



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

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Summer Issue 1

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Easter feels a long time ago now! It has already been a busy couple of weeks at The Weald.

Firstly, the staff from Scott Broadwood and The Weald recently received training in how to teach orienteering. It has been wonderful to see children across both schools participating in orienteering-based activities last week. Thank you to all the teachers who have organised these learning experiences for the children.

I am absolutely delighted to report just how much the children have loved our temporary new swimming pool. Their enthusiasm during lessons has been infectious, with many pupils growing in both confidence and ability in the water. The swimming teachers have commented on how quickly the children have taken to their lessons, and it has been heartwarming to watch pupils supporting one another as they build this vital life skill.

We were also fortunate to host three Youth Engagement Officers this week, who gave an inspiring and informative talk to the children. They explained the important role that YEOs play in building trust between young people and the police, supporting communities, and encouraging positive choices. The children asked thoughtful questions and were fascinated by the officers' stories of helping young people stay safe and thrive.

In addition, some of our Year 4 pupils took part in their Bikeability Level 1 training. This gave them the chance to practise basic bicycle handling skills in a safe environment, boosting both their competence and confidence on their bikes. It was fantastic to see such determination and pride as they worked through the challenges – and even better to hear them talking excitedly about cycling more often and staying safe on the roads. Please see the wonderful quote below from the cycling instructor.

It's been a couple of weeks rich in learning, growth, and memorable moments already, and we look forward to many more. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Baguley
(Head Teacher)



Safeguarding: Change of Collection Arrangements

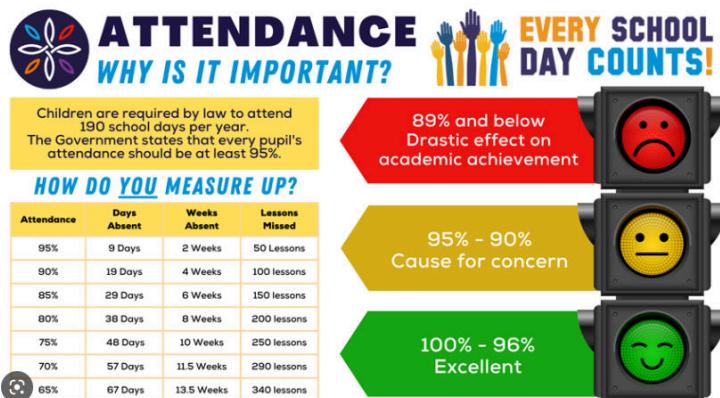
Please could we remind you to call/email the office if your child is being collected by anyone other than the parent/carer otherwise the child will not be released. Also please inform the office if your child is not on the bus and who is collecting them. This is a safeguarding issue and we need your 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 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.



Picture News Assembly

TAKE HOME

21st - 27th April

Should music be part of every school day?



In the news this week

Singer, Ed Sheeran, has written a letter to UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, asking for more money to support music education in schools. In the letter, Ed asks the government to increase funding for instruments, training, and teachers, among other things. Many famous musicians, including Sir Elton John, Coldplay, Harry Styles, and Stormzy, have signed the letter to show their support.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What type of music do you like to listen to? Ask someone at home – do you listen to the same type of music?
- How do music lessons make you feel? What parts do you enjoy/not enjoy?
- Do you think enough time at school is spent on music lessons?
- Have you ever learned, or would you like to learn to play an instrument?



We are Athletes



Tyler competed in The Grand Slam in Bath this weekend, he competed very well in the advanced categories, gaining Bronze and Silver medals! Well done Tyler, we are so proud of your achievements.



We are Authors



The 3/4SP children embarked on an adventure as they discovered a giant chalk drawing of Iron Man on the playground! They eagerly measured its size

using their steps and dove into lively discussions, making imaginative predictions about who he is and what might have happened to him. This thrilling activity, inspired by Ted Hughes' captivating book "The Iron Man," ignited their curiosity and creativity.

We can't wait to continue this exciting journey of learning with them!



We are Athletes



Sophia won all of her fights at a charity event this weekend with her kickboxing club. She was partnered with people well above her age and ability. She didn't give in for three hours straight of sparring and really showed some character. Well done Sophia, this is a great achievement.



In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11th March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

Year 4 - Police Visit



This week, Year 4 had some very special visitors—real police officers came to our school! But they weren't just any officers... they were **Youth Engagement Officers (YEOs)** and they came to help us learn how to stay safe and how the police can support young people like us.

What's a YEO?

A YEO is a police officer who works with children and schools. They help us understand what the police do and how they can help keep us safe. YEOs visit schools to talk about important topics like bullying, online safety and how to ask for help when we need it.

The officers were kind, friendly and happy to answer all of our questions—even the funny ones!

What We Learned

During the visit, we found out:

- Police officers are here to **protect everyone**, especially children
- It's okay to **ask the police for help** if we're lost, scared or if someone is being unkind
- We should call **999 in an emergency**
- The police don't just arrest people—they also teach, listen, and care about our feelings



VE Day 80th Anniversary and The Weald.



On Thursday 8th May, it will be the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and The Weald will be celebrating this milestone and remembering

those who gave their lives for us. The day will include a Celebration and Remembrance Service and, as historians, the children will explore some different aspects of people's lives during World War II during their school day.

The children have been learning a song to celebrate VE Day 80 and you will find the link below to the video with the music and lyrics. If you have some time at home, please encourage your child to practise the song and reflect on the meaning of the words. Linked to our school value of responsibility this half term, we are also

encouraging them to reflect on what their responsibilities are to those who lived through and fought in World War II.

[VE and VJ Day - Teaching Resources](#)

Celebrations and Remembrance activities will be taking place around the country and Dorking will be holding theirs on Saturday 10th May. The link below will give you more information if you would like to participate.

[Surrey Day and VE Day 80 celebrations in Dorking](#)

One of the instructors wrote this heart-warming email:

"Over the last three days, I delivered Level 1 Bikeability to your Year 4. Now as you can imagine, I go to a lot of schools and see a lot of children, and so I think I'm probably able to say this with some authority. This is also the first email I have ever sent to a school in this capacity.

The Weald has an amazing feel to it. It's ethos shines through in the politeness of the children, the friendliness of the staff, the tranquility and the careful and considerate way in which you treat each other. I have heard the teaching in passing and seen the children learning and in my opinion, you are second to none."

Year 4 Bikeability



This week, many of our Year 4 pupils took part in their Bikeability Level 1 training. The ability to cycle safely is a vital life-long skill. The children gained practical experience in hazard identification, along with the four key cycling skills: observation, communication, road positioning and understanding priorities. Well done to all those who took part.



Staff Inset Day - Orienteering Training



Staff at The Weald and Scott Broadwood have been working alongside SOLD (Surrey outdoor Learning Development) to design and set up a fixed orienteering course in the grounds of the Weald to further enhance our outdoor learning opportunities. Last week, during the INSET, all staff were introduced to the fixed course and also learnt how to use orienteering as an excellent and engaging activity to teach a number of cross-curricular themes as well as Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) in PE. Our teachers are already planning engaging and physically active ways to use orienteering which will enhance our enquiry learning.





We are Athletes



There's been a wave of excitement at The Weald since the grand opening of the brand-new swimming pool last week. The addition has quickly become a favourite among the students, who have not only embraced their swimming lessons with enthusiasm, but are also gaining valuable skills and confidence in the water.

From the first splash, it was clear that the pool would be a game-changer for the school community. Children across all year groups have shown incredible energy and eagerness to jump in and learn. Many students who were previously hesitant about swimming have made remarkable progress, thanks to the supportive environment and expert instruction provided during lessons.

"It's the best part of the week!" said one Year 4 student with a big grin. "I was a bit scared at first, but now I love it. I can already float and swim on my back!"

Teachers and coaches have been equally impressed by the students' engagement. Lessons are filled with laughter, learning, and growing confidence, with a strong focus on safety and technique. The structured program ensures that children at all skill levels feel included and challenged in just the right way.

Parents have also expressed appreciation for the new facility, noting how much their children talk about lessons at home and how excited they are to go to school on swimming days.

One thing is certain — the new swimming pool has made a huge splash, and the students are loving every minute of it. We will definitely be booking this pool again in the 2026/2027 academic year.



We are Musicians

Composer of the half term

Moving into summer term, we shall be learning about and listening to the music of Mozart. We are keen to see what our older musicians remember about him and what new facts can be researched!



(Can you find a picture of Mozart please to go with this? And add the attached flyer for the following?)

Instrument lessons

By half term, all children in the school will have been given the opportunity to learn trumpet as well as perform to the school throughout the year!

We hope your children have enjoyed their lessons this year - please see the flyer on this newsletter detailing continuation opportunities. As you will see, Surrey Arts offer 10% off lessons and instrument hire for the term following Tuning Up class lessons and parents/carers can apply via our website [Apply and pay for children's music lessons - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/apply-and-pay-for-childrens-music-lessons), with the full details of cost and remissions also available on this page.

Your child may qualify for FREE lessons! Please encourage your children to consider taking up an instrument in the new year - Surrey Arts will be moving away from individual to group lessons next term, making learning an instrument more affordable! Any questions, please call the number on the flyer.

Celebration Assembly - Friday 2nd May



Congratulations to Isla, Millie, Sofia, Jasmine, Ava, Vinnie, Xander, Joel, Teddy and Angus for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2025

w/c 5 May - Swimming week
5th May - bank holiday Monday
w/c 12th May - Year 6 SATS
26th-30th May - Half Term Break
4th June - 5 St Petroc - Sky Studios
6th June - 5 St Joan of Arc - Sky Studios
11th June - Sports Day
13th June - Rain off Sports Day
18th June - Year 6 Leavers Service Guildford Cathedral
25-27th June - Year 6 Residential at TYM
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 6 Production - 9.30-10.30am
16th July - Year 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

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



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

There are still places at cricket club on Mondays if your child would like to join.

DORKING JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

FREE 4 WEEK SUMMER NETBALL CAMP

Who:
For girls in year 4

What: A FREE 4 week netball camp

When:
16:45 - 17:45 | Monday 9, 16, 23 & 30 June 2025

Where:
The Priory School

Dorking Netball Club is offering a **FREE 4 week** summer netball camp for Year 4 local primary school pupils in Dorking and its villages.

ALL SESSIONS LED BY ENGLAND QUALIFIED LEVEL 2 & 1 COACHES

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In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere! We will share the link with you privately.

Current trends - what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

Understanding the Risks - a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

What can you do? - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

Further Support - signposting to services that are available to help you.

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025 4PM – 4.45PM

THE PRIORY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 PUPILS SCHOOL TOURS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 ADMISSION

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING A PLACE IN YEAR 7 FOR YOUR CHILD IN SEPTEMBER 2026, THE HEADTEACHER WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO SHOW YOU AROUND ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:

MONDAY 9 TO FRIDAY 13 JUNE
MONDAY 16 TO FRIDAY 20 JUNE
TOURS ARE FROM 9.15 - 10.15AM

To book a place, either telephone 01306 887 337 or email admissions@priorycofe.com

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Are you aged between 5 & 18 years and finding things difficult?

Learning Space can help!

We provide solution focused individual support for children and young people from 5 years to 18 who are struggling to manage big feelings, have low self esteem or who are going through a difficult time.

If you are registered with:

Brockwood Medical Practice
Leith Hill Practice
Medwyn Surgery
Dorking Medical Practice

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