



Newly appointed Sports Leaders encouraging pupils during the Mini Marathon

Dear Parents and Carers



This week has been the first week where our Year 6 pupils with responsibility have taken on their roles. In Monday's assembly, we shared how proud we are of them for being selected for their roles and also how we know they will do a fantastic job with their responsibilities.

Congratulations to...

Junior Leaders

Zia Salman, Tylar Burgess, Alessia Pavel, Penelope Smith, Talia Fox-O'Neil.

House Captains:

Jaida Christie-Randall (Lancaster), Thomas Coleman (York), Russell Ives-Bawden (Stuart), Sam Golding (Windsor).

Growth Mindset Ambassadors:

Ellie Strawson, Aneesa Hussain.

Sports Leaders:

Imogen Roberts, Peter Levitt, Abdirahman Muhumed, Daniel Perez Tielve, Mia Battimelli-Hopkins, Teegan Chandler-Palmer, Rubal Sandhu, Flossie Tomkins.

Active 60 Ambassadors

Olivia Strawson, Eliana Fonebi, Theo Rutherford, Jackson Dormer-Kain.

Our Sports Leaders and Active 60 Ambassadors were straight into their jobs on Tuesday afternoon assisting with our **Mini Marathon**. They devised warm up routines, encouraged pupils running around the field and helped count the number of laps children ran.

The event was a huge success with pupils and staff keen to run laps of the field throughout their time slot to the background of some music playing to provide motivation and encouragement. Some pupils opted to jog, some ran as fast as they could and some combined walking and jogging. Don't forget that the event was sponsored so if you have any money to hand in to the school, please do so or alternatively you can donate via Arbor. Please use the reference Mini Marathon with your donation.

All in all, it was a fun event designed to promote health and fitness, sharing together with friends whilst raising some money at the same time.

We love sharing photos of children achieving in their work, enjoying OPAL play and being great ambassadors for the school. For this purpose, we require the permission from parents or carers.

Currently, we have 117 children where parents have not indicated if they give **permission to use photos**. This means that we can't use photos in newsletters. We have recently streamlined the permissions to be a more simple blanket yes or no to use of photos as nearly all of the photos we would use would be in a newsletter or assembly which may end up on the school website. Permission needs to be provided through Arbor. **Note that currently we do not have any active social media school accounts.** If we did start to utilise social media as an official school account, we would update parents and carers beforehand.

Please log in to Arbor and check your notices in orange. If you want to discuss how we use photos, please get in contact.

You have not consented to Photos: Use in school - e.g newsletters/website/social media channels for [] - click to correct

Good luck packing to those Year 6 pupils, Mrs Oliva, Mrs Cox, Mrs Richards, Mrs Patrick and Mrs Matthews who are off on their residential trip to PGL at Osmington Bay in Dorset next week. The weather looks very favourable for a fantastic week!

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"I'm feeling good about becoming a Junior Leader and pleased to have been chosen" Tylar, Year 6

"I like having a higher role in the school and the responsibility it comes with. I am proud of myself" Zia, Year 5

"Being a House Captain is fun, I really like reading out the house points in assembly and seeing the excitement on my peers faces" Jaida, Year 6

"I love Wessex and all the teachers, I will be sad to leave. This week I've really liked multiplication in maths" Imogen-Rose, Year 6

"I enjoyed scaling in Art" Cheryll, Year 6



Diary dates coming up



Thursday 8th October

School Tour for prospective parents – 9:15am

Thursday 15th October

Share my learning – Years 1 to 6 – 2.45pm to 3.15pm

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: Riley CG

Year 1: Imela

Year 2: Isabella and Rose

Year 3: Jessica R and Sophie

Year 4: Joseph and Isaac

Year 5: Harry S and Lily W

Year 6: Anaya and Rubal

Attendance

Lower School: Birch class winners with 97.3%

Upper School: Pine class winners with 97.3%

School attendance this week

94.7%



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

School Values



We spoke in assembly about how last week it was National Teaching Assistants' Day and this coming Monday it is International Teacher Day. Throughout the week, children have been writing messages of gratitude to their teachers and have been adding these to a special box to be shared next week. We said how teachers are grateful when everyone in the school demonstrates our values and our whole Wessex Way. We are looking forward to seeing what the children have been saying about the adults in the school.

OPAL updates

The level of engagement from pupils towards OPAL play is astounding! Seeing children creating, playing, sharing and laughing so much is a joy to witness. Sent along with this newsletter is the short booklet **The Power of Play**. This gives you some really useful ideas of bringing OPAL to your home and also ways in which you can help support OPAL at school through donations. While the weather is currently pretty good, waterproofs and wellies are always welcome for pupils to use in our water and mud kitchen areas and will be needed as we move towards winter. In the last week, we have also launched larger loose parts, such as pallets. These have been used with great creativity with some great risk taking demonstrated by children too!

500 Word competition

Mrs Newman is once again encouraging all of our budding authors to enter the BBC's 500 Words competition. Children can write a story about absolutely anything they like, as long as it is 500 words or fewer. The competition offers some wonderful prizes and we will also be awarding a prize for the best entry at Wessex. **The deadline for submissions is Tuesday 3rd November** and all entries should be handed to Mrs Newman or the school office. We look forward to reading lots of imaginative and creative stories. Good luck everyone!

Year 4 science

Lime and Larch class recently soaked eggs in different liquids for three days to find out how different foods affect our teeth enamel. They discovered that some sugary things made the shells rough like cavities and the vinegar soaked egg went rubbery. Lime class did an on-the-spot experiment with this and found that it bounced all the way up to a 50cm drop and when we tried to double it at 1m, it exploded like a water balloon!

Character curriculum

This week, we focused on greeting people. It is a small thing, but it can make a big difference. A friendly "good morning" or "hello" helps people feel welcome, whether they are a new child joining our school, a visitor or someone we see every day. Taking the time to acknowledge others shows respect and helps create the kind, caring community we all strive for.

Greeting people



- Listen out for greetings
- Stopping and responding
- Giving a greeting back
- Introducing yourself
 - Smile
- Look at the person
- Give eye contact,



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride



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



WRITING COMPETITION!



2026

Your story must be 500 words or less
and about anything you want!

Prizes:

Story read on The One Show
Tea with a member of The Royal Family
Book tokens for you and school

Your story can be handwritten or typed. No group entries.
Deadline: Give to Mrs Newman on/before
Tuesday 3rd November





BERKSHIRE
TENNIS

8U COUNTY OPENDAY

FOR PLAYERS BORN 2020, 2021 OR 2022

**Sunday 18th October 2026 at Cox
Green Leisure Centre, 12:00-13:15**

**Join 8U County Captain Rob Flynn
and 10U Performance Lead Nigel
Mann for an exciting session full of
tennis fun, informal assessment, and
valuable parent education.**

This event is open to passionate
players born in 2020, 2021, or 2022
who train regularly, want to increase
their play, and are looking to progress
to the next level.

*Players must reside or be born in
Berkshire and not currently be
involved in the county set-up.*

**SCAN OR CLICK
HERE TO BOOK**



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MON & THU
TERM TIME



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TO
6PM**



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