



Classes joining in with 10 @ 10 from Leisure Focus as part of National Fitness Day

### Dear Parents and Carers



This week has seen another new event at school - the **Mini Marathon**. It was a wonderful whole school event where pupils from Reception to Year 6 completed laps of the field in a bid to raise some funds for playground equipment.

The event was to help us recognise **national fitness day** which is an annual campaign that highlights the role physical activity plays across the UK, helping to raise awareness of its importance in assisting us to lead healthier lifestyles.

We were very pleased that Mr Browne from Maidenhead Magpies was able to come along and he brought some colleagues from Buzz Gym to help lead warm ups for the Mini Marathon and help cheer the children as they aimed to run as many laps of the track. Please do collect any sponsor money and pay through Arbor or bring in cash to the school office.

The event was a big success - just read what some of the children thought about it in our quotes section.

If you shop in **ASDA or Tesco**, you can support the school without any extra cost to you. By using ASDA's Rewards App when you shop, our school will receive 0.5% of your total spend of each shop. For each customer that chooses Wessex (not Wessex Gardens Primary School), we will also get £1 donated to the school too. This promotion runs until 30th November.

If you shop in Tesco, from the first week of October until mid January, we will feature as part of their Stronger Starts initiative where customers can put a blue token into the voting box. We are replacing our wooden climbing frame in Early Years with a trim trail following on from the success of the trim trail in KS2 and any money received from the Tesco initiative will go towards this.

This week, you will have received a letter about the **NSPCC Speak out Stay safe** safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old available to all primary schools in the UK.



Mr Browne supporting us on National Fitness Day!

We are taking part in this programme from week beginning 23rd September. For all classes this will include virtual assemblies delivered by class teachers and, for Y2, Y5 and Y6, additional workshops delivered by trained NSPCC volunteers on Thursday 3rd October.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse through age appropriate virtual assemblies delivered by Ant and Dec in an engaging and interactive way. Please contact the Safeguarding Team via the school office if you wish to discuss further.

Mr Beavan

### Quotes of the week

Mini Marathon...

"I want to do another lap!" - , Holly class

"It was fun and good exercise" - Callum, Willow class

"The mini marathon was a good way to exercise because it got my blood flowing and my heart beating. I enjoyed running around the track." - Ayman, Poplar class

"It was enjoyable and good for everyone to be active" - Charlie, Willow class

# Diary dates coming up



## Tuesday 24th September

Pete Murray author visit – KS2 details to follow

## Wednesday 25th September

PTA meeting – 7:30pm – Norden Farm. All welcome

## Thursday 26th September

Parent workshop – Mobile phone safety for children

## Thursday 3rd October

Individual and sibling photos  
NSPCC speak out stay safe sessions for Years 2, 5 & 6

## Friday 4th October

Individual and sibling photos

## Monday 7th October

Harvest celebration

## Thursday 10th October

Parent Tour for prospective parents for Sept 2025

## Monday 14th October

Year 6 health screening

# Good News Certificates



EYFS: Lola O and Alex

Year 1: Amelie and Gracie

Year 2: Eloise and Austin

Year 3: Reema and Belinda

Year 4: Penelope and Alessia

Year 5: Kaiden and Erin

Year 6: Alex and Leo

# Attendance

Lower School: Birch winners with 99.5%

Upper School: Holly Winners with 99.7%

School attendance this week

95.9%

Last year average was 95%

Aiming for 97%

# School Values



We continued our focus on routines this week but explaining what was expected coming in and leaving school in the morning. We shared the importance of greeting friends and staff each morning and organising ourself so we can begin our learning right away. Next week, we will focus on moving around the school.



# Parent behaviour meetings

We had a small gathering of parents attend our sessions explaining the new behaviour policy. If you were unable to attend but wish to see the information, the slides are available on the school [website](#).

# PTA BBQ money

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA BBQ last week. The PTA managed to raise a staggering £607! Not only was it a brilliant chance to raise money for the school, it was a wonderful way to begin the school year and welcome new families to the community. Thanks again to Faye and Kirsty for their hard work and dedication!

# Mobile phone parent session

A reminder that there is a parent workshop/discussion around mobile phones for children next Thursday. Booking is not essential but it will give us an indication of numbers if you let us know if you are coming along. Let us know you are coming by clicking [this link](#).

# Pupil Premium applications

Along with this letter, you will receive an [application form](#) which will allow you to apply for Pupil Premium Funding. Eligible pupils will receive free school meals for the next six years regardless of age. Pupils currently also receive **food vouchers during all school holidays** and **free holiday clubs** at Easter, Summer and Christmas. Please see the letter for eligibility criteria. If you provide us with your completed form by the end of next week, we will also receive addition funds from April 2025 to support your child's education.

# Character Curriculum

We continued the focus of our classroom expectations this week by looking at listening. We linked this to our school value of respect and explained how it helps our learning environment. We also talked about needing to listen can help us follow instructions and stay safe. Next week, our focus will be on the expectation of thinking.



### Why is listening important?



- Being respectful to others
- Allows us to learn and understand
- Following instructions
- Keeps us safe
- Being fair so we all get a turn and feel valued



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  
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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