




Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th April 2025

New values stickers and Wessex Way stickers have arrived after we gave out so many this year!

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome to the Summer Term - we hope you had a good Easter break and that the children managed to recharge and be ready for this term. This half term happens to be the shortest term of all at just five weeks. This includes two Bank Holidays too and so is only 23 school days long!

Of course, that's not to say that there won't be much going on. This half term is busy with educational outings planned for pupils in Years 1 and 4:

- Year 4 start their swimming lessons this term;
- Year 1 visit both Braywick Nature Reserve and Waltham Place to complement their science topic;
- Year 4 visit the River and Rowing Museum in Henley to support their Geography topic.

In addition to this, Year 2 have plans for a workshop relating to their topic of the Great Fire of London.

In a few weeks, our Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs. The pupils and staff have been working really hard to prepare the children for these assessments and we couldn't be more proud of the way that the cohort have responded.

Year 1 will be sharing their learning with parents in their sharing assembly later in the term which we are all looking forward to. On the theme of sharing learning, we have our third and final Share my Learning session this year scheduled towards the end of the term where you get the chance to come into school

to see your child's books and learning environment. As you know, these events have been a popular addition to our calendar this year following feedback that parents wanted more contact with school and their child's learning. Feedback relating to these events has been most positive. Thank you for this.

Please remember to ensure that your child reads regularly at home. From discussions with teachers recently, it has become clear that there are some children who are only reading in school. Spending just 15 minutes a day reading will help your child a vast amount.

Don't forget that the majority of our clubs start next week and note the new dance club that we have running for this term. Find out more information about our clubs on the [school website](#).

Mr Beavan

“ Quotes of the week

Settling back into learning for term 5

“This week we have been counting to 20 and we did a outside treasure hunt” Ella, Reception

“In science we are learning about plants” Adam, Year 1

“This week we have been learning about how to write a story in writing” Sophia, Year 2

“We have been reading a book called The Heart in a Bottle, we love it because of the enticing mystery and fantasy” Adeline & Aadriti, Year 3

“Today we went for swimming lessons at Braywick for the first time, it was fun” Nermine, Year 4

“Science has been really eventful as we've made water timers and sun dials from plastic bottles and cardboard” Abbi, Year 5

“During this week we've been revising for SATs, we've been learning formal methods for division which I enjoy a lot” Ariz, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Wednesday 30th April
Class photographs

Friday 2nd May
Year 4 swimming at Braywick

Monday 5th May
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - no school

Thursday 8th May
Year 1 Birch class trip to Braywick Nature Reserve

Friday 9th May
Year 1 Beech class trip to Braywick Nature Reserve
Year 4 swimming at Braywick

Monday 12th May
Year 6 SATs week

Good News Certificates



EYFS: isla and Dylan

Year 1: Elsie and George PW

Year 2: Lily and Oliver

Year 3: Amelia and Aadriti

Year 4: Junior and Peter

Year 5: Dominic and Oliver H

Year 6: Marcus and Jessie

Attendance

Lower School: Alder winners with 100%

Upper School: Lime & Pine joint winners with 97.5%

School attendance this week

96.7%



Last week = 95.7%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



As the school year heads into the final long term, we decided to focus on being determined. We talked about how we can be determined in our learning and by setting ourselves challenges and targets. We discussed how the logo we use for determination comes from Greek mythology and how Sisyphus never gives up trying to push a boulder up a mountain no matter what happens. We said that a positive mindset will help us to be determined.

Free tennis equipment

You may not be aware but the Lawn Tennis Association are giving away free tennis equipment for children to use. All you need to do is pay £4.99 postage. You can claim free tennis equipment from the [LTA's website](#) and can get two sets per household.

Cheap broadband tariffs

If you are someone who claims Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits, you may be eligible to have a social tariff for your broadband. This can save households money as they are delivered in the same way as normal packages but just at a lower price. For more information, please see this article of [Ofcom's website](#).

PINS survey

Following previous communication about the PINS Project (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools), SEND Voices have asked us to gather parent views relating to a number of areas of parent experiences with the school. Please can you spare 5 minutes by completing this anonymous [survey](#).

The survey closes on 9th May.

Character Curriculum

We all experience things that annoy us in life. We spent some time in assembly this week discussing how we are all different and have different tolerance levels. However, there comes a point where we may need to ask someone to stop doing something; so we revisited this character trait of how to ask someone to stop doing something.

How do you ask someone to stop doing something?:



- Politely and firmly explaining your situation.
- Being clear in what you want to change and why.
- Explaining the impact on you.
- What to do if that doesn't work.



Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



School Survey for ALL Parents

- At the end of this national pilot to improve the support for neurodivergent children in mainstream schools, we invite all parents to share your feedback.
- In less than 5 minutes, you can provide valuable insights to help us evaluate the impact of project.
 - Your voice matters.

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<https://forms.office.com/e/9aq2zSyPbq>



Survey Open 25th April - 9th May

- You may complete a survey for each child attending the school.
- The survey is hosted by SEND Voices RBWM, the Royal Borough's Parent Carer Forum. We are parent carers who work strategically with local SEND service providers to improve outcomes.
- The survey is completely anonymous and only themes will be shared back with your school.



For any enquiries, please email: pins@svrbwm.org.uk

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