



Weekly Newsletter 03/06/24

This Week in school

It was lovely to welcome back after half term. In the afternoon, we had a whole school assembly celebrating the attendance in classes. Ladybirds and Cedar have outstanding attendance with 95%.

Meanwhile, they are being gained on by Oak, Willow and Woodpecker with 94%

Come on Wynstream, can we have a week with multiple classes getting to 100%?

We need every child in school, on time, every single day.

Please can we remind all families, in line with government guidance, to take holidays during school holidays otherwise they may be at risk of fines from Devon County Council. Please see the letter sent via email this week about this.

On Wednesday, some children represented the school at the Regional Dodgeball competition in Bristol and made it through to the National finals!

Congratulations to Ahia, Aman, Ava, Axsa, Erin, Harrison, Hamza, Hayden, Izzy and Kaleb for representing the school.



On Thursday a group of Year 5 & 6 girls represented the school in a cricket competition at Whimple.

Well done to Amelia, Ava, Axsa, Lexi, Libby, Nusrat, Richa, Ruby and Shaney for representing the school brilliantly.

We have several more trips where groups of children will get to represent the school for sports. When selecting children, we do consider attendance and behaviour.

This is in line with Devon County advice,

‘Poor behaviour in the lead up to the trip may result in a child not being able to attend. In line with our behaviour policy [School Policies | Wynstream Primary School](#)’.

If your child’s behaviour is unacceptable on a trip, it will be the parent/carers responsibility to collect the child and return them back to school.’

If a child’s attendance is ‘persistently absent’ or below 90% (meaning that over a year they will be absent 1 day in 10), then it is unlikely that they will be asked to represent the school in sporting events.



In the afternoon, we hosted some health workers from the Nuffield Hospital who spoke about how important hand hygiene is in an assembly with the children.

Please see this website [How to wash your hands - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) for more information.

Hand washing can help keep all healthy and well.

On Friday, we held our celebration assembly where children were given Headteacher's awards in front of the whole school. Since April we have been inviting parents of the children receiving the awards via email. Due to it being a weekly award the invites are sent out on a Thursday, please keep a look out for a message.



Attendance

We need every child in school, on time, every single day.

Attendance is at 92.1%, just below national average- we can do this!

However, outstanding attendance in Foxes and Butterflies at 98% this week!



Reminders

Please can children arrive at school for around 8:25 (when gates are then opened). Children arriving before this time need to be with an adult, come into breakfast club (paid provision) or come into the library (Tuesday- Friday).

Mainly Year 5 and 6 parents and carers

Online issues

Teachers are spending most days unpicking lots of issues with children chatting on apps and being unkind to each other and it spilling into school. We have spoken to all children again and explained exactly why it's not ok to speak unkindly to people across apps - or indeed at all. We've also talked about app ages and 'groups' that can spiral into unkindness and the best ways to handle this. We have explained that these apps have age limits for a reason (mostly in terms of the emotional maturity needed to use them).

We're applying the rule 'What would Your parents/carers/your teachers say if they/she saw what you wrote...' for now and if the answer is 'I would be mortified', then don't post it. We really want to make sure this is something we sort as a team of parents and teachers.

This brilliant website which really helps parents (and teachers) with ratings and reviews about apps, movies, games etc. will hopefully give really good support if you're unsure about what children are accessing.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>

Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families

Common Sense Media is the leading source of entertainment and technology recommendations for families. Parents trust our expert reviews and objective advice.

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Playing out

We're having a lot of issues with children in Year 5/6 in the park after school and these issues are spilling into our learning time in school. Please can I ask you to speak to your children about their behaviour if they're at the park and reiterate to them if they can't get on unsupervised outside of school that they won't be allowed to go.

Thank you for your support as always.

Next Week

Eat with your family! Thanks to the Year 1 parents and carers who joined this week.

Next week it will be for Reception parents on Wednesday. Booking is on a first-come-first served basis, one adult per child. Reception parents sign up here please!

<https://forms.office.com/e/i1ZeNUvZMA>

Wednesday 19th June will be the final chance for parents of Year 6 to eat with their child. Link to be shared next week.



Dates for the diary:

June

- Year 4 Times Multiplication Tables Check from 3rd June to 14th June
- Year 6 Wonford Art project Monday 10th June

- Year 1 Phonics check 10th June-14th June
- Year 6 Residential meeting 11th June 3:15pm
- **PTFA meeting Free refreshments and childcare all welcome 13th June 3:30pm**
- County Finals for football Friday 14th June
- Year 2 SATs 17th-21st June
- Year 3/4 Football Tournament Tuesday 18th June
- Year 6 Walkability project Tuesday 18th June
- Year 6 transition event at Wynstream Wednesday 19th June
- Stay and Play event Friday 21st June all welcome
- Monday 24th-Friday 28th NFER (other ESW schools may be doing this later)
- Year 5 Sounds in the Cathedral concert Tuesday 25th June
- **Thursday 27th June BINGO all welcome**

July

- Sports days Monday 1st July: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 9-11am
- Sports days Tuesday 2nd July: Year 3 and Year 4 9-11am
- Sports days Tuesday 3rd July: Year 5 and Year 6 9-11am
- Additional back up dates for Sports day 8th-10th July
- Reports out to parents/carers and new classes for September shared
- Zoo Trip for Year 1 and 2 Tuesday 9th July
- Year 3/4 Euros football event Wednesday 10th July
- Year 5 Escot trip Thursday 11th July
- Transition days for all classes Thursday 11th July
- Summer Fayre Thursday 11th July- **volunteers needed please**
- Pirate day for Reception Friday 12th July
- Y5 transition Friday 12th July
- Monday 15th- Tuesday 16th Year 6 residential
- Year 6 Leavers assembly Thursday 18th July 9:30
- End of Year Governors assembly Friday 19th July 2pm

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday at 8:25.

Best wishes,

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