



The new EYFS trim trail installed in their garden area

Dear Parents and Carers



It's been a busy week for parental involvement at school: Mrs Corbett ran a very successful **phonics information session** with Reception parents which concluded with our EYFS parents taking part in a phonics lesson!

We asked parents what they thought of their child's transition process to school after only a few weeks. This is what one parent said, *"The children are happy and confident after being in their class for a term. They are also learning at a great pace having already learnt 16 phonics letters. The teachers are so supportive and kind"*

Yesterday, we hosted our first **parent tour** for parents of pupils who will be starting school in September 2025. Our Junior Leaders had a starring role in helping to share some of their thoughts and views of the school and answered questions exceptionally well. Pupils' behaviour around the school was excellent and we were very proud to be able to show our school at its best to prospective parents. If you know of any families with children starting school next year and they have not yet booked their place on a tour, please encourage them to book through the website.

Those of you who have been to Goyals recently will see that they have started stocking some very appealing **new school PE kit**. They have managed to receive stock much more quickly than we anticipated. As we said last year, we were looking to replace the hoodies for something more suitable for sport. While we were discussing the long sleeved tops, we spoke with Goyals about the PE tshirts too. I am sure that you will agree that they look really smart too and are more appropriate for PE.

As we said, for the 2024-2025 year, we are happy for pupils to wear either the older green t shirts and hoodies or the new black and green sports t shirts and long sleeved mid layers. We also managed to ensure that the mid layer tops were no more expensive than the hoodies, whilst the tshirts reflect a small increase in price. From the discussions that we've had with parents so far, they see the improvement in quality and therefore the reflection in price.



Our new PE kit

As ever, we always ask anyone who is finding it financially challenging to speak to Mrs Robinson, our Business Manager, as we can access charity funding to help support pupils with uniform. We also hope that with pupils wearing the new sports kit this year, there may be some stock of second hand uniform ready for next September if you rather use this facility.

Also, remember that our **parent evening** sessions take place next week. Thank you to those who have booked appointments. A reminder that you have the opportunity to look through your child's books in their classroom; the meetings take place in either the upper school hall or lower school hall. A reminder that we do not expect to be booking appointments for parents or carers who do not book an appointment for next week.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

This week's learning...

"I love the smiles on my friends faces when playing with them" Rose, Reception

"I like phonics because it helps us read" Scarlett, Year 1

"I love subtracting in maths" Kaysen, Year 2

"I love art because you can create different portraits" Imogen, Year 3

"We have been exchanging numbers in column addition" Eliana, Year 4

"We've been learning about Philippe Petit and how he walked the tightrope" Isla, Year 5

"It felt amazing to create our own street posters" Oliver, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Monday 14th October

Year 6 health screening

Tuesday 15th October

Parents' Evening - in person at school 3:40-6:30

Wednesday 16th October

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Thursday 17th October

Sports Leader session at Altwood

Wednesday 23rd October

Year 4, 5 and 6 cross country event

Thursday 24th October

Prospective Parent Tour 9:15-10:30

Friday 25th October

PTA Break the Rules day

Year 4 Jonathan Jungle Roadshow in Year 4

Monday 28th October

Half term break

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Elliott and Selma

Year 1: Vincent and Niamh

Year 2: Asmi and Raphaela

Year 3: Michael and Aiza

Year 4: Kyreese and Archie

Year 5: Zach and Abigail

Year 6: Georgia and Vivaan

Attendance

Lower School: Cherry winners with 98.1%

Upper School: Holly Winners with 99.3%

School attendance this week

93.5%



Last week = 95.9%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values - Respect



We discussed harvest festivals and where these originate from in history and how food gets from fields to our supermarkets and plates. We spoke about how it is important to be both generous and **honest** with what we can spare to provide for others. Next week, we discuss the British value of democracy.

Singing assemblies

Singing assemblies are returning to Wessex. We are pleased to report that singing assemblies will be back at school from this week. Pupils have enjoyed their first session and hopefully will be teaching you the songs at home! Do make sure you ask them about it.

PINS forum

Mrs Denning sent out a letter earlier in the week detailing information about a PINS parent/carers forum. This is not just for parents with children with SEND. This will help to identify what is currently working or not working in our school. Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) The date for the webinar to find out more is Thursday 17 Oct 12.30-13.15. Please see Mrs Denning's letter from earlier in the week for more information.

Story competition

You will be receiving a letter from Mrs Newman about a competition that pupils can enter - the BBC 500 word story competition. The letter will be emailed to you today and has been uploaded to our [website](#). Entries to Mrs Newman by 5th November please.

Talent show date

The talent show date has been moved to allow prospective acts time to rehearse and polish their acts - the new date is Thursday November 7th at 3:30 in the Upper Junior Hall. Mrs Eves, Mrs Ashby and Mrs Powell have sent a letter with further details earlier today. Pupils can think about if they have a talent they wish to showcase. It could be magic, comedy, singing, martial arts or anything that we could celebrate! **Apply here.**

Character Curriculum

With visitors in the school this week, we spoke about the importance of good manners when responding to greetings and how to introduce yourself to others. We specifically spoke about stopping and responding to a greeting rather than mumbling "hello" as you walk past someone who has greeted you.

Greeting people



- Listen out for greetings
- Stopping and responding
- Giving a greeting back
- Introducing yourself
 - Smile
- Look at the person
- Give eye contact,



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

School Tours and Stay & Plays



For pupils starting school in
September 2025

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

~~Thursday 10th October~~
~~Thursday 24th October~~ **Fully booked**

Thursday 7th November
Tuesday 19th November
Tuesday 26th November
Tuesday 3rd December

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

Tuesday 12th November



Thursday 28th November



Tuesday 14th January



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Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



Information webinar for parents/carers

Join us as we share

- How our school community and local parent/carer forum can work together to improve support for neurodivergent children
- How you can get involved in this exciting project

Thursday 17 Oct 12.30 - 1.15pm

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- **Mystical** making
- **Spooky** Science Experiments
- **Ghoulish** games
- **And special events to be revealed soon!**



LOCATIONS

ALL CAMPS

RUNNING 28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

Cippenham School
Slough, SL1 5RB

Radstock Primary School
Lower Early,
RG6 5UZ

Southwood Infant School
Farnborough,
GU14 0NEB

Winnersh Primary School
Winnersh, RG41 5LH

Didcot Primary Academy
Didcot, OX11 GDP

Redgrave Sports Centre
Marlow, SL7 3JD

St Andrews Primary School
Uxbridge, UB8 2BX

Prestwood Junior School
Great Missenden,
HP16 0NR

Shinfield St Mary's Junior School
Shinfield, RG2 9EJ

Wessex Primary School
Maidenhead,
SL6 3AT

Woodley CofE Primary School
Woodley, RG5 4UX

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Woodley, RG5 4RW

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