



# THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Issue 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With Autumn well and truly here, I hope you are all keeping well. We recently had our annual harvest festival and I wish to thank Reverend Jane for leading the service and to those parents who donated food. They were much appreciated and will go to support families through The Salvation Army. .

As usual, we have had a number of school based workshops in the lead up to the October half term. Our Year 3 and 4 children listened to a presentation by an Optometrist as part of their enquiry "Where does the darkness come from?"

Last week we had a world famous children's author visit the school and talk to the children about his new book and what led to him to become a writer.

Our children also experienced a musical extravaganza last Wednesday. This was led by the talented Susy Puckett. A great time was had by all. Thank you to Susy for leading this production.

This week Year 6 went on their 3 day residential at High Ashurst in Box Hill where they had a wonderful time tackling the high ropes and the low rope obstacle courses, teamwork challenges, night walks and campfires. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Our Reverend Jane leads our 'Wild Church' club on a Thursday lunchtime. This provides the children with an opportunity to develop themselves spiritually in nature. If you would like your child to join then please contact the school office.

Finally we look forward to seeing you all next week for our parents evening.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mr Baguley  
(Head Teacher)



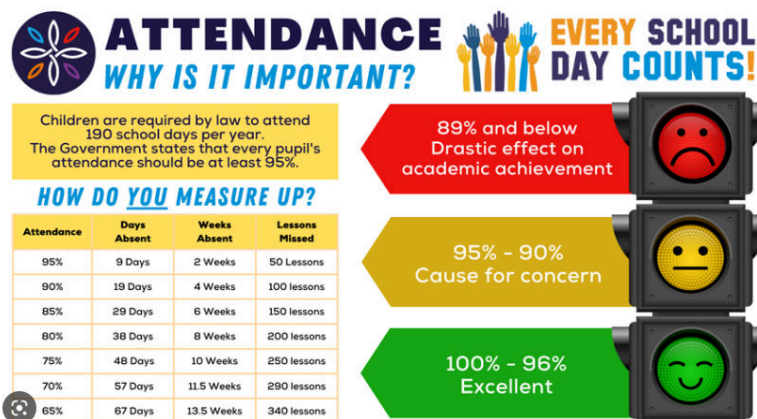
## Safeguarding: Change of Collection Arrangements

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 the parent's permission before we can hand over their 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 **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.



## Year 3 and 4 - Visit from Optometrist



On Friday a special man called an optician came to our school. He taught us about our eyes and why we need to keep them healthy. He told us all about the retina and the pupil, this is a black hole in your eyes covered with see-through skin. We really enjoyed him coming here.

*Report from Will and Rianna*



## We are Athletes



Tyler competed in the Interclub competition today at Ashcombe School. He came away with a Gold and Bronze in the Points fighting.

He also competed in his very first Light Contact fight and came away with Gold. Well done Tyler for being such a superstar!



## In the news this week

E-commerce company, Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week next year, ending the option to work from home. In a message to all workers, Chief Executive Andy Jassy said the company expected everyone to be in the office full time (apart from some exceptions) from 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025. Amazon's new policy is very different from the UK government's approach, which is to make flexible working a right for employees, as promised in a new law proposal, due to be announced later this year.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- > Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?

## Celebration Assembly - 4th October



Congratulations to Ben, Evie, Myra, Ella, Alfie, Dexter, Millie, Art, Henry and Poppy for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.





## We are Musicians

### Brass Assembly



This week we were treated to a brass musical performance by 5/6SP - after having a block of trumpet lessons, they wowed us with their new skills. This was very impressive and it is clear that we have some talented musicians who picked this up very well!



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### Celebration Assembly - 11th October



Congratulations to Matilda, Sophie, Will, Joel, Ivy, Jacob, Finn, Charlie, Freddie and Brea for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.



## We are Authors



We were lucky enough to have a visit from local author, Paul Bathorpe last week. He read an extract from his book series, Copter Duck with each class and the children had the opportunity to give feedback and ask questions. It was fascinating to learn about the process of writing and publishing a book. Even though Paul's book looked fit for a Waterstones bookshelf, we learned just how many editorial stages are involved before the final product is just right! Paul has been kind enough to gift each class with their own copy to read and is planning to run some competitions and a writer's workshop at The Weald in the coming weeks. Watch this space!



### Year 5 and 6 - Grammar and Punctuation





## Year 3 and 4 - Humanist Visit



This half term we have taken a fun and practical approach to the teaching of grammar and punctuation. Our learning has even taken us outside the classroom- here are Year 5/6 taking part in an irregular verb relay! Being able to identify sentence boundaries and use accurate punctuation is an important author skill and the children have really enjoyed doing this using concrete apparatus to identify the subject and the verb in a sentence. How can you help at home? See if your child can explain some of our key terminology: verb, subject, independent clause, proper noun and conjunction.



As part of our RE topic on Humanism this term, we were delighted to welcome Philip Harris, a school speaker from Humanists UK to our school. He led engaging and insightful sessions with our Year 3/4 classes, offering a deeper understanding of humanist beliefs and values. The children found the sessions both informative and inspiring, sparking thoughtful discussions and curiosity about the topic. It was a truly enriching learning experience for us all!



**We are Philosophers**



## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2024

21st October - Year 3SF Parents Evening 3:30-6:00pm  
22nd October - Year 3SF Parents Evening 3:30-5.30pm  
22nd October - Parents Evening 3:30-6:00pm  
24th October - Pupil Flu Vaccines  
24th October - Parents Evening 3:30-6:00pm  
25th October - Inset Day  
w/c 28th October - Half Term  
4th November - Back to School  
14th November - Author Visit  
w/c 18th November - Yr 6 Bikeability  
w/c 25th November - Year 6 Bikeability  
28th November - Year 5/6 Tower Bridge Visit  
29th November - Year 5/6 Tower Bridge Visit  
w/c 2nd December - Year 6 Bikeability  
18th December - Christingle Service at St Mary Magdalene Church 6-7pm  
20th December - Break up at 1.15pm

### After School Clubs Timetable - Autumn Term

#### Monday:

Chess - 3.20-4.30pm

Gym, Dance - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**Tuesday:** Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm (FULL)

#### Wednesday:

Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (FULL)

Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm (spaces available)

Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm

#### Thursday:

Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (Spaces)

Roller Hockey Club - 3.20-4.30pm (spaces available)

Dodgeball - 3.20pm - 4.30pm (spaces available)

#### Friday:

Bowling - 3.20pm - 4.15pm (FULL)

Football - 3.20-4.30pm (spaces available)

### Lunchtime Clubs Timetable

#### Monday:

Gym - 12.30-1pm - Main Hall

#### Tuesday:

Dodgeball - outside

Rock Band - 12.30 - 1pm - Music Room

#### Thursday:

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

#### Friday:

Dodgeball - outside

## Celebration Assembly - 4th October



Congratulations to Isla, Alex, Bethany, Lyra, Matilda, Eleanor, Jasmine, Sidney, Finlay and Thomas for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.

### Review water beads product safety alert

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) has issued a [Product Safety Alert](#) to warn of the risks that water beads pose to children and vulnerable adults.

The alert advises that water beads should be kept away from children under five, and only used with older children or vulnerable adults under close supervision. They are marketed for various purposes, including for use as toys and in crafting. Water beads can expand up to 400 times when exposed to liquid.

When swallowed, they expand and can block the gastrointestinal passage, potentially requiring surgery. They can also cause choking and have harmed children in the UK, with reports linking them to deaths overseas.

If it is suspected that a water bead has been swallowed, medical help should be sought immediately.



St. Michael's Community Nursery, a hidden gem at the foot of Boxhill, is a small term time only nursery providing early years education for children from two to five years old.

We are currently looking for a passionate Early Years Practitioner and SENCo to join our team. Candidates should have a sound knowledge of child development, a love for the outdoors and a passion for supporting children on their own unique educational journey. The role would be a combination of Early Years Practitioner and Key Person, with dedicated time allocated for the SENCo role.

Minimum requirement of Level 3 relevant qualification and a desire to continue professional knowledge ~ if not already achieved, we would support the successful candidate to study the level 3 Early Years SENCo qualification.

We are ideally looking for 18 hours over 3 days. Some of which could be home/flexible working following a successful probation period.

Pay scale £12.87-£14.98 depending on qualifications and experience.

Please contact Hilary Budd for an application form or to arrange a visit.

[stmichaelscommunitynursery.co.uk](http://stmichaelscommunitynursery.co.uk) [stmichaelsnursery@btinternet.com](mailto:stmichaelsnursery@btinternet.com) Tel:01372361021





**OCTOBER HALF TERM  
FOOTBALL  
CAMPS**

**PROGRAMME OF CAMPS:**

**WEDS 30TH OCTOBER  
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
GROUP STAGES!**  
European Royalty in Dorking. Skills, Games, Challenges & Tournaments based on your favourite Champions League teams & players!

**THURS 31ST OCTOBER  
SPOOKY FOOTBALL**  
Ghastly Games, Sinister Skill Challenges, Spooky team names & hair-raising tournament matches!

MORNINGS	ALL-DAY
9.30-12.30 <b>£22.50</b>	9.30-3.30 <b>£32.50</b>
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time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

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TERM TIME ONLY

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**Rethink Waste** 

## Help our school win funding for our eco-project

**Rethink Waste** have invited our community to join in their school donations scheme. Schools across Surrey County are taking part in this great opportunity, so we're inviting you to help us in this **quest for funding!**

Taking part in the fun activities will help you reduce waste but by completing them, you'll also earn points which can be donated to our school. The more points we receive, the higher our chances of winning funding for our new eco-project!

We're passionate about more greener learning opportunities for our children, will you help us by registering today? Visit the link below!

[rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools](http://rethinkwaste.co.uk/schools)



Simply scan the QR code to register and donate points to our school

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