



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

11th September, Autumn Term Issue 1

Head of School: Bethan Lucas



Dear Parents and Carers,

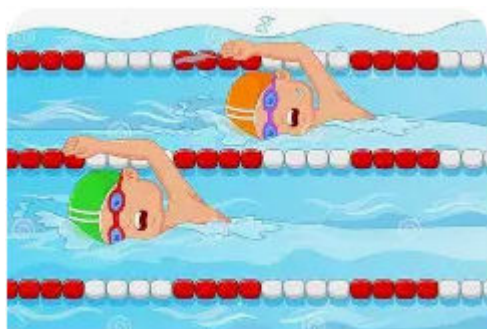
A very warm welcome back to you all, and to our first Weald newsletter of the new school year. It has been a wonderfully positive and exciting start to the year following our amalgamation, and it has been a real pleasure to welcome all of our children back to school, from Reception through to Year 6. We began the term by reflecting on what it means to belong to our school community and the important part that each of us plays in making The Weald a welcoming, inclusive and happy place to learn.

All of our children have now started their enquiry learning, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and curiosity already shining through. We have plenty to look forward to this term, with a wonderful range of trips, workshops and visitors planned to enrich the children's learning and bring their enquiries to life. We look forward to sharing many of these experiences with you over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Swimming

The swimming pool is installed and filled ready to start swimming lessons next week. Please check your inbox/spam/junk email with regards to a letter which outlines your child's swimming schedule and key information. Anyone with a verruca must wear socks or crocs in the changing room but do not need to wear footwear in the pool.



Safeguarding: Change of Collection Arrangements

Please could we remind you to call/email the office if your child is being collected by anyone other than the parent/carer otherwise the child

will not be released. Also please inform the office if your child is not on the bus and who is collecting them. This is a safeguarding issue and we need your permission before we can hand over your child to another person. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Please be reminded that only people with a [blue disabled badge](#) can park on the school grounds at pick up and collection times. We are very limited on space in the front car park and this can be dangerous if too many cars are manoeuvring. If you do not have this badge, please park on the Newdigate Road or in Beare Green Village.

Attendance

Well done to Attenborough for having the best attendance last week. You were the winners of the attendance cup which is given out every Friday in the achievement assembly.

Please can we also remind parents to call or email the office BEFORE 8:50am on each day your child is absent from school.



ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

89% and below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



We are Authors



Shackleton has had a very busy first day back! We were authors looking at the difference between common and proper nouns, and how to use them appropriately in a sentence. In the afternoon we put our scientist coats on and experimented with different light sources and shadow making.



Picture News Assembly



In the news this week

NASA is preparing to send a powerful new telescope into space to explore some of the universe's biggest mysteries. The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope will search large areas of the sky for distant planets and study galaxies, dark matter and dark energy. Scientists hope it will help us learn how the universe has changed and why it is growing faster.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Are you interested in space?
- > Why do you think some people are fascinated by space and the wider universe?
- > What mystery about space would you most like to know the answer to?
- > Have you ever discovered something because you asked a good question?

Friends of The Weald PTA

Our Friends of The Weald PTA plays an important role in bringing our school community together and raising essential funds that directly benefit the children of The Weald Primary School. We are currently looking for new volunteers to join the PTA and help organise enjoyable fundraising events and activities for our children and families throughout the year. Whether you have lots of time to give or can offer occasional support, every contribution makes a difference. Getting involved is a wonderful way to meet other parents, strengthen our school community and help create memorable experiences for our children. If you would like to find out more, have questions, or are interested in joining the PTA, please register your interest or come and speak with Miss Lucas following the Macmillan Coffee Morning drop-in at **10:00am on Friday 25th September**. We warmly encourage you to get involved. Together, we can make a real difference for our children and help The Weald continue to thrive.

Action House



Felix "I like everything about Action House - It's fun!"

Marcella "I like the crafts and making things"

Helena "I like being able to play outside and I like the games there"

April "I like making things

with the loom bands"

Finn "I like snack time!"



Message from Capel and South Holmwood Church



Hello, my name is Rev Gill Christie and I am the curate (qualified priest, but continuing to learn) at the parish of Capel and Ockley. You may be aware that Rev Liz shortly retired from this parish and while we wait for a new vicar to be appointed, I will be helping to keep services and other church activities thriving. Rev Jane from South

Holmwood and I will be leading some school Collective Worship assemblies this term and, with a team of volunteers, I will be running Church Club on Tuesdays after school starting on 22nd September. You may have already seen me at the school gate getting to know the staff, pupils and parents - please do stop and say hello.



I am Rev Jane and I am the vicar of Holmwood and Beare Green parish. I am very much looking forward to working with Rev Gill and our respective teams, to help the wonderful staff to reinforce the brilliant Christian ethos in The Weald

school. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and you. Please do say hi!

We are Musicians

Composer of the half term



It has been wonderful to welcome back a new composer of the half term - this time we are looking at the life of Mozart. We shall be listening to his pieces in class and learning about him in music assembly. I

wonder what facts the children can find out about this great musician?

Tuning Up!

We are delighted to announce that once again, all children will be accessing a block of instrument lessons at different points throughout the year - we start this term with years 5 and 6 who will be learning the clarinet! Further on in the year, years 3 and 4 will have lessons on 'toots'.

SING! Club: Thursday 12.30

Children in KS2 have been told all about the wonderful opportunities from lunch time clubs, and SING! will be working towards a performance at London's O2 Arena in January. Please see the letter that came home if your child attended the SING! taster session on Thursday this week.

Rock Band: Tuesday 12.30

We are really excited to say that we are starting back next week with our lunch time Rock Band - this is open as a taster session for all children in KS2.

With our musical lunch time opportunities that are open at absolutely no cost, we do ask that your child attends weekly. We will be building up to being 'performance ready', so these are not 'opt in/opt out'.

We all belong here....

In Curie Class the children shared their belonging boxes and noticed lots of hobbies and interests that they had in common.

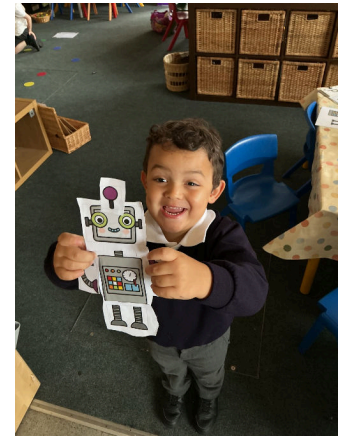
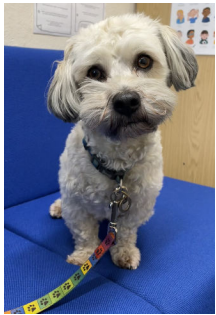
They also created a leaf to represent them that will go on our belonging tree in the school entrance.



Reading with Monty

You may or may not know, but every week, we have our therapy dog, Monty, visiting with his owner, Chrissie, to listen to children read.

We have selected some of our new Year 3 children to read with him on a Friday afternoon for around 15 minutes. It gives our children something special to have at the end of their week and a little 'dog time' out of class, which many children really benefit from and enjoy. Please let us know **if you would not like your child to read with Monty** which started today for the half term. We leave you with a photo of the little cutie himself:



Celebration Assembly - Friday 11th September



Well done to Arthur, Rianna, Arlo, Willow, Ivy, Aurelia, Katy, Juno, Lottie, Jake, Ella, Molly, Harper, Jasmine, Cassie and Dante for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.

Reception/Year 1 News

Reception: We've had a fantastic week getting to know our new friends, exploring our classroom especially the block play area we have had so much fun in here! We did some threading, made robots and joined in with our first singing assembly, they have all settled so beautifully and we are so proud of them!



Year 1: Year 1 have been fantastic helpers to the new reception children, they have been showing them how to tidy up, how to write their name and helped them around the classroom! We've been busy learners this week, we read "Mutt Dog" and they came up with some fantastic

words to describe how he was feeling; lonely, unloved and uncomfortable! In maths we practiced our counting and counting on from a different number! What a fantastic week!

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2026

14th September - swimming starts
15th September - R/KS1 Parent Welcome Meeting
16th September - Year 3 and 4 Shadow Puppet Man
23rd September - Year 5 and 6 Resus Rangers
25th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning - all parents
7-9th October - Year 6 High Ashurst Residential
19th-30th October - Half term

After School Clubs Timetable - Autumn Term 2026

Monday:

Running (Y1 to 6) - 3.20-4.30pm
KS2 Dance (Y3 to 6) - 3.20pm-4.20pm

Tuesday:

Art (Y1 to 6) - 3.20pm-4.30pm
KS1 (YR-2) Church Club - 3.20-4.20pm
KS1 (YR-2) Dance - 3.20-4.20pm
Football (Y3 and 4) - 3.20-4.20pm

Wednesday:

Art (Y1-6) - 3.20pm - 4.30pm
Forest School (Y1-6) - 3.20-4.30pm
Karate (Y1-6) - 3.20pm - 4.20pm
KS2 Musical Theatre (Y3-6) - 3.30-4.30pm
Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm

Thursday:

Art (Y1-6) - 3.20pm - 4.30pm
KS1 Musical Theatre (YR-2) - 3.20-4.20pm
Football (Y5 and Y6) - 3.30-4.30pm
Roller Hockey Club (Y3-6) - 3.20-4.20pm

Friday:

Bowls (Y3-6) - 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Lunchtime Clubs Timetable

Monday:

Dodgeball - 12.30-1pm - outside

Tuesday:

Rock Band - 12.30 - 1pm - Music Room

Wednesday:

Multisports - 12.30-1pm - outside

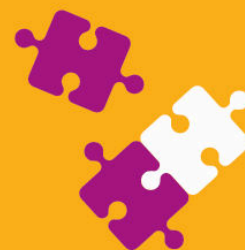
Thursday:

Multisports - 12.30-1pm - outside
Sing Club - 12.30-1pm - Main hall

Friday:

Multisports - 12.30-1pm

YMCA MOLE VALLEY
FAMILY CENTRE
PART OF YMCA EAST SURREY



PARENTING PUZZLE

This 10-week course helps parents of children aged 3-12 (but open to all ages), to understand and manage feelings and behaviour while becoming more positive and nurturing in their relationships with their children. During the course, you will learn and practice different strategies designed to support positive parenting, such as praise and criticism, parenting styles, family rules, problem solving, negotiating and much more.

- **Venue:** Mole Valley Family Centre, Goodwyns Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR
- 10 week course
- £30 - payable before the start of the course (includes course manual and refreshments)
- A reduced rate is available for any family on income-related benefits

To enquire about the next course start date, please get in touch
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PRIORY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING & SCHOOL TOURS

PRIORY SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME PARENTS & CARERS TO
SCHOOL TOURS ON MONDAY 14, TUESDAY 15 & THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
PRE BOOKING [BOOK HERE](#)

ALSO

OUR 2026 OPEN EVENING ON THURSDAY 01 OCTOBER
FROM 5.30-7.30PM

NO PRE BOOKING REQUIRED FOR OPEN EVENING
ON OPEN EVENING THERE WILL BE A CHOICE OF PUPIL-LED OR SELF-
GUIDED TOURS AND A HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS AT 6.15PM
PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE
NO PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED BUT PLEASE NOTE LAST ENTRY IS 6.45PM

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