




# Wessex Weekly

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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st March 2025

Some Year 5 pupils took part in a Crumble workshop this week to enhance their computing knowledge

### Dear Parents and Carers



Time is certainly flying by this term as we approach the final two weeks before Easter. It hardly seems that long ago that we acknowledged coming back from February half term meant that Spring was around the corner!

The sight of the red outfits, red noses on faces, cakes being devoured or the jangle of coins must mean that we have celebrated Comic Relief today in great style! Thank you to everyone who has bought a red nose or donated money towards this excellent cause today. The total raised so far, not including the cake sale is £195!

Thank you to those Year 6 parents who attended our SATS parent information meeting last Friday. The Year 6 team have been working hard to add very useful information on their class pages on the website. Do have a look at this information which will help you to help your child with preparing for the assessments next term.

Again, we have seen pupils arriving incredibly early in the morning before school. The school gates open at 8:45am and there is a ten minute window to allow everyone to arrive safely. Pupils arriving much before this time are unsupervised and as such we will monitor this situation. This is also a safeguarding risk. For any pupils who continue to arrive early to school, we will contact parents to ask why this is the case.

Year 3 and Year 5 have entertained parents through their sharing assemblies over the past two weeks. Seeing the children share the amount of learning they have completed this year and the joy on their faces when sharing has made us all very proud! Well done, Year 3 and Year 5!

Year 1 had an interesting time listening to Rabbi Rene who visited the school last week on Wednesday. Rabbi Rene spoke to the children about some religious artefacts and what being a Rabbi meant. The children listened carefully and showed a mature understanding of Judaism. They had some insightful questions to ask Rabbi Rene and were very respectful throughout his visit. "It was fantastic" "The stuff he brought was amazing!"



Next week is the last week to enter the poster competition to advertise the Cox Green Fayre.

- Information that needs to be included is:
- o Cox Green Village Fayre 2025
  - o Brill Green, Cox Green Lane
  - o Saturday 10th May 2025
  - o From 12 noon onwards

### Mr Beavan

## Quotes of the week

Year 3 and 5 sharing assembly quotes...

"I demonstrated how ancient Egyptian mummies work. They are a piece of history" Sidney U, Year 3

"I enjoyed reading my line about movemnet and muscles. It showed my fascination for science" Sid S, Year 3

"I really liked role playing with my friends about history" Ellis, Year 3

"It was fun because I was speaking out to the parents about what we have learnt" Erin, Year 5

"I enjoyed speaking about Mythologica and the Greek Gods, They're so cool" Abigail, Year 5

"I loved speaking about the ocean and the millions of cool creatures" Rudy, Year 5

# Diary dates coming up



**Tuesday 25th March**  
Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 26th March**  
Parent Consultation Meetings

**Thursday 27th March**  
Year 2 Sharing Assembly - 9am - US hall  
PTA Bags 2 School

**Friday 28th March**  
PTA Easter disco - purchase your ticket on Arbor

**Thursday 3rd April**  
Year 4 Sharing Assembly - 9am - USH  
Year 5 Space Horizons Workshop

**Friday 4th April**  
Last day of term - early finish at 1.30pm

# Good News Certificates



**EYFS: Kailash and Ivy Blue**

**Year 1: Jasen and Ekambir**

**Year 2: Joseph and Aiza**

**Year 3: Sebastian and Ariana**

**Year 4: Darasimi and Maddison**

**Year 5: Ariella and Teddie**

**Year 6: Kieran and Ilyan**

# Attendance

**Lower School: Alder winners with 100%**

**Upper School: Holly & Poplar joint winners with 98.3%**

**School attendance this week**

**95.6%**



Last week = 95%  
Last year average = 95%

**Aiming for 97%**

# School Values



Another week of pride as our value as we looked at the British Value of Individual Liberty. We understood from this that we are free to make our own decisions and choices without anyone telling us otherwise so long as we keep within the law. We said we should be proud of who we are and proud of our own thoughts and beliefs.

# Year 3 visit to Ufton Court

Last week, Year 3 visited Ufton Court to enhance their Ancient Egyptians learning. Ava (Hazel Class) has written a review about the trip:

I really enjoyed the embalming and mummification part of the trip. I didn't know the embalmer had to break a person's nose with a mallet to pull out the brain with a hook and then they took all the other organs and placed them in canopic jars. I had the important job of keeping the heart safe to help the prince reach the afterlife.

My favourite part was the 'Crime and Punishment' drama scene. The room was set up as a court scene and I acted as the Vizier. My job was to decide if the criminal was guilty and give a suitable punishment for the crime.

I would definitely recommend going to Ufton court, I enjoyed all the workshops, and it was a fun day. I would love to go back!

# Parents' Evening

Next week is when we have our parent evening appointments. These take place in the school halls. Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time as each appointment slot is only ten minutes long. Also, remember to give yourself enough time to look at your child's books and school environment too.

# Character Curriculum

As the weather is getting better, we spoke about how to play appropriately on the field at break and lunchtime. We spoke about how lucky we are to have such a vast field with enough room where everyone can enjoy it. Particularly, we discussed different games and activities that are appropriate to play and how to seek help is needed.

## Playing happily on the field



- Coming back to class quickly at the end of break and lunch
- Respecting other people's games and space
- Respecting equipment
- Finding an adult if there is a need
- Being respectful to neighbours
- Staying safe by ours and neighbour's fences





2025



**EASTER**

# HOLIDAY CAMP

At Wessex  
Primary School  
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## What's on...

- Varied Sports
- Craft Workshop
- Outdoor Games
- Team Building Challenges
- Healthy Living Programme

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- Outdoor Games ●
- Team Building Challenges ●
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## Wessex Primary School

### Building Confidence & Well Being through Drama

- Little Tanks drama club is enrichment for your child as it aims to develop children's confidence and well-being.
- Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities that will be fun, exciting and engaging.
- We believe that by embedding your child's resilience it will give them a more positive approach to developing their strengths even further.
- Work on an end of term show to share with parents during the last session.

## Summer Term 2025

29th of April – 15th of July\*

(excluding half term – 27th of May)

**Years:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Day:** Tuesday

**Time:** 3.25 - 4.25pm

**Venue:** UpperSchool Hall

**Cost:** £77.00

To avoid disappointment please complete your form and fee as soon as possible as there are only 20 spaces per course. We work on a first come first serve basis once the payment & online

form has been received

\*Please note these dates are subject to change

## Contact Us

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**E-mail:** [debi@littletanks.co.uk](mailto:debi@littletanks.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.littletanks.co.uk](http://www.littletanks.co.uk)

Please [click here](#) to complete the registration form online and make the payment to secure your child's space.

Spaces are only allocated on receipt of both the form and fee

### \*\*\*Payment Details\*\*\*

**Account Name:** Little Tanks Ltd

**Account Number:** 99493876

**Sort Code:** 60-83-71

**Cost:** £77.00

**Reference:** WS + your child's name



Wessex Primary School  
After school *Sewing Club*  
(Open for yr.1 to yr. 6)

Starting: Thursday 1st May 2025

Let's have some sewing fun! I am very excited to announce the sewing club for the summer term. Children will be doing creative sewing using different techniques and various types of fabrics.

**This term yr.1,2 & 3 will be making:**

- Surprise project for Father's Day
- Stuffed Teddy
- Water bottle holder

**Yr.4,5 & 6 will be making**

- Surprise project for Father's Day
- Pencil roll / Multipurpose organiser roll
- Drawstring pouch

***Duration:11 weeks (Starting 1st May to 17th July)***

***Time: 3:25 to 4:25pm.***

***Fee: £110 (All materials included) you can pay by following childcare vouchers***

***Edenred,Sodexo,Care 4,Fidelity,Computershare,RG***

Places are limited will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join, **please text /WhatsApp me on 07782253565 to book the place.**

Thank you.

Anita Kulkarni

Email: [anita@dhagga-sewing.co.uk](mailto:anita@dhagga-sewing.co.uk)

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# iPro Football COACHING



**BOYS' ONLY**

Wednesday After School Football Club @ Wessex Primary School

iPro Football will be holding an after school football club at your school during the Summer Term.

Guided by our team of our fully qualified professional coaches, the course will work on developing players skills as well as having small sided matches, competitions and fun for all!

<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	<b>Wednesday 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Course Duration (12 sessions)</b>	<b>Wednesday 30th April – Wednesday 16th July 2025 (Exc. Half Term, 28th May 2025) Double Session on 16th July 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.</b>
<b>BACS Payment: Sort Code 09 01 29 Account Number 32421826 – Ref: Child's Full name Account name iPro Football Coaching Ltd Forms to be completed and emailed to <a href="mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk">office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk</a>.</b>	<b>£90 – 12 x Sessions No forms or payment to be returned to the School Office</b>
<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>Open to boys in Years R – 6 Minimum number 10 – Maximum 15 per group</b>
<b>Kit Required</b>	<b>Boots/Trainers/Shinpads/Drink &amp; Weather Appropriate clothing.</b>

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. To secure your place, please complete the attached form and email it to [office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk). Places are confirmed once payment is received. The course is **non refundable** however a credit note **may be** issued for use on a course at a later date. **If you require any further information, please contact the iPro office using above details.**

**IPRO ADVANCED ACADEMY!**

Advanced session running weekly for talented grassroots club players in addition to all local club football.  
Outfield Players & Specialist GK Section – Limited places  
Maidenhead Academy Friday: Times 5.30-7.00pm  
For further info & to book your FREE trial please contact:  
[office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk)

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES!**

Are you football mad?  
Would you like to enjoy a football birthday party with your favourite iPro coach?  
If so please contact office manager, Julie Adams,  
[office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk)

**\*\*Please Complete in Block Capitals\*\***

Wessex Summer 25

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method (please tick) BACS [ ]

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide us with a clear email address so we can keep you up to date with everything iPro)

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

(Children attending who require Epi pens must have written letter of consent to allow our staff to administer treatment. In the unlikely event that your child should need first aid and /or be transferred to hospital, by signing this form you give permission for our staff to do so. You also confirm that all relevant medical conditions have been disclosed). I understand and accept that whilst reasonable care will be taken, neither 'iPro Football coaching', not any personnel authorised by it, not the school of facility at which the course is being held, will be held responsible for any loss or injury suffered by, or to the applicant, howsoever caused.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

iPro Football reserves the right to take promotional photographs and images of any of our coaching courses. These images will only be used to promote and advertise recognised iPro Football events. If you do not wish your child to appear in any iPro Football literature please tick this box [ ]



Dear Parent

**Little Musketeers at Wessex Primary School | Blue Band Term – Observation and Communication**

Little Musketeers are back offering a fun, safe and educational environment for young children to learn the sport of fencing. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a dueling Musketeer, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Little Musketeers provide bright coloured foam and plastic foils and plastic masks with mesh visors that are safe and yet hard enough to give children the real feel of fencing. We ensure visors are worn at all times giving peace of mind as well as that genuine fencing experience.

Little Musketeers classes are designed and managed by Olympic fencer and 4 times British National Champion James Beevers. All staff are CRB checked, First Aid certified and trained personally by James.

This term's course will focus on **Observation and Communication** as well as speed and agility! Once the course is completed, they will be awarded with the **Blue term wristband**.

We hope you can join us for our **10-week course** as follows:

- Monday 28th April - Monday 21st July 2025 / - / Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

The cost for the course will be **£80.00** per child.

If your child would like to sign up for this course, please visit:

<https://bookings.littlemusketeers.com>

Once there, follow the instructions to complete your booking online. **Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.**

Yours Faithfully

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## What is Little Musketeers?

- The UK's No.1 dedicated primary school fencing programme.
- A welcoming and friendly club giving children a fun and safe introduction to the sport of fencing.
- Founded in 2009 by Olympian and 10x British champion James Beevers.
- Currently operating in 60 schools across Berkshire.



## Why choose us?

# Because its fun!



- Classes provide a unique mix of mental, social and physical stimulation.
- Strategic, disciplined, physical nature makes it attractive to a wide range of students.
- Endorsed by the worlds leading cognitive, developmental neuroscientist.
- Teaching the art of friendly confrontation & conflict resolution.
- Emphasis on a child's social emotional well-being.
- Development of a child's executive functions.



Dr. Adele Diamond,  
Tier 1 Cognitive Developmental Neuroscientist,  
University of British Columbia, Canada

## WHAT ARE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS?

Executive functions (EFs) make possible mentally playing with ideas; taking the time to think before acting; meeting novel, unanticipated challenges; resisting temptations; and staying focused.

Core EFs are inhibition [response inhibition (self-control – resisting temptations and resisting acting impulsively) and interference control (selective attention and cognitive inhibition), working memory, and cognitive flexibility (including creatively thinking “outside the box,” seeing anything from different perspectives, and quickly and flexibly adapting to changed circumstances).\*

\*Extract courtesy of Annual Review of Psychology Volume 64, 2013 Diamond



### EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS & ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

What does Dr. Adele Diamond say...

"Executive functions (EFs) are critical for success in school, on the job, and in life. EFs suffer if you are lonely, sad, stressed, or not physically fit. Therefore, if we care about academic outcomes, we should care that students feel they are in a supportive community they can count on, that they are happy (even joyful), and that their bodies are strong and healthy."

\*Extract courtesy of Minn Symp Child Psychol. 2014; 37: 205-232



### EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS & LITTLE MUSKETEERS

What does Dr. Adele Diamond say...

"Little Musketeers challenges all the critical executive functions -- including self-control, focused attention, working memory, and creative problem-solving -- in a way that's fun for kids. Kids clearly derive great joy from Little Musketeers; they help and encourage one another, and a supportive community develops; those emotional and social benefits of Little Musketeers work to support the executive function benefits of the program."

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Thursday  
24th April  
19:00 - 20:00

**FREE**



## Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday  
18th March

10:00 - 11:30

£24



## Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.  
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Tuesday  
3rd April

10:00 - 11:30

£24



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
3rd April  
19:00 - 20:30

£24



## Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

# Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm