary.org



01628 626724



office@wessexprimary.org



FAMILY JUNCTION

CREATE
TOGETHER.
MAKE
MEMORIES.
HAVE
FUN!

NEW SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

for families to get creative!



2.30PM – 5.30PM



**ADULTS
TO REGISTER**



**CHILDREN
TO ACCOMPANY**

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN 8 YEARS AND ABOVE

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ♥ Button Heart Canvases
- ♥ Book Page Roses
- ♥ Lavender Sachets
- ♥ Painted Pebble Messages
- ♥ Wool Wrapped Hearts or Letters
- ♥ Napkin Decoupage Coasters
- ♥ Paper Bunting
- ♥ Fabric Scrap Pumpkins or Hearts
- ♥ Simple Clay Impressions
- ♥ Ribbon & Bead Bookmarks

WORKSHOP DATES 2026-2027

- ✓ 19/09/2026
- ✓ 03/10/2026
- ✓ 21/11/2026
- ✓ 05/12/2026
- ✓ 16/01/2027
- ✓ 27/02/2027
- ✓ 06/03/2027
- ✓ 24/04/2027
- ✓ 29/05/2027
- ✓ 26/06/2027



VENUE:
**SPENCER DENNEY CENTRE
WINDSOR**



UNPLUG. GET MESSY. MAKE MAGIC TOGETHER!
LIMITED SPACES – SIGN UP TODAY AND JOIN THE FUN!



TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

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NEW MONDAY WORKSHOPS AFTER SCHOOL

MONDAY WORKSHOPS

	DAY & TIME	SESSIONS	DATE
★ Magic Potion Lab	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	14/09/2026
★ Glow Galaxy Jars	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	21/09/2026
★ Giant Bubble Art Canvas	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	28/09/2026
★ Cardboard City Challenge	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	05/10/2026
★ Neon Graffiti Art	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	16/11/2026
★ Shadow Light Lanterns	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	23/11/2026
★ Monster Clay Creatures	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	30/11/2026
★ Floating Ink Art	Monday 16:00–18:00	1	07/12/2026


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RESOURCE FEE
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ART WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

	DAY & TIME	SESSIONS	DATE
★ Natural Tie Dye	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	19/09/2026
★ Fluid Art	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	26/09/2026
★ Doodle Art	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	03/10/2026
★ Embroidery Handicraft	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	10/10/2026
★ Clay Casting	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	17/10/2026
★ Resin Studio	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	24/10/2026
★ Tote Bag Design	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	22/05/2027
★ Graffiti Art	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	29/05/2027
★ Texture Art	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	06/03/2027
★ Mixed Media Abstract Art	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	21/11/2026
★ Journalling & Scrapbooking	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	05/12/2026
★ Pyrography: Burn Art	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	10/04/2027
★ Clay Casting	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	17/04/2027
★ Resin Studio	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	24/04/2027
★ Tote Bag Design	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	22/05/2027
★ Graffiti Art	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	29/05/2027
★ Soap Making	Saturday 10:00-13:00	1	26/06/2027



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