Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026



Year 3's brilliant writing on display above their lockers

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow, what a week it's been for our Year 6 pupils both at PGL and those who remained at school!



The children who remained at school have also had a great week. They've baked, used clay, counted housepoints, embarked on scavenger hunts and solved maths puzzles and problems. Huge thanks to Mrs Harley for masterming the week for the children.

Our Year 6 children have returned from a fantastic week at **PGL Osmington Bay**, filled with adventure, challenge and fun. From raft building and dragon boating to climbing, laser tag and the Giant Swing, the children showed resilience, determination and teamwork throughout the week. It was wonderful to see so many children pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and achieving things they may not have thought possible at the start of the trip. The week also provided many opportunities for children to strengthen friendships and create lifelong memories together.

A huge thank you to Mrs Oliva, Mrs Cox, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Richards and Mrs Matthews, who gave up a week away from their own families to make this experience possible. Thank you also to our parents and carers for trusting us with your children for the week. We hope you enjoy hearing about their adventures, achievements and favourite memories over the weekend. The children represented Wessex Primary School brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

We have two amazing pieces of fundraising to highlight! Hunter's (Year 3) Dad climbed Ben Nevis a couple of weeks ago and got sponsorship amounting to £1,000! What a brilliant achievment. We look forward to inviting Hunter's Dad in to school to share how he persevered to achieve such a task!

Also, thanks to everyone who handed in sponsorship money for the Mini Marathon. Altogether we raised around £1,100. Both of these acts of fundraising are contributing to our OPAL fund where we have some large and exciting plans for the future!



Don't forget that it's **Share my Learning** next Thursday from 2:45pm. This event allows you to come into school and for your child to share and class environment with you. please make sure you are out of the class before 3:15pm so children can be dismissed safely.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"This week was really fun, I really liked making the key chain" Malik, Year 6

"It was so fun, we did lots of things like making pencil boxes and iced biscuits" Abdiraham, Year 6

"This week was amazing, but do you know what was even better? The cooking!" Russell, Year 6

"This is the best week I have had, I enjoyed everything. Thanks to Mrs Harley" Gowtam, Year 6

"The week was fun. I loved making the clay dish" Aleena, Year 6

"My favourite activities were making the macrame because it turned out really cute and the baking because I loved the cookies. I enjoyed making the pencil boxes and making the clay scultpture" Nermine, Year 6

"My week has been really fun, I really liked playing hockey" Oscar, Year 6

Diary dates coming up

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

Wednesday 21st October
Y6 - Height & Weight

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: Zoya

Year 1: Madina

Year 2: Ellie and Jude

Year 3: Niamh and Jessica B

Year 4: Joshua and Mikey

Year 5: Kaiden and Michael

Attendance

Lower School: Alder class winners with 94%

Upper School: Hazel class winners with 97.4%

School attendance this week

95.1%

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

School Values

This week, our value is Belonging. In assembly, we thought about the people who help us grow and the importance of helping everyone feel welcomed, valued and included. We also launched Black History Month, which gives us an opportunity to learn about people whose achievements, determination and courage have made a positive difference to society. Children have continued writing messages to members of staff, recognising the support, encouragement and kindness they receive each day. We look forward to sharing some of these messages and celebrating the people who help make Wessex a place where everyone can belong.

Parent tips for gaming

Many children enjoy gaming, but it is worth remembering that gaming is often about much more than simply playing the game. Children may be chatting with other players, joining online communities and making in-game purchases, sometimes without adults being fully aware of the different features being used.

Ofcom's Parents Power Up guidance, which is built around three simple steps: Check, Chat and Change is a guide which can help. It offers practical advice on privacy settings, parental controls and having regular conversations about children's online experiences. The guidance can be found at Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online.

School Street reminder

Please remember that the School Street restrictions on St Adrian's Close apply to all parents, carers and visitors, including those collecting children early or arriving outside normal drop-off and pick-up times. Drivers entering the restricted area without a valid permit may receive a PCN. Thank you for supporting this important safety measure and helping to keep our children safe.

Character curriculum

This week, we focused on encouraging others. Sometimes a few kind words can make all the difference. Encouraging someone when they are finding something difficult, celebrating their success or simply reminding them to keep trying can help build confidence and resilience. We all achieve more when we support one another, and by encouraging others we help create a positive school community where everyone feels valued, included and ready to do their best.





School Tours and Stay & Plays

Wessex Primary School



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!

BBC 500 WORDS

2026

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

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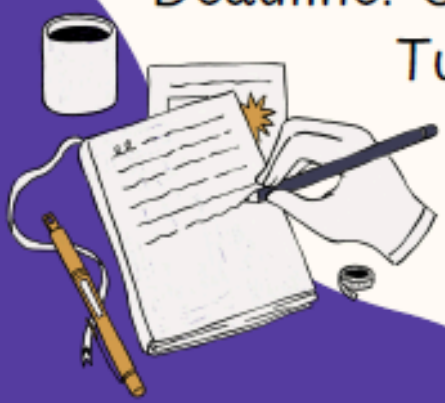
Story read on The One Show

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





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

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GEMS supports parents and carers of Autistic and ADHD children and young people across East Berkshire.

We provide information, guidance and practical support to help families better understand their child's strengths, needs and experiences. Through workshops, courses, learning resources and signposting, we help families build confidence and create supportive environments where children can thrive.



What do we provide?

Wherever you are in your understanding of autism and ADHD, whether you are exploring neurodivergence, awaiting assessment or supporting a child following diagnosis. GEMS offers a single point of contact for information, advice and support.

For parents and carers, we provide:

- Workshops and courses
- Learning animations and articles
- Information, advice and guidance
- Signposting to local and national services
- Opportunities to connect with other families

WE SUPPORT FAMILIES LIVING IN, OR REGISTERED WITH A GP PRACTICE IN: EAST BERKSHIRE, SLOUGH, WINDSOR, MAIDENHEAD AND BRACKNELL.

the autism group

Parenting Special Children

NHS Frimley

WIN £100 AND HELP IMPROVE THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN!

Wearehelping theDepartmentfor Educationto understand how families start their day.



THE ASK

A 5-10 minute online survey.

WHO

Everyone!

Designed by parents, for parents

ScanthisQRcode,complete the10 minute survey and have the chance to win £100!

Make sure the findings reflect families like yours!