



Collecting medals from Jeanette Chippington (OBE)

Dear Parents and Carers



There has certainly been a wintry turn to the weather this week but we have continued to have another productive week at school with the talent show final taking place last Saturday.

A huge well done to Amelia, Imogen and Talia for representing Wessex after qualifying for the Maidenhead Lions' inaugural talent show which was held at Furze Platt Senior School's theatre.

We were one of only about eight schools who had entered acts to the talent show, which was raising much-needed money for the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice. There were singers, musicians, magicians, hula hoopers, dancers, comedy acts and gymnasts amongst others representing their school. All of the children performed very well, especially our finalists, Imogen, Talia and Amelia, who had the honour of closing the show with their acts. The judges included Jeanette Chippington (OBE, British Paralympic swimmer) and Fiona Devine (founder of Alexander Devine) amongst members of the Maidenhead Lions. Although we didn't win, the children had such a fabulous experience performing in a theatre to a large paying audience!

What was so heartwarming was the camaraderie and humility displayed by the girls, who all cheered each other on and congratulated other acts after their performances. One headteacher of a local school remarked, "The winners for the closest knit team and most encouragement for each other definitely goes to Wessex." Thanks to Mrs Eves, Mrs Ashby and Mrs Powell for organising the school event and to the childrens' parents for their transportation and support at the final last Saturday.

Attendance figures for the school over the past few weeks have not been as good as they have been for a while. We have many children off with coughs and colds; and also children who are being taken out of school for holidays. Remember that your child can attend school if they have a cough or cold or are feeling a little under the weather. We understand it is the season for coughs and cold to spread so please do reinforce good hygiene practices with your children. Members of the Attendance Action Alliance have worked with the Department for Education to develop an [Attendance guide for parents](#) which may be useful.

Please ensure your child has a coat at school during these colder weeks and months.



Performing on the stage at the final!

In a couple of Mondays, on 2nd December, we have our very first Share My Learning session. This is part of our continued drive to allow parents more access to school and to work more collaboratively. Towards the end of the afternoon, you will be invited to come to school and spend time with your child looking at their books, spending time in their class and talking about their learning. We hope that you will be able to join us as we forge closer links between school and home. More info to follow next week.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"We have been writing a book about an animal that loses a scarf or a bone. I feel proud of my story" Jude, Year 1

"We've been doing 3D shapes and in writing we've been doing our own version of the story 'The Journey Home'. It was great fun" Azaria, Year 2

"I love socialising and playing cricket with my friends. It makes me feel happy and makes me feel part of a group" Harry, Year 3

"I love finding information about structures in DT this week" Flossie, Year 4

"I loved finding results of how long different materials would take to dissolve" Jacob, Year 5

"I enjoyed making pita pizzas and discussing different bursts of flavour" Malak, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Monday 25th November

Deadline for ordering your child's Christmas Lunch

Friday 29th November

Year 2 Trip to Eton College

Monday 2nd December

Parent Participation Session – 9:15am – 10:30am
Share your Learning session Parents welcome – 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Tuesday 3rd December

Bags2School – 9am

Tuesday 3rd December to Friday 6th December

Travelling Book Fair

Friday 6th December

FS2 (Reception) Christmas Stay and Play – 8.45am to 9.45am

Monday 9th December

Panto performance of Sleeping Beauty to the whole school – 9.45am to 10.45am

Wednesday 11th December

FS2 (Reception) Nativity – 9.15am to 10.15am

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Henry and Eva

Year 1: Medi and Rosie

Year 2: Ciaran and Sophia

Year 3: Harriet and Finley

Year 4: Scott and Theo

Year 5: Rudy and Harlow

Year 6: Zach W and Lily-Rose

Attendance

Lower School: Cherry & Chestnut joint winners with 98%

Upper School: Larch Winners with 98%

School attendance this week

92.7%



Last week = 94.5%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values – Honesty



In assembly this week, we discussed road safety and how there are many heroes who can help us to stay safe on roads. We explored how we should be honest with ourselves and say it's safer to wear a helmet or we should not be distracted by our phones on our bikes.

Parent Participation Group

Following previous communication about the PINS Project (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools), SEND Voices will be holding a Parent Participation Session at Wessex Primary School on **Monday 2nd December, 9.15–10.30am**. This will be an opportunity for parents to share their views and experiences of inclusion and support at the school. Feedback from this session will then be used to inform our development of SEND in the school. Although this session is aimed at parents and carers of neurodivergent children, **all parents and carers of all children are welcome**. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available! Please book your space by clicking [here](#).

Children in Need total

Through your kindness and generosity last week, we managed to raise a wonderful £440.45, which has been sent to Children in Need.

Roblox updates

Roblox, one of the most popular games around the world, has been criticised lately for the highly inappropriate games accessible to young children, questionable moderation, significant grooming concerns and more. Roblox is a platform where any user can create games and one of the biggest concerns is that none of these user-generated games have required an age rating system. That's about to change as from mid-December creators will have to content-rate their games. It's a positive step forward but much more needs to be done by Roblox and other platforms to help parents with keeping their children safe. You can read more about the concerns and the steps which Roblox are taking [here](#).

Character Curriculum

Whether it is going to a friend's house for dinner, a family Christmas gathering or an invitation to a formal occasion, having good table manners is such an important life skill to have, which is why we had a focus on it this week during lunchtimes. We hope the children have been practising this at home too.

How to have good table manners



- Chewing with your mouth is closed
- Talking only when your mouth is empty
- Using a knife and fork correctly
- Picking up any food or letting an adult know if any food is dropped
- Staying in your seat when you have sat down



School Tours and Stay & Plays



For pupils starting school in
September 2025

Stay and Play dates
9:15am - 10:00am:

Tour dates 9:15am - 10:30am:

~~Thursday 10th October~~ Fully booked
~~Thursday 24th October~~ Fully booked
~~Thursday 7th November~~ Fully booked
~~Tuesday 19th November~~ Fully booked
Tuesday 26th November
Tuesday 3rd December

Fully booked ~~Tuesday 12th November~~ ✓

Fully booked ~~Thursday 28th November~~ ✓



Wednesday 4th December
Tuesday 14th January ✓

BOOK NOW



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Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



Parent Participation Session

Wessex Primary School

Monday 2nd December

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Shape development of the
support for you and your child

Share your experiences in
a safe supportive space

Create a lasting culture of
inclusion at your school

This session is aimed at
parent carers of
neurodivergent children
but we welcome **ALL**
parents of children at this
school

Connect over coffee
Tea, coffee and mince
pies will be available



Earn books for school
For every 5 parents that
attend this session, your
school will receive a free
book



Reserve a space
Click on the link or use the
QR code to book a place



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wessex-primary-school-parent-participation-session-tickets-1082106121539?aff=oddtcreator>

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

PINS is a national pilot funded by the Department for Education, supported by the Department for Health & Social Care, NHS England and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

THE PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP

**On your next shop, please pick up
an item or two that can be
included in a Christmas Hamper.**

**You can hand in your donations to
Miss Adams in the office with your
Year Group clearly labelled.**

**One hamper will be made per
year group and we need all
donations by Friday 13th
December at the latest!**

**RAFFLE
TICKETS ON
SALE FROM
16TH DEC!**



THANK YOU

WESSEX PRIMARY SCHOOL

for raising a fantastic

£440.45

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



STAND OUT FOR AUTISM PRESENTS



CHRISTMAS SENSORY BUS



**SENSORY BUS SANTA'S GROTTO,
FAKE SNOW, CHRISTMAS SENSORY TOYS
& GIFTS TO BUY
PLUS LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & DRINK**

**OUTSIDE OFF THE TAP, HIGH STREET,
MAIDENHEAD SL6 1EA**





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 Spring 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!

Day & Time	Wednesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Course Duration (11 sessions)	Wednesday 15th January – Wednesday 2nd April 2025 (Exc. 19th February - Half Term)
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 office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk	£80 – 11 x Sessions No forms or payment to be returned to the School Office
Age Groups	Open to boys in Years 1 – 6 Minimum number 10 – Maximum 15 per group
Kit Required	Boots/Trainers/Shinpads/Drink & Weather Appropriate clothing.

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. 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

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

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

Wessex Spring 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', nor any personnel authorised by it, nor 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 []



Wessex Primary School

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

Starting: Thursday 16th Jan 2025

Let's have some sewing fun! I am very excited to announce the sewing club for the Spring 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 Mother's Day
- Easter basket
- Reversible head band or wrist band

Yr.4, 5 & 6 will be making

- Surprise project for Mother's Day
- Reading cushion
- Bunny Goody bag for Easter

Duration: 11 weeks (Starting 16th Jan to 3rd April)

Time: 3:25 to 4:25pm.

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

- *Edenred Sodexo*
- *Care 4 Fidelity*
- *Computershare*
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Places are limited will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join, **please text /WhatsApp me to book the place.**

Thank you.

Anita Kulkarni

Mobile -07782253565

Email: anita@dhagga-sewing.co.uk

We're encouraging all parents to



Think Pharmacy First



Earache
(Children
aged 1 to 17
years)

Did you know that community pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available (if required) for **five clinical conditions** particularly relevant to school age children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (over 12s)

GP practices are busy and making an appointment with them is not always necessary!

When your child is ill with any of these conditions, head straight to your local community pharmacy where you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice, guidance and even medication if it's needed. Let's get your child on the road to recovery as soon as possible.



Infected Insect Bite
or Impetigo
(Children and adults
age 1 and over)



Sore throat
(Children
and adults
age 5 and up)

The majority of Frimley Health and Care community pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service.

Remember – if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or a suspected infected insect bite think **Pharmacy First**.



For more information visit:
www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies



The
Children's
Society

Let's come together to **celebrate** **Christingle.**

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us!

Location: Church of the Good Shepherd
Cox Green Community Centre

Date: Sunday
1st December

Time: 3:30pm-5pm

To find out more, contact: www.chogs.org.uk

christingle.org

Scan the
QR code
to find
out more.

