Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2026



Great turn taking with the newly introduced scooters at lunch play today

Dear Parents and Carers

The weather has started to get a little more wet over the past few days and more rain is forecast throughout next week. With this in mind, please make sure that children bring suitable coats to school.

Yesterday, we had our first Share my Learning session of the year and what a success it was. We understand that not everyone is able to come along and see their children's work and share the learning environment during the school day. Thank you to everyone who filled in the form letting us know as it very much helped the organisation of books for teachers. The sun was shining and families spread out across the school sharing children's successes and efforts in their books. Smiles and giggles were evident and children were clearly very proud of being able to share their learning - this is exactly why we have these events to build connections between school and home and for children to be able to share their successes with you!

We have heard from Maidenhead Lions with an update on their Talent Show. Unfortunately, due to a lack of support from local schools they have had to cancel their event. As a result, we will not have our own Talent Show next week. Rather, our acts will be performing in an assembly in November. Mrs Eves and Mrs Ashby will be communicating with families of children who had signed up to the talent show.

As mentioned in our message to parents on Wednesday, next week we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival where we will be continuing our support for Maidenhead Foodshare. We would be very grateful for any food donations you are able to make. Children can bring donations into school from Monday 19th October to Wednesday 21st October, either by handing them to their class teacher or bringing them to the school office. Maidenhead Foodshare has shared that stocks are currently critically low on dried mash potato, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned fish, toiletries, teabags, coffee and small bags of rice. However, all long-life, non-perishable food items are very welcome. Thank you for your continued generosity.

OPAL lunchtimes continue to be a highlight of the school day and children and staff are really enjoying the activities on offer. Since introducing tyres and pallets a few weeks ago, they have gone down a storm and therefore we are asking for more donations of these items. Also, if there are any working buggies or pushchairs available to be donated, we would be very grateful!

Children are enjoying the messy and water activities, like our mud kitchen and water play. As the weather gets wetter and the playground and field become more muddy, we'd like children to have a waterproof suit and spare shoes or wellies for them to change into. Please supply your child with wellies or waterproofs if they are likely to enjoy these activities so that children are comfy for afternoon lessons.

A reminder about the 500 word story competition which we shared a few weeks ago. The deadline for these stories to be written is 3rd November. See the poster attached to the newsletter for more information and good luck writing. There's school prizes on offer and even the opportunity to meet a member of the Royal Family or have your story read out on the One Show!

A reminder that next Friday is an INSET day so children's last day of this term will be Thursday 22nd October where we will share our first end of term newsletter.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"Last week at PGL I loved the street surfing! At first I couldn't get my balance, but at the end of the lesson, I was whizzing around the room. It was really fun" Zia, Year 6

"My favourite part of PGL was pulling a string then enjoying 'flying' through the air on the giant swing" Tylar, Year 6

"PGL was so fun. I loved all of it. My favourite activity was the giant swing. The people there were so kind and nice to me. It was an amazing experience" Ellie-Louise, Year 6

"PGL was really fun because we did raft building, dragon boating, vertical challenge, rock climbing and aero ball. On the last night we had a disco" Jaida, Year 6

"I loved PGL. The food was amazing and all the activities were amazing. Everybody was so nice. My favourite was the street surfing" Ellie, Year 6

Diary dates coming up

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
Break the Rules day - see poster attached
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: Paisley

Year 1: Ethan

Year 2: Andreeas and Mayilan

Year 3: Shaylen and Jude

Year 4: Mohamed and Ariana

Year 5: Imogen and Harry M

Year 6: Ellie and Jessica

Attendance

Lower School: Chestnut class winners with 94.5%

Upper School: Lime class winners with 100%

School attendance this week

94%

Last week = 95.1%
Last year average = 95%
Aiming for 97%

School Values

As part of Black History Month, we used Nelson Mandela as a figure in history who demonstrated this week's value- Determination. We discussed how we can learn from figures in history, to celebrate their achievements and also be inspired too.

Spending time thinking about Nelson Mandela and the level of challenge he faced allowed us to think about our own challenges in school and life and how, no matter what barriers are in the way to success, belief, hope, perseverance, determination and a drive for success can overcome those barriers.

New Apple features

If your child uses an iPhone or iPad, Apple has added new safety features for families in its latest software update. These include better Screen Time controls, more options to manage apps and websites, and extra tools to help protect children from inappropriate content.

This short video gives a simple overview of the new features. Parents who would like to set up or change these controls can also find step-by-step guidance on Apple's website. It is worth taking a few minutes to check your child's settings and make sure they are right for your family.

Apple also has a section on their website about safety features which you can explore. To find out about changing settings for screen time, see this article on Apple's website.

Attendance update

Attendance for this year so far is slightly lower than at the same time as last year. A reminder that we have our Under the Weather form, which is now available on our attendance page of the school website. This simple form allows you to let us know your child is not feeling 100% so that we can keep an eye on them throughout the day and update you if we need to.

Character curriculum

This week, we focused on how to stand up for what is right. The children discussed why it is important to speak up when something is unfair, unkind or unsafe, even when doing so can feel difficult. We explored how showing courage, respect and responsibility helps us make positive choices and support others.
By understanding how to stand up for what is right, children learn that their actions can make a difference. Whether helping a friend, reporting a problem or making a good choice when nobody is watching, these small acts help create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.





BREAK THE RULES DAY

THURSDAY 22ND
OCTOBER
2026

50P PER RULE BROKEN
HOW MANY CAN YOU BREAK??

#1 HAVE WACKY HAIR!
#2 WEAR CRAZY SOCKS!
#3 PAINT YOUR NAILS!
#4 NON-UNIFORM!
#5 FACE PAINT!
#6 BRING A TEDDY TO SCHOOL!
#7 WEAR A HAT ALL DAY!
#8 SQUASH IN YOUR WATER!
#9 TEMPORARY TATTOO!
#10 A SWEET OR SAVOURY SNACK FOR THE AFTERNOON (NO NUTS)!

MONEY CAN BE PAID VIA ARBOR OR COLLECTED IN THE CLASSROOM ON THE DAY!



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Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

COX GREEN LIBRARY

Drop-in Spooky Craft

Thursday 29October

11 am

Suitable for

5 - 11 years



EXPLORE YOUR LIBRARY
READ, RELAX, DISCOVER

GO ALL IN.
National Year of Reading 2026

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Libraries Development Framework



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Cox Green Library

New LEGO Master Builder Club!





Callingall Lego fansaged 8+

Join our new club and develop your building skills by following instructions and taking on the challenge of completing your lego model.

Can you complete the challenge?

Join us to find out.



Every Wednesday 4.30pm-6.30pm



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WRITING COMPETITION!

BBC 500 WORDS

2026

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

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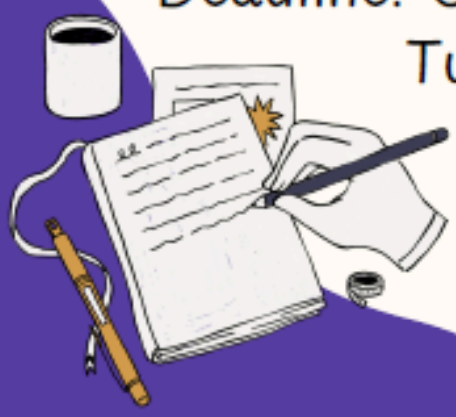
Story read on The One Show

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





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

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SUPERHERO
FEST 2026
SATURDAY
31 OCTOBER
5PM – 6:30PM
BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE
Superhero Training Camp
(games, crafts + more!)
Tokens for stalls
(5 incl with each ticket, extra available)
A high-energy Praise Party
Refreshments will be available
TICKETS £7 PER CHILD
(ADULTS FREE)
www.kcionline.org/superherofest