



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

21st March 2025

Spring Issue 5

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good week. Not long now until Easter. Where has the time gone?

As usual, it has been a very busy couple of weeks at The Weald. The highlight was receiving our SIAMS inspection report which reflects the hard work and dedication of all my staff at The Weald. There is now a really strong ethos and powerful vision for our school as we continue to go from strength to strength. The inspector was very impressed, given the size of our school, the varied learning opportunities the children receive.

Over the past couple of weeks, our Year 5 children experienced a fire safety workshop whilst our Year 6 pupils attended a Junior Citizen event. They all had a great time!

A big thank you to Mrs Hopkins who recently took a group of Year 5 and 6 boys to The Priory for an athletics event. They finished third and each received a medal. Well done for this great achievement.

Our Year 4 children went to Juniper Hall and experienced a residential for the first time. They had a fantastic time and even Mr Baguley managed to get a few hours sleep! Please see the photos in the newsletter.

This week we celebrated 'Poetry week' commencing with a special assembly led by the poet, Ash Dickinson. Thank you to all the parents who attended the poetry performance today. A big thank you to Mrs Read for organising this event. Great job! It was lovely to see our children undertaking public speaking. This is a big focus for the school going forward.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Baguley
(Head Teacher)

UPDATE ON SCOTT BROADWOOD INFANT WEALD PRIMARY AMALGAMATION

Thank you for your patience during this consultation period around the proposed amalgamation of Scott Broadwood and The Weald. This process takes time, and I appreciate that it will be unsettling for some parents and carers. The Good Shepherd Trust (GST) continues to work with the Department for Education (DfE) and Surrey County Council on the next steps. The proposal now sits with the DfE for their final consideration. No decisions have yet been made by the DfE, but I want to assure you that we are entering the final phase.

If our proposal is approved, the GST will continue to discuss options for the Scott Broadwood site. We are also discussing with Surrey how the site could be used for broader education purposes.

We will, of course, let you know as soon as any decision is made.

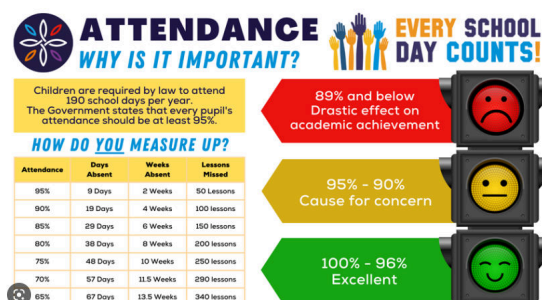
My thanks again,

Paul Kennedy
CEO, The Good Shepherd Trust

Attendance

Well done 3/4 St Peter 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.

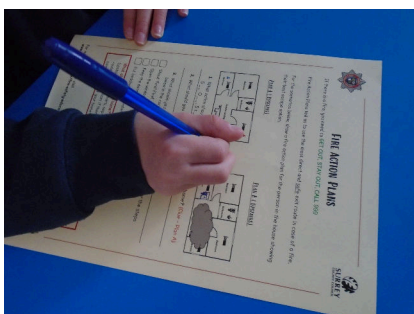
Please can we also remind parents to call the office before 9:00am on each day their child is absent from school.



Year 5 Fire Safety Engineers



On Monday 10th March, Year 5 were lucky enough to attend a Fire Safety workshop run by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. We learned about the top five fire hazards in our homes, the importance of smoke alarms and fire escape plans. Please ask your Year 5 learner how often we should test our smoke alarms at home and support them to complete the smoke alarm challenge they have brought home.



Year 6 Junior Citizen Event



Last week, Year 6 students attended the Junior Citizen Event at Epsom Downs Racecourse. It is a special program designed to help children prepare for the challenges and responsibilities they will face as they transition to secondary school. The event focused on crucial life skills, including safety awareness, emergency procedures and how to stay safe in various situations. One of the most important topics covered was railway safety. Students were taught how to identify the 'third rail' as well as behave safely when near railways, with key lessons on what to do when crossing tracks, the importance of listening for trains, and how to spot potential dangers. The children learned about safe and unsafe behaviours around station platforms and as well as at a level crossing. Another crucial part of the event focused on water safety. Students were shown the dangers of playing or swimming near rivers, lakes, or the sea and how to keep themselves safe by observing flags and 'respecting the water'. They were given practical advice about what to do if they or someone else gets into trouble in the water, including how to raise the alarm and stay calm in emergency situations. In today's world, knowing how to get help in an emergency is crucial. They were taught how to contact emergency services by phone, text, or online, with a special focus on the 999 and 112 emergency numbers. Additionally, students learned about the various services they can contact for different types of emergencies, whether it's the police, fire service or medical help. We were all encouraged to download and spread the word about the 'What Three Words' app which could help emergency services locate you. We also attended a session run by The British Transport Police focusing on anti-social behaviours. Children were taught how to identify them and how to report them. With most young people in possession of a smart phone, our session from MyBNK helped children identify potential text scams and how to tell if a message was legitimate. They were also encouraged to think about how to be responsible, make positive choices, and stay safe as they step into this exciting new chapter of their lives. We would like to

thank the event organisers for such an informative and worthwhile experience.



Year 4 Juniper Hall



On our first day, we quickly got to know the site through playing a number of games and orienteering. In the afternoon we walked around Mickleham village with our historian and geographer hats on. We carried out lots of surveys and learnt how the village has changed over time. By dinner time we were all very hungry and enjoyed spaghetti bolognese and banoffee pie! In the evening, we played the egg challenge and made egg protectors. We all settled quickly into our rooms (some of us needed help making our beds!!!) and enjoyed a good night's sleep ready for a day full of fun activities by the river.

Celebration Assembly - 14th March 2025



Congratulations to Jess, Chloe, Poppy, Monty, Bertie, Charlie, Myra, Mia and Lauren for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.





On day two, the children drew a river and talked about the different features of a river. They then measured the velocity of the water as well as the width and depth at different points. After lunch the children collected different water samples to see which invertebrates they found using a key to identify them. Back in the classroom the children partook in a case study on one of these invertebrates which included using a microscope to find out more about them.

Egg Drop Challenge: They had their pods tested from different heights- in the end there was only one winner 'Bob'.

Mammal trapping: After dinner the children identified small mammals from their features, learning about how they adapted to their environment. They then created humane traps and set them up for the night. Unfortunately because of the cold, they didn't catch any so they tried again on Friday morning and they were successful!



On day 3 we ate breakfast and celebrated Alex's birthday with cupcakes and then we made our own packed lunches.

The children created their own overnight shelters and tested them against the elements (A large bottle of water!). They learnt how to start a fire and keep it going. They foraged for natural ingredients (Herbs) and made their own tea to drink.



The children had a great time and hopefully learnt some life lessons which they can use in the future.



Well done to all the Year 4's for doing so well at their residential. We are proud of you all.

We are Athletes



Last week, Mrs Hopkins took 6 budding athletes to compete in an inter-school sports hall Panathlon at Priory. The children took part in 7 different competitive elements from target throws to basketball sessions. They all represented the school wonderfully and came away proudly with medals having come 3rd in the competition - well done, athletes!



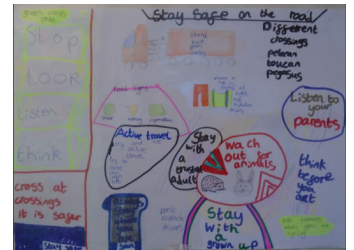
Year 3 Feet First Training

Year 3 students recently participated in the Feet First training, a Walking Training Programme designed to teach important road safety awareness skills. This training provides pupils with a key life skill, preparing them for travelling independently in the future. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the training and found it very engaging.

During the training, pupils learned:

- The Green Cross Code: Stop, look, listen, and think.
- Road signs and pedestrian crossings: Understanding and using them safely.
- Recognising safer and unsafe places to cross: Identifying the best spots to cross the road.
- How to cross between parked cars: Learning the safest way to navigate this tricky situation.
- The benefits of active travel: Understanding how walking is good for health, wellbeing, and the environment.

The feedback from the pupils was very positive, highlighting how much they enjoyed the activities and how valuable they found the lessons. To share what they learned, the children also created posters to spread the importance of road safety with others.





We are Authors

Poet Visit



To kick start poetry week, we were visited by author and poet, Ash Dickinson. Ash captivated the children with his performance poetry in a whole-school assembly before working with each class in a writing workshop. The children were so engaged with his creative style and loved writing poems with him- we have already seen many children return to school with poetry of their own! If you didn't manage to pick up Ash's book, *Show Cats in Transit*, on the day- these can be purchased directly from his website. <https://ashdickinson.com/books/>

Celebration Assembly - 20th March 2025



Congratulations to Sebastian, Lyra, Frankie, Lacey, Phoebe and Finnley for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.



We are Athletes - Cross Country



This week, we hosted the Dorking School Cross Country Competition. Unfortunately, this was the only one for this year due to the poor weather conditions we have had this season. We were so proud of our cross country team, who showed resilience and determination to complete the course. Overall, The Weald came in third place. Congratulations to all the runners. Fingers crossed for better weather and more cross country events next year!





Is it important to have a morning routine?

In the news this week

750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools. Starting in April, the schools will provide breakfast and activities for children. Schools are encouraged to offer healthy, varied and nutritious breakfasts, such as wheat cereals, porridge, fresh fruit and yoghurt, as well as activities, including educational puzzles, reading and crafts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you attended a breakfast club? Would you like to?
- What do you like to have for breakfast? What about others at home?
- Share your morning routine with someone and ask about theirs. Do you feel it's important to have a routine? Why?



We are Athletes



This is an image of the temporary swimming pool which will be installed at The Weald during the Easter break. This will be a great opportunity for the children to

receive expert instruction and develop water safety skills in a professional environment without leaving the school premises. We believe this experience will be both educational and enjoyable for all involved.

Before the end of term, we will be sending out a detailed letter to all parents, outlining the specific dates when your child will be swimming. This will help you plan ahead and ensure your child is prepared for their sessions.

We are committed to making this a smooth and positive experience for both students and parents.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact the school office. We can't wait for the students to dive in and enjoy this fantastic opportunity!



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.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2025

28th March - school Disco - collection at 4.45pm

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





AFTER SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB

In association with Westcott CC



Mondays 3.30-4.30pm for boys & girls in years 3-6
28th Apr-14th Jul (excluding half-term & 5th May)
£7 per week

Book online at
www.twenty20communitycricket.com/after-school-cricket

PLATFORM **EASTER CAMPS**
 FROM 7 - 17 APRIL
 Multiple locations across Surrey
platformsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-camps

FOOTBALL CAMPS
 Including separate girls-only, keeper camps & small groups

CRICKET CAMPS
 focusing on bowling, batting & fielding

ACTIVE CAMPS
 including our spring into action camp

Play. Progress. Perform.

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS FROM 7 - 17 APRIL
 MULTIPLE SURREY LOCATIONS

JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR FOOTBALL, CRICKET OR ACTIVE CAMPS THIS EASTER. WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERY CHILD TO HAVE FUN IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING KEEPER AND GIRLS-ONLY CAMPS.

platformsportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-camps

YMCA MOLE VALLEY FAMILY CENTRE
 PART OF YMCA EAST SURREY

PARENTING PUZZLE

Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – and the Parenting Puzzle course provides them. This 10 week informal course gives you tips and advice on how to get the best out of family life.

Wednesday 23 April - Wednesday 2 July 2025
 10 week course (with a break on 28 May for half term)
 19:30-21:30
 Mole Valley Family Centre, Goodwyns Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR

Run jointly by Mole Valley Family Centre, Dorking Schools Partnership and Home-Start East Surrey and is open to all parents and carers. Course costs £30.00 payable on booking (includes course manual and refreshments). A reduced rate is available for any family on income related benefits.

To book a place on this course please call **01306 740095** or email molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk
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MYDENTIST DOKRING- 01306 740840

NHS KIDS CLUB

WE ARE HOSTING AN ADDITION NHS SESSION ON SATURDAY 12TH APRIL FOR AGES 0-11

APPOINTMENT WILL INCLUDE A FULL EXAMINATION AND AN ORAL HEALTH TALK TO TEACH THE CHILDREN HOW TO CARE FOR THEIR TEETH.

All attendees will be registered as an NHS patient going forward, but please be aware, if you can't attend this date, we WILL NOT be able to reshedule.

DORKING LAWN TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS 2025

MONDAY 7th - FRIDAY 11th APRIL
MONDAY 14th - THURSDAY 17th APRIL
CHOOSE ANY DAYS

KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old
MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
9.30 - 12PM

TEENAGERS 12-16 Yrs Old
WEDNESDAYS
2 - 4PM

COST:
MEMBERS £20
NON MEMBERS £23

Pay: Brian Love, Sort: 090128, Acc: 74084211

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT HEAD COACH BRIAN:
DORKINGTENNIS@GMAIL.COM
QUOTE: NAME, AGE, CONTACT NUMBER, MEDICAL INFO
OR CALL 07712 557076



Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Improving Family Communication
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

DORKING HALLS THIS EASTER

SAT 5 APRIL
2PM & 6PM



FUN FOR ALL AGES



FREE BOARD GAMES, LEGO AND CRAFTS
14-17 APRIL 10AM-2PM

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WILL HAVE YOU LEAVING WITH A SMILE
ON YOUR FACE"
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"UNIQUE & HILARIOUS"
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"AFFABLE, SEAMLESSLY DELIVERED,
GREAT GAGS & A TUNEFUL CODA"
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"SARCASTIC, WITTY, ANIMATED, AND
MOST IMPORTANTLY, HILARIOUS"



**MONDAY 7 APRIL
3PM**

**INTERACTIVE
FUNNY SCI-FI
ADVENTURE
SHOW FOR
AGES 5+**



Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

Cygnets in Surrey

A support programme for parents and carers of children and young people, aged 5-18, who are autistic.

Parents of autistic children face the usual positives and challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending a Cygnets autism support programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support their child. It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.

When and where is Cygnets delivered?
Courses will be taking place all over Surrey at a range of times and locations. Some courses will be delivered online. When you complete the application form, tell us what you would prefer and we will contact you when a suitable course becomes available.

Who can attend cygnets sessions?
Parents, carers or other family members who have responsibility for your child. You child needs to be between the ages of 5-18 and live in Surrey. They may have a diagnosis of autism, or be waiting for one.

What does Cygnets involve?
The **core** Cygnets programme is delivered over six two and a half to three-hour sessions which include:

- Introductory session
- An overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & Sensory
- Social Interaction & Communication
- Understanding and supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

Who will deliver my Cygnets course?
Surrey's Cygnets offer is coordinated through the Autism Outreach team, based at Freemantles school, but our team of trainers are made up from professionals working across Surrey in education, health and charity organisations.

How do I sign up?
Complete the application form and we will get in contact when a suitable course becomes available for you. You can download the form from <https://www.autismoutreachforschools.uk/Cygnets-Parent-Programme/>

Can I ask some questions?
Email us on parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk