



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you well. I am excited to share some of the wonderful activities which have taken place over the last couple of weeks where the children have engaged in new learning experiences.

In Year 5 and 6, our young athletes have been working on their gym sequences, rehearsing and perfecting their routines. They have demonstrated impressive teamwork, coordination and determination. It was inspiring to see them not only improve their physical skills but also work so well as a team.

Additionally, we were delighted to welcome parents to our Maths Workshops, where they had the opportunity to join their children in their lessons. These workshops were a fantastic success, with both parents and students engaging in fun and educational activities. It was heartening to see such enthusiasm for maths. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

In Year 3 and 4, our budding philosophers have been exploring the Ten Commandments as part of their topic work. They created actions to represent each commandment and shared them with the class.

Everyone enjoyed acting them out and taking photos to help them remember. It was a fun and engaging way to learn!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the parents evening and a big thank you to the parents who completed the survey; your feedback was most helpful and the results have been very positive.

Wishing you all a relaxing half term break.

Best wishes,
Mr Baguley
(Head Teacher)



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 manoeuvering. If you do not have this badge, please park on the Newdigate Road or in Beare Green Village.

Attendance

Well done 3/4 St Mary Magdalene for having the best attendance this week. You are the winners of the attendance cup which is given out every Friday in the achievement assembly.

Please can we also remind parents to call the office before 9:00am on each day their 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

89% and below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



We are Athletes



As athletes, year 5 and 6 have been rehearsing, perfecting and performing their gymnastic sequences. They used a wide range of equipment to create their routines, which included balances, jumps, rolls and travelling. It was so inspiring to see how all our athletes challenged themselves and worked together as a team.



Picture News Assembly

TAKEHOME 3rd – 9th February

Do you need to feel under pressure to achieve great things?

In the news this week

Tennis player, Emma Raducanu, has revealed she would like to meet darts player, Luke Little, after he recently became the world darts champion. Comparisons between the two young sports stars have been highlighted. Raducanu was 18 when she became the only qualifier in history to claim a Grand Slam title, by winning the 2021 US Open. Similarly, Little became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think Luke Little felt when he became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17? How do you think he might be feeling now about future competitions?
- Can you think of a time when you were under a lot of pressure to succeed or achieve something? Share it with someone at home. Can they recall a similar time?

Celebration Assembly - 7th February



Congratulations to Sophie, Sophie, Ella, Will, Skye, Milo, Breya, Charlie, Solomon and Sterling for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.

We are Mathematicians



Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting a Maths Workshop for parents, which focused on the topic of fractions. The session was a fantastic opportunity for parents to gain insight into how we teach fractions in the classroom and to collaborate with their children in a supportive learning environment.

We hope that the hands-on activities and explanations provided during the workshop gave parents a clearer understanding of how to approach fractions with their child at home. It was wonderful to see so many parents engage in the lesson, helping their children work through problems, and offering support.

We sincerely hope that parents found the session helpful and valuable. Encouraging family involvement in learning is a key part of our approach to education.

Thank you to all the parents who participated, and we hope to see you at our next workshop!



We are Philosophers



In our Year 3/4 class, we learned about God's promise to His people through the story of Moses. We discovered that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on stone tablets and added this symbol to our knowledge organiser about the Mosaic Covenant. Working in small groups, we created actions to represent each commandment and shared them with the class. Everyone enjoyed acting them out, and we took photos to help us remember them. It was a fun and engaging way to learn!



TAKE HOME

10th - 16th February



In the news this week

The Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season. This is over \$4,000 more than the previous permit fee for climbing Mount Everest. There have been concerns that there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home – where have they visited?
- What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?



As you will be aware, we had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection this week. The teachers and pupils did a tremendous job. The inspector was very impressed with the vision, ethos and community spirit within our school, as we continue to go from strength to strength. We will receive our official report in the next couple of weeks. I will obviously share the report with you all very soon.

We are Athletes

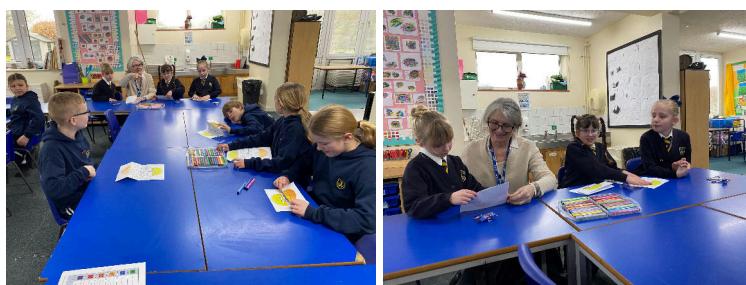


Congratulations to Tyler who competed at the Inter Club competition for kick-boxing last weekend and gained another 2 Golds for his weight division and Light contact. He also fought well in the weight above him. We are very proud of him, and looking forward to hearing how he gets on at The British Championship this weekend!

Young Carers



Our Carer Kids had a fun and lively session filled with games, creativity, and treats! We kicked things off with a few engaging games, where everyone got involved and shared plenty of laughs. Afterward, we indulged in some delicious sweets, adding a little sweetness to the day and a well-deserved treat. The group also had a chance to get creative with a coloring activity, allowing everyone to express themselves and enjoy some time together away from the class. It was a wonderful opportunity for young carers to relax, unwind, and connect with others while having a great time!

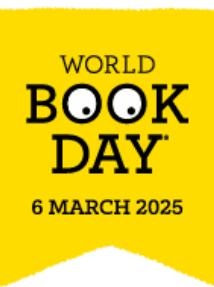




We are Readers

The Weald will be celebrating World Book Day this year by dedicating the whole day to reading. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day including competitions. Dressing up and bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy. However, we really do not wish to add any stress or cost so we are proposing a few different options this year:

- Option 1: Wear your pyjamas to school. The theme of World Book Day this year is about 'read your way' so comfort is key to enjoying your favourite story.
- Option 2: Dress up as a character from your favourite book. Please do take time to think about which book you would recommend and how you can represent either the book, a character or a key theme from the book in costume form. (We encourage DIY costumes as much as possible, not only because it's cheaper but also because it gives children the chance to engage in the process and be creative).
- Option 3: Book in a box. Instead of dressing up, you may choose to represent a book with either a diorama or a few items inside a box for others to guess. On the day, we would love the children to bring in the book that has inspired their costume or box. Please look out for World Book Day tokens that will be coming home this week - these can be used to purchase the £1 World Book Day books or used towards the cost of full priced books at participating retailers.



We are Athletes



Susy and Rhiannon were so proud of the Weald gym club today for taking part in their gymnastics competition at The Ashcombe School! Every student was beautifully behaved, executed all of their gym routines very professionally and supported one another extremely compassionately. They were amazing representatives for the Weald values. Thank you to Mrs James for helping us and to Mr Brown for driving!



Celebration Assembly - 14th February



Congratulations to Eleanor, Jess, Ellie, Annabel, Hayley, Jake, Charlie, Soren, Angus and Freya for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.





Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2025

24th February - Inset Day

25th February- Back to school/The Great Weald Bake Off

10th March - Y6 Junior Citizen Event

13th/14th March: Year 3 Feet First Training

12-14th March - Year 4 Juniper Hall

2nd April: Easter Pause Day

4th April - Break up for Easter holidays at 1.15pm

22nd April - Inset Day

23rd April - Children back to school

Inset Days for 2025/2026

Wednesday 3rd September

Thursday 4th September

Friday 6th September

Friday 24th October

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 13th April

Wednesday 22nd July

After School Clubs Timetable - Spring Term 2025

Monday:

Games - 3.20-4.30pm - **13th Jan to 31st Mar**

Cricket - 3.20-4.30pm - **13th Jan to 24th Mar**

Dance - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **13th Jan to 31 Mar**

Tuesday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **7th Jan to 1st April**

Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm - **7th Jan to 1st April**

Wednesday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **8th Jan to 2nd April**

Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - **8th Jan to 2nd April**

Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **8th Jan to 2nd April**

Thursday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **9th Jan to 3rd April**

Roller Hockey Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **9th Jan to 3rd April**

Dodgeball - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - **9th Jan to 3rd April**

Friday:

Bowls - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - **10th Jan to 28th March**

Football - 3.20-4.30pm - **10th March to 28th March**

Lunchtime Clubs Timetable

Monday:

Dodgeball - 12.30-1pm - outside

Gym - 12.30-1pm - Main Hall

Tuesday:

Rock Band - 12.30 - 1pm - Music Room

Wednesday:

Multisports - 12.30-1pm - outside

Thursday:

SING! (Year 5 and 6) - 12.30 - 1pm - Main Hall

Multisports - 12.30-1pm - outside

Friday:

Chess - 12.30-1pm



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