

Friday Note



“
ambition, collaboration,
resilience, respect, creativity
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News

Open Days

Do you know anyone due to start school in September 2026?

This year we are offering potential parents the chance to visit the school on Wednesday 8th October at 9:15am or Tuesday 14th October at 1:30pm.

If anyone you know would like to visit please ask them to get in touch with the office.



Spotlight on achievements



Attendance winners

Congratulations to Monkey class who achieved 96.7% attendance last week, and special mention to Falcon who were so close with 96.3%. Well done!

School Photos

On Tuesday 30th September and Wednesday 1st October, Nigel Coles will be coming into school to take photos.

He will be in school early on both days to take photos of any siblings who are not in school. If you would like to have photos of all your children together, please wait outside the Hut from 8:15.

All children who are in school will be photographed during the school day individually and with their siblings.

Year 6 are on school camp but please don't worry, photos will be taken on Wednesday 8th October.

Doodle Tables winners

Panther - 63%
Eagle - 45%
Falcon - 45%



Doodle Maths winners

Dragonfly - 57%
Monkey - 56%
Panther - 53%



Year 6 camp - Monday 29th September

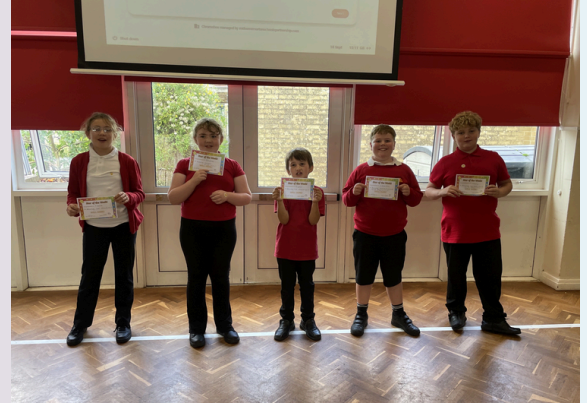
Please drop your child with their luggage in the school hall on Monday and then leave your child to go and register in class. You may wait on Longfellow Road to wave us off at 9.15am. Please remember all medication must be sent in its prescribed box with a completed medical form.

Star Learners

Well done to last week's star learners



Class	Name	School Value
Monkey	Ryan Hutchins	Respect
Dolphin	Georgie Parfitt	Resilience
Butterfly	Phoebe James	Respect
Panther	Charlie Pillinger	Ambition/Respect
Falcon	Finley Martin	Ambition/Respect
Eagle	Flora Blizzard	Ambition



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Class	Name	School Value
Monkey	Primrose Pearce	Creativity
Dolphin	Thomas Mulholland	Resilience
Dragonfly	Lee Fletcher Jacob Andow	Resilience Respect
Turtle	Betsy Hopton Jasmine Kingman	Respect Resilience
Butterfly	Freddie Shirley	Ambition
Panther	Iona Skelton Grant	Ambition
Falcon	Isla Parker	Respect



School Values Champions 2025

Well done to all our newly elected Value Champions:

Maison Townsley & Grace Phillips – Ambition
Kimberly Yelling & Bella Massey – Creativity
Millie Green & Ruby Sellars – Respect
Scarlett Padfield & Ella Harrison – Resilience
Sonny Scurlock & Niamh Whelan – Collaboration



Harvest

We're celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 7th October at St Peter's Church. This is for children only due to limited space.

Stay & Dates 2025/26

Each Stay & session will start with a brief presentation in the hall at 8:45 then in classrooms from 9 – 9:20am for KS1/Reception and 9 – 9:25am for KS2.

Term 1

Stay and Talk

- Thursday 9th October KS2
- Wednesday 15th October KS1 & Reception



This Week in: Nursery

What a fabulous start to the new term! It's been lovely to welcome back returning families and welcome our new families too.

We also welcome a new member of staff to the team, Ava.

Ava is a Level 3 apprentice and will largely be based in Hedgehog room, supporting our preschool children. There has also been a swap around with staffing in both rooms for this year. Shannon remains the room leader in Hedgehog room and Harriet is room leader in Ladybird room and the Deputy Manager should Sam be unavailable. Sian and Cheryl share a job role and are based in Ladybird room and Emily is based in Hedgehog room full time.



Upcoming Events in Nursery



We are excited to become members of the Big Brush Club. All staff have now undergone training and we will be implementing toothbrushing after lunch within the next few weeks. Look out for the welcome pack that will come home with your child very soon. Please feel free to follow the link to access the website. This website has some handy tips and advice and highlights the importance of children's oral health.



Hedgehog room

This term in Hedgehog, we are focusing on Autumn and Harvest and have enjoyed going out to scrump some apples before making them into delicious apple cakes back at nursery

Ladybird room

The children have all settled into Ladybird room really well and they have all been getting to know each other and their key workers.

They have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and finding the hidden fruits in the shaving foam and washing them off. As you can see...it was great fun and very messy!

The children tried lots of different fruits for snack and decided which ones they liked the best.

The children have all been using their senses to explore their world: tasting, smelling, listening, feeling and seeing things from different perspectives! They have been moving their bodies in a range of ways to move themselves around.

This Week in: Year 5

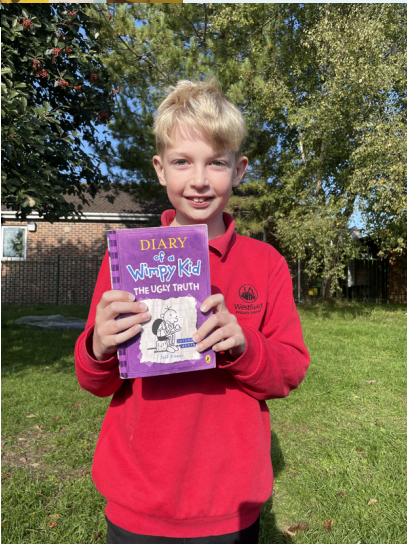
Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the year and have begun many different exciting topics.

Butterflies have started drumming with Mr Hockey. They are enjoying learning to drum in time with each other and the music. They have begun learning 'Circle of Life' and 'Elaina' on the Djembe drums.

In netball, Year 5 have been continuing to practise their footwork. They are working on chest passes to swiftly pass the ball to their teammates before a defender can sneak in and take away the ball!

Our Guided Reading sessions have involved some very interesting talk about Bradley and Jeff, the main characters in 'There's a Girl in the Boys' Bathroom.' We have had some great conversations about who is more interesting as a character!

Year 5 have also rehearsed some dramatic courtroom scenes. Learning about the law and what happens if the law is broken, the children took on the roles of prosecution lawyer, defense lawyer, witnesses and the defendant to role play the scene inside a courtroom.



Recommended Reads

Mrs Phillips has put together a list of recommended books for children in KS1, KS2 and our grown ups!

We know how important it is to foster a love of reading in children from a young age. Reading with children not only helps with language development but also encourages imagination and creativity.

We hope you all enjoy the below recommendations!

- KS1/EYFS - Billy's Bucket
- KS2 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Ugly Truth
- For Grown Ups - What you are looking for is in the Library



SEN news

We would like to introduce a Parent SEN cafe every short term. If you are a parent or carer of a child with SEND or in the diagnosis journey join us for a chance to talk with other parent carers in a happy, friendly place, with coffee, tea and cake too! There will also be a specific SEN focus each time.

The first cafe will take place in school on Wednesday 22nd October at 8.45am. Our Parent Family Support Advisor, Amy Boyce will attend to present some strategies and advice on dealing with emotional regulation at home.

There will be a link sent nearer the time to book your place.

Look forward to seeing lots of you there.



Specialist Autism Support Service

SASS Coffee Mornings



The Specialist Autism Support Service supports children and young people who have a confirmed diagnosis of autism and a B&NES home address. The SASS team run coffee mornings at Longfellow's Cafe each term. The coffee mornings are a non-judgemental space for parents and carers of autistic young people to get together and share experiences or ask questions.

Their next meeting is 12th November at 9.00am and your first drink is free! No need to book- just turn up!



Term Dates



Year 6 Camp	Monday 29 th September
Nigel Coles Photos	Tuesday 30 th September
Nigel Coles Photos	Wednesday 1 st October
Nigel Coles Photos (Year 6)	Wednesday 8 th October
PTA School Disco	Thursday 23 rd October
Inset day	Friday 24 th October
Half Term	Monday 27 th October
Pupils return to school	Monday 3 rd November

School Aged Health Service Webinars for Parents

The School Aged Health Service is offering free webinars focused on Sleep and Emotional Health and Wellbeing for parents and carers of primary school-aged children. These sessions will provide information and practical tips to help children build healthy sleep habits and emotional resilience.

To sign up, please scan the QR code below. These webinars are also available to view afterwards via the School-Aged Health Service website under 'Helpful Advice':

Sleep Webinar



Dates: **Weds 22nd Oct 25**

Time: 13:00-14:00



Date: **Weds 3rd Dec 25**


Time: 13:00-14:00

<https://baneschildandfamily.co.uk/services/school-aged-health-service-5-19-years>

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