



The Cross Country team before their race before half term

Dear Parents and Carers



This week, our House Captains and Junior Leaders have been diligently engaged in the sale of British Legion Poppy merchandise.

Their commitment to this cause has been exemplary, ensuring that every pupil has had the opportunity to participate in this act of remembrance. The array of items available, from paper poppies to reflective bands, has allowed for widespread engagement. Thank you to everyone who has helped to support the Poppy Appeal this year.

On Monday the whole school will be gathering to mark Armistice Day. Rev. Joan from the Church of the Good Shepherd is going to come along and help us mark the occasion. We are grateful to her for coming over and continuing to strengthen links with the local community. Parents are welcome - please arrive at the front of the school **by 10:40am**

Yesterday was our Talent Show - we were blown away by the array of talent on display. We had singing, dancing, magic, piano playing, steel drum playing, comedy routines and more! Our winning acts, who are going through to represent the school at the Maidenhead Lions' Talent show next Saturday at Furze Platt senior school, are Talia, Imogen-Rose and Amelia - all from Year 4! Congratulations, girls, for your achievements. Also, huge congratulations must go to all of our acts who performed. See the list of acts attached to the newsletter. Huge thanks also to the organising committee of Mrs Eves, Mrs Powell and Mrs Ashby! We look forward to updating you on the outcome of the final on Saturday 16th November!

Before half term, a group of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Cross Country competition at Altwood School on Wednesday 23rd October. The competition consisted of a team event, plus individual year group boys & girls events too. Our pupils who entered did remarkably well, specifically Maiya who came first in her respective race. Huge congratulations to her and also to the rest of the team who represented the school remarkably well. Thanks to Mrs Matthews for accompanying the children to this event.



Junior Leaders selling Poppy items to pupils

Good news! In the latest round of the Street Tag Event, we were one of the two winning schools. Thank you so much to everyone who took part in this and helped us to reach the top of the leaderboard. The next competition event is taking place between 13th January and 10th March 2025 - let's see if we can go one better this time!

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

- "My favourite thing about school is playing with my friends" Bella, Reception
- "I've enjoyed the space book we read" Niamh, Year 1
- "I really enjoy learning as it gives me knowledge" Isabella, Year 2
- "PE is really good because we get to do lots of sports" George, Year 3
- "PE is very active and I really like it" Jack, Year 5
- "I really enjoyed DT this week as the experimenting is very exciting" Myemi, Year 6
- "Selling Poppies has been great this week as we have raised money for people in need and for remembrance" Year 6 Junior Leaders

Diary dates coming up



Monday 11th to Friday 15th November
Anti-bullying week

Monday 11th November
Remembrance service - 10.50am -
parents/carers welcome

Tuesday 12th November
Stay & play session for prospective EYFS pupils,
Sept'25 intake

Friday 15th November
Children in Need - wear something spotty

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Daniel and Jasmine

Year 1: Jessica R and Liam

Year 2: Tallula and Mikey

Year 3: Sidney U and Gracie

Year 4: Hasnain and Jamie

Year 5: Freddie and Emaan

Year 6: Isabelle and Willow

Attendance

Lower School: Ash winners with 100%

Upper School: Hazel & Yew Joint Winners with 99.2%

School attendance this week

94.8%



Last week = 94%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values - Democracy



Respect is our chosen value of the week this week as it links in with our PSHE lessons this term which are all about celebrating differences. We discussed how we are all different to each other but sometimes, this can be different on the inside so may not be visible to each other.

School Meal survey

Caterlink, our meal providers, are carrying out a pupil survey to assist them in improving their catering service to schools and would value the opportunity to hear from pupils at our school.

If you would like your child to be part of this survey please follow the link below. Caterlink will provide feedback to schools whose pupils complete the survey once results have been analysed.

Online safety updates

Many parents will opt to use apps to track and monitor the location and online activities of their children. These apps can be really beneficial (e.g. physical safety) but as with anything there are drawbacks (e.g. invasion of privacy).

Using the voices of young people Voicebox have put together an excellent article which parents can use to give a more informed opinion of these apps and to use as discussion points with their children.

You can find the article [HERE](#).

There are so many really good resources out there for parents/carers about how to help keeping children safe online, but it can quickly become really overwhelming.

Internet Matters has a really great resource for parents called My Family's Digital Toolkit. This is a personalised resource which gives age-specific advice, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more.

The toolkit is free and you can find more details [HERE](#).

Character Curriculum

One of the most important things to us at Wessex is that pupils have good manners and we truly believe that being able to wait to speak to someone is a valuable skill. We have focussed on this trait this week in our assembly and class sessions.

How to interrupt someone talking



- See what they are doing if they can be interrupted
- Wait until they have finished talking / there is a gap in their conversation
- Say excuse me and use their name ,
"Excuse me, Mr Beavan"
- Wait for them to look at you
- Don't tap people



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

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~~ 

NEW Wednesday 4th December
Tuesday 14th January 

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TALENT SHOW!

LINE UP

TYLAR BURGESS - PIANO

IMOGEN ALMASSI - GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCE

AMELIA DOWNES - STEEL PAN

**FREDA GOFORD & CHLOE KEATING SINGING AND DANCING TO
'LIFE IS SWEETER'**

PENELOPE SMITH - SELF - WRITTEN POEM

ELIANA FONEBI - SINGING 'CAN'T STOP THE FEELING'

IMOGEN-ROSE HOVINGTON - SINGING 'MAYBE'

**AVA FORD, LILY WATKIN, ELIZA COX & XANTHE BAGLOW -
COMEDY ACT**

ERIN MONEY - SINGING 'LOST BOYS'

FYNN WICKHAM - MAGIC CARD TRICK

JAMIE BRYAN - SINGING 'LITTLE PEOPLE'

ARRAN BRYAN - PIANO

FLOSSIE TOMKINS, CALLUM TRILLOW,

GEORGIE WHEATLEY & NOLA WHEATLEY - STREET DANCE

**FRANCESCA LANE & DAISY WHEELER - SINGING 'A MILLION
DREAMS**

ABIGAIL KING & KLEDA KURTI - DANCE TO 'RED'

TALIA FOX-O'NEIL - SINGING 'NEVER ENOUGH'

IMOGEN KING - SINGING 'IN THE STARS'

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