



# THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

27th June 2025

Summer Issue 4

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you all well and you are not melting in the sun. Despite it being a hot couple of weeks, we have continued to be very busy at The Weald. We are certainly not counting down the weeks until the end of term.

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic school residential at Thames Young Mariners. They participated in a range of water sport based activities. They had a great time. A big thank you to Ms Price, Mrs Read and Mrs James for going the extra mile for the children. We couldn't have done it without you.

Ms Price also took a group of children to the Year 5 / 6 rounders tournament in Dorking. The pupils did us all and represented the school superbly.

I recently attended the Year 6 leavers' service at Guildford Cathedral. As always, it was an emotional occasion, as we bid farewell to our year 6 pupils very soon and wish them the very best of luck for September. A big thank you to Reverend Jane for supporting the children and the school on the day.

I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to Paul Banthorpe who is a talented children's author who has recently written a book called 'Copter Duck'. He has shared his writing skills with a group of Year 5 boys who are all hoping to follow in his footsteps. Thanks again Paul.

We are also expanding our outdoor learning opportunities and it was great to see our outdoor learning guru, Victoria doing some Forest School with our Year 5 children. Thank you Victoria.

And finally, please take a moment to sit down with your child and talk to them about our weekly 'Picture News' articles which can be found in our newsletters. There are some really thought-provoking questions - why do people explore the past? You can discuss with your child over breakfast or evening meal.

Have a relaxing weekend everyone!

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 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 Francis** 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?



**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

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

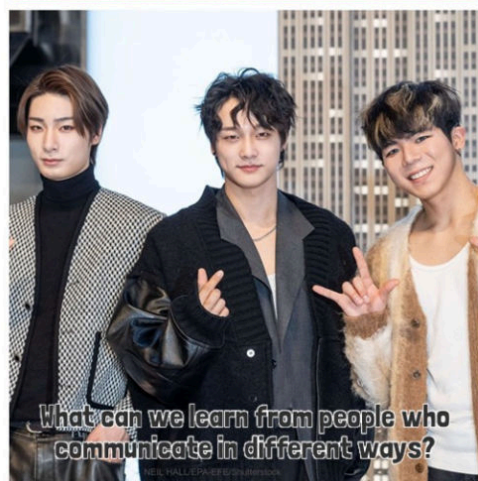


95% - 90%  
Cause for concern



100% - 96%  
Excellent





## In the news this week

Big Ocean is a new K-pop band from South Korea, and all three of its members have hearing loss. They use things like vibrations, flashing lights, and sign language to help them perform music together. Even though the band can't hear the songs like most people, they work very hard to stay in time and show emotion through movement and expression. Big Ocean want to raise awareness about deaf culture and make K-pop more inclusive, by using Korean Sign Language in their performances.

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

- What impact do you think a band like Big Ocean could have through their music?
- Where and when might we use sign language?
- What are some different ways we can communicate with others? Ask someone at home to share their thoughts.

## Water Safety Campaign

In school, as part of the Lucas Dobson Water Safety Campaign, we have 8 lifejackets available to loan out to our families. We'd like to see children and families automatically borrow a lifejacket when planning a trip or day out that involves water. Please come and borrow a lifejacket from us if you are planning an activity on or near the water.

<https://www.lucasdobsonwatersafety.com/>

## Lucas Dobson Water Safety

**As a result of funds raised – more than £10,000 – 900 lifejackets bearing Lucas' image and campaign logo are on their way to schools across Kent for children and families to borrow whenever they are near water.**

[www.lucasdobsonwatersafety.com](https://www.lucasdobsonwatersafety.com/)



## 5/6 Rounders



Our fantastic Year 5-6 Rounders team, made up of 11 brilliant boys and girls, did an amazing job at the recent tournament. With one well-earned win and a display of great skill, determination and resilience throughout, they should all be incredibly proud of themselves. Their teamwork and positive attitude stood out from start to finish – a real credit to the school.





## Year 6 Leavers Service



The Year 6 Leavers' Service was such a lovely experience, and the Year 6 made us so proud. Their behavior and the way they carried themselves through the activities and service was exceptional. We arrived at the Cathedral and completed reflective tasks thinking about our time at primary school - who has helped us and how we will carry forward our learning in the next part of our journey. This was followed by a service and picnic lunch.

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## Celebration Assembly - Friday 20th June



Congratulations to Sterling, Jacob, Ella, Sam, Vinnie, Monty, Ava, Francesca, Will and Charlie for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.

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## We are Scientists



Our brilliant Year 5 and 6 scientists have been exploring electricity in action! This week, they investigated how the number of batteries in a series circuit affects the brightness of a bulb. Through hands-on experiments, they discovered that increasing the number of batteries raises the voltage—and the bulb shines more brightly. A fantastic way to see science come to life through curiosity and teamwork.







## We are Authors



The Year 5 boys writing group have been working with local author, Paul Banthorpe to come up with ideas for a sequel to Copter Duck! What a fantastic opportunity to inspire a new generation of authors - the boys really enjoyed working on this project and are very excited to be able to work with a real-life published author. Paul was very impressed with the boys' creativity and extensive vocabulary. The boys really enjoyed working in a small group and felt inspired to read and write more. We are very grateful to Paul for giving his time and expertise. Paul will be at the Summer Fair with copies of his book, Copter Duck should you wish to buy a copy. We hope to have him back to work with more children at The Weald next year. Thank you to Ralph, Soren, Toby, Sam, Solomon, Yoda, Alexander and Jacob who took part this year.

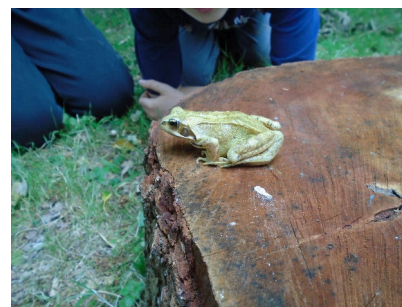


## We are Mathematicians



Year 3/4SP explored rounding decimals by creating a live number line! With numbers displayed on the whiteboard, students used their bodies to show where each digit belonged and decided whether to round up or down—bringing maths to life!

## We are Scientists



Year 5 had a thoroughly enjoyable session at Forest School on Wednesday where they learnt to toast marshmallows over the fire to make smores. Each child also made a bees

wax candle and swung and relaxed in the hammocks. They used the bug hunting equipment to find and identify the insects that live in our woodland. Thank you to Victoria for sharing her expertise and enthusiasm for the outside with our children.



## Picture News



## In the news this week

Nearly 140 years after it sank, a team of divers has identified the wreck of a ship, called the SS Nantes, off the coast of Devon, in southwest England. The ship sank in 1888, after crashing into another boat. The shipwreck could finally be named when a diver found a plate with the ship's company logo (or crest) on it.

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

- Talk to others at home and discuss what you think it would feel like to discover a missing shipwreck.
- If you could explore one mystery from the past, what would it be and why?
- Do you believe it's important to learn about the past? Why? What do others at home say?





## We are Athletes



Year 5 had a fantastic time on Wednesday with Coach Stevenson doing a sports afternoon, which was really fun. The first activity was the Bleep test; where we would have to run to one point from another and if there was one bleep that would signal when you run, if there were two bleeps, they would up the speed, if there were three bleeps, they would go to the next level.

The second activity was the obstacle course which included jumping, running, running in between cones and ladders. At the end of the obstacle course, we had to go on something called the Travelator which was a series of soft play apparatus.

The third activity was tug of war where we were put in four teams and in each team there were two groups and my team won the tug of war.

The fourth and final activity was tyre rolling. We would roll tyres around 50 metres and roll them around a cone and the first team to get there and back would be the winner of that activity. I was in the yellow team and the green team won and yellow came second. Red came third and blue came fourth.

In conclusion I think it was a brilliant day and would love to do more stuff like this.

[Report by Milo](#)

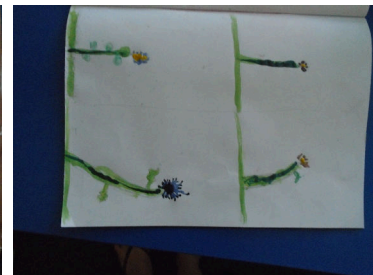


## We are Artists



This week year 3 and 4 have been researching Elizabeth Blackwell and why she was a famous artist linked to our enquiry 'How do plants die?'.

The children looked at a variety of her botanical paintings and discussed the details and how they made the children feel, creating a fact file and notes of their feelings as artists in their sketchbooks. Next the children looked at mixing watercolours to make some of the shades used in these paintings. Finally the children had a go at being artists themselves sketching plants and flowers. They will be using their colour mixing knowledge to paint these sketches next week.



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## Celebration Assembly - Friday 27th June



Congratulations to Ellie, Milo, Hayley, Soren, Millie, Ella, Luke and Noah for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.

## Dates for your Diary

### Summer Term 2025

2nd July - Move up day/Year 6 at secondary schools  
3rd July - Pixham Athletics - 6-8pm  
4th July - Year 5 at Capel Military Show  
15th July - Year 5/6 Production - 9.30-10.30am  
16th July - Year 5/6 Production - 2-3:00pm  
17th July - 10am Leavers Service/End of Term Service at St Mary Magdalene  
17th July - Y6 Leavers Party 6-8:00pm  
18th July - Break up at 1.15pm

Return to school - Monday 8th September 2025

### 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 - Summer Term 2025

#### Monday:

Games - 3.20-4.30pm - **28 April to 14 July**  
Cricket - 3.20-4.30pm - **28 April to 14 July**  
Dance - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **28 April to 14 July**

#### Tuesday:

Art - 3.20pm-4.30pm - 5.30pm - **29 April to 15 July**  
Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm - **29 April to 15 July**

#### Wednesday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **23 April to 16 July**  
Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - **23 April to 16 July**  
Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **23 April to 16 July**

#### Thursday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **24 April to 17 July**  
Roller Hockey Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **24 April to 17 July**  
Dodgeball - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - **24 April to 17 July**

#### Friday:

Bowls - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - **2 May to 11 July**  
Football - 3.20-4.30pm - **25 April to 11 July**

### 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:

Multisports - 12.30-1pm - outside

#### Friday:

Multisports - 12.30-1pm

## Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club (Roman Road)

### Summer Tennis Camps 2025

**23rd July - 29th August**  
**CHOOSE ANY DAYS**

#### **KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old**

**Mondays - Fridays**  
**930-12pm**



#### **TEENAGERS 12-16 Yrs Old**

**Wednesdays**  
**2-4pm**



**COST: MEMBERS £20 / NON MEMBERS £23**  
**PAYMENT: Bank Transfer: Brian Love**  
**Account: 74084211 Sort 09-01-28**

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



# ENTER THE SOAPBOX CHALLENGE!

**SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025**

**AGE CATEGORIES: UP TO 11 AND 11+**



[j.wyborn@btinternet.com](mailto:j.wyborn@btinternet.com)

**BUILD**  
**LEARN**  
**COMPETE**



## JULY 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code  
Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENTS page



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

Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> July  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**

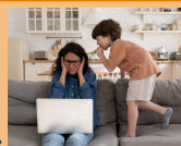


### Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.  
Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24

recording available



### 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.

Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24

recording available



### Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24

recording available



### Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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## July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am

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# C.H.S. SHOW TENT

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025

## WHAT WILL YOU ENTER THIS YEAR?









[WWW.CAPELHORTICULTURALSOCIETY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CAPELHORTICULTURALSOCIETY.ORG.UK)



### Summer Fun for All the Family!

Check out our website to see the classes available for all ages to try in this annual competition in the big marquee on Capel Show Day.

You'll also find a guide on how to enter.

Then have some fun planning, producing and showing your items.

Challenge your friends and family!

Here are just a few of the classes to be entered:

2-4 year olds:	Class 504	A decorated plant pot
	Class 539	5 rice crispie cakes
5-7 year olds	Class 514	A collage made from odds and ends
	Class 546	6 cookies
8-12 year olds	Class 525	Colouring competition
	Class 530	A botanical bookmark
	Class 551	6 Showstopper cupcakes
13-15 year olds	Class 563	Not just a photograph!
	Class 565	Your very best 2 layered cake
Adults	Class 131	A vase of flowers from your garden
	Class 414	5 pieces of layered traybake
	Class 610	An item of hand-made jewellery

Could you win a prize, or even a trophy?  
**See You in the Show Tent!**

THE READING AGENCY


Delivered in partnership with libraries

**Summer Reading Challenge**

2025

## Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**How it works:**

- 1 Choose books to read from your library – stories, audiobooks, poems, graphic novels, eBooks, fact books... anything you like!
- 2 Record the name of each book you read.
- 3 Collect and attach a sticker from your library to track your progress.

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)