



Wessex Weekly

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 2025



Year 3 tasting tea to then apply as royal tea apprentices.

Dear Parents and Carers



What a fabulous afternoon we had yesterday with our second Share My Learning session. These have proven to be incredibly popular and very well-received by parents and pupils alike.

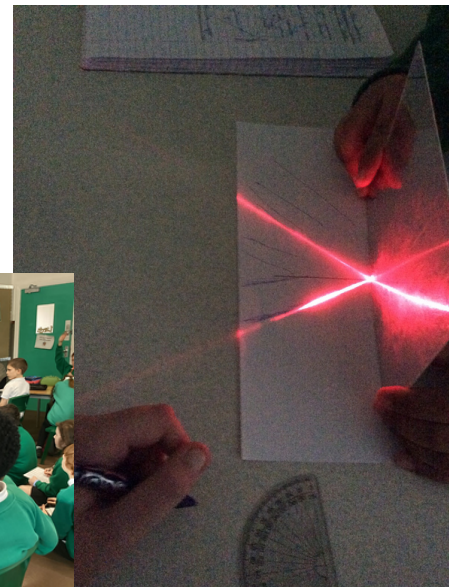
The halls were a buzz and classrooms packed with parents and children spending time looking over children's exercise books with comments like, "this was my favourite piece" and "I can't believe you've done so much work!" In total we had 111 children visited by parents with 15 children from Hazel class having someone visit to share their learning!

One of the aspects that we have wanted to improve over the past couple of years has been how much parents are involved in their children's learning. Sharing assemblies, invites to Good News assemblies and events like the Share my Learning event have been excellent examples of these situations.

Along with involving parents more, we have been developing the information relating to our curriculum offer on the school website. After half term, you will be able to find each subject's key learning documents on the curriculum page which document the objectives and vocabulary which will be taught in that unit. Complete curriculum maps will also be uploaded for each year group so you can see what is covered for each year group. We hope you find this useful.

You may have noticed that the ANPR camera, which will enforce the School Street, has been installed this week. Recently, there have been a growing number of people driving down St Adrians Close which has begun to make the road less safe than when the School Street started. A reminder that without a valid permit, driving down the road once the ANPR is operational will result in a fine. We will write with more details in due course relating to this. **Mr Beavan**

Pictures from Year 3, 4 and 6's learning. For details, see page 2.



Quotes of the week

"My parents watched me doing adding in Maths"
Vincent, Year 1

"I was very proud to show my parents my handwriting"
Azaria, Year 2

"We learnt French numbers and colours" Imogen, Year 3

"I now understand how to play hot cross buns on the trumpet"
Imogen Rose, Year 4

"I appreciated Mr Haigh teaching quidditch in PE, it's so much fun" Fynn, Year 5

"I love puzzling questions in algebra"
Risith, Year 6



Diary dates coming up



Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February
Chestnut Class – RBWM Dance Festival
Braywick Leisure Centre – 1pm to 2.30pm

Friday 14th February
PTA Break the Rules Day

17th February – 21st February – Half term

Monday 24th February
Start of Term 3 – 8.45am to 8.55am

Thursday 6th March
Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

Friday 7th March
PTA Bags 2 School

Monday 10th March
Year 3 trip to Ufton Court

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Lola O and Rose

Year 1: Jessica B and Lottie

Year 2: Shivaay and Isabella

Year 3: Lilly H and Louis

Year 4: Aleena and Russell

Year 5: Tanaaya and Oliver

Year 6: Inaaya and Risith

Attendance

Lower School: Beech winners with 98.3%

Upper School: Pine winners with 98.6%

School attendance this week

94.4%



Last week = 92.2%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



This week, we had a focus on our school value of respect. Mr Beavan's assembly involved a tube of toothpaste which represented negative things that we can say to other people. We realised that you can't put the toothpaste back in the tube and therefore you can't take back negative things that you may say to other people. We linked this to respect and our character curriculum trait of the week.

Good luck to Chestnut class

Good luck to Chestnut class next Thursday as they head to Braywick Leisure Centre to take part in the local Dance Festival organised by the School Sport Partnership. The class has been busy rehearsing the choreographed dance. When we last heard, there were still some tickets available, which can be purchased through the link that was sent to Chestnut class.

Celebrating learning

There has been a huge amount of interesting learning taking place this week – here are some highlights:

Firstly, Year 3 have been applying to be 'tea tasting apprentices' by trying different types of tea and describing the flavours they could taste. We are pleased to say they did qualify to become the royal tea tasters.

Year 4 were learning about where different foods come from and invited Karen and Hayley from the kitchen to discuss food sources, wastage and recycling.

Year 6 have been investigating what affects the angle of a reflected ray using lasers and mirrors. Using their results, they drew line graphs.

Character Curriculum

This week's character curriculum trait aims to help resolve any conflict which could happen in or out of school. Linked to the assembly theme of respect, this trait aims to give pupils a set of points which will help solve conflict if games and activities. We have already seen children speaking about solving their game-related disagreements on the playground this week.

How to disagree with someone politely



- Recognise people have a different point of view
- Take some time
- Speak calmly and politely
- State what you think
- Say what the other person thinks
- Compromise
- Get help to solve the problem
- Understand that we won't always be right





50P PER RULE BROKEN

Valentine's

BREAK THE RULES DAY

Red hair

Red socks or tights

Paint your nails red

Heart themed non school uniform

Heart face paint

Bring a snuggle teddy to school

'Love' Squash in your water bottle

Valentine themed temporary tattoos

Sweet treat as a snack

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Please feel free to treat this break the rules as usual.
The theme is just to add a little excitement!!!



FEB HALF TERM

HOLIDAY CAMP

At Wessex Primary
School
See online for times and prices

2025

**ACCEPTING
TAX FREE
CHILDCARE
&
CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS**

What's on...

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

17TH – 21ST FEB

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Parent Update

Tuesday, 04 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well.

We would like to take a moment to thank you for your valuable contributions in our recent Parent Participation Session and for completing the PINS Survey. These allowed us to gather feedback directly from you, which we have shared anonymously with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to inform school practices. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve the services and support for all students, particularly children who are neurodivergent.

Feedback

In response to your feedback, we have had a constructive conversation with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and are considering how to implement the following action points:

1. Strategies to enhance communication with parents to ensure they feel heard.
2. Sending out a reminder about the School Street Initiative to keep parents informed.
3. Alternative options for sensitive end-of-day conversations with parents.
4. Discussing sensory resource requests with parents to better understand and address specific needs.
5. Organising a coffee morning with a parent representative to encourage open dialogue and collaboration.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to implement all suggestions from the parent sessions due to a variety of reasons, such as financial constraints. If you would like any specific feedback on specific points, please contact us using the details at the end of this letter.

PINS Support Being Undertaken by Wessex Primary School

As part of the PINS program, every school can access a menu of support, including training, coaching, workshops, and sensory audits, to help foster a more inclusive environment for all learners. Each school can select what works for them depending on their capacity.

Upcoming Events

We will shortly announce our second parent participation session, so please look out for that. This session will take place between mid-February and mid-March 2025. It will be an opportunity to hear your thoughts on how things are going and discuss any updates. We encourage all parents to attend.

Stay Informed

For ongoing updates, or if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to us at pins@svrbwm.org.uk

Thank you once again for your support and engagement. Together, we can build a supportive and enriching environment that benefits all children.

Warm regards

PINS Team
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