



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

4th February 2025

Spring Issue 2

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you well as we speed towards February half term.

As always it has been a busy few weeks at The Weald. The highlight was our annual trip to the O2 Arena in London for Young Voices. The Weald was part of the biggest choir in the world. The children had an amazing time. A huge thank you to Mrs Mee and Mrs Hopkins. The Sing Club did a great job all down to the hard work of Mrs Mee. I would also like to thank the parent volunteers who helped throughout the day. Thanks to one and all!

As a school we are always looking to expand our ambassadors at school. This involves children taking on a range of jobs and responsibilities around the school to promote their independence. As you will see in today's newsletter, we have two new 'Health and Safety' Ambassadors who regularly check our school to make sure it is safe. Bertie and Reece are doing a great job! They are both very practical and will soon be joining our new woodwork club.

It is always a joy to see a number of our children participating in clubs and community events outside of the school. A big well done to Isla, Jasmine and Hayley for their recent participation in Ockley's panto, Snow White. They are wonderful role models for The Weald. And finally, a big well done to some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils who attended the Dorking School's Partnership Athletics tournament. They did a wonderful job representing The Weald. Well done to all the children involved!

Enjoy the rest of the week.

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 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.

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

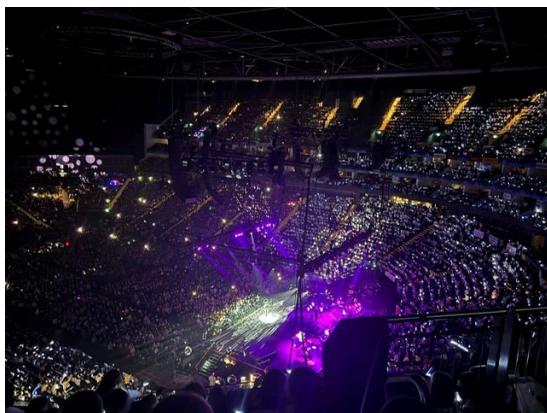
100% - 96%
Excellent

We are Musicians Young Voices



On Tuesday 21st January, Sing Club went to the O2 Arena and we sang many songs with the Young Voices Choir. We had an amazing time! We were part of the biggest choir in the world, with over 8,000 performers. Hairspray was one of our favourite songs. MC Grammar performed as well. We were there for 7-8 hours but it was worth it!

Report by Isla



Celebration Assembly - 24th January 2025



Congratulations to Dexter, Evie, Oscar, Elsie, Dante, Matilda, Olly and Joel for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.



We are Engineers



It is always a pleasure to uncover new talents amongst our children at The Weald and nowhere more is this illustrated with Bertie and Reece. They are not only 'Health and Safety' ambassadors for the school but they are also superb builders. Check out this Meccano version of the Eiffel Tower. Also they are soon to start attending a 'woodwork' club. We can't wait to see what else they will be building!

We are Historians



Year 3 and 4 - Haslemere Museum



Our trip was an exciting and educational experience, perfectly linking to our Enquiry topic, *What is Underneath Our Feet?* We explored different types of rocks, gems, and fossils, even getting the chance to create our own fossil using plaster. It was fascinating to see so many shiny and unique stones up close. After lunch, we explored the Galleries, where we discovered an incredible collection of exhibits, including stuffed animals, ancient bones, and even a real-life Mummy! The trip gave us a deeper understanding of the natural world and the hidden wonders beneath our feet.

Freddie: We learnt about rocks and fossils and we drew them.

Breya: We made our own fossil out of plaster. It was amazing.

Alex: There were lots of things like gems and shiny rocks.

Sophia: After lunch we explored the Galleries. I saw stuffed animals, a real life Mummy, bones and crystals.

Ockley Panto Stars



Congratulations to Weald children Isla, Jasmine and Hayley for their amazing dancing skills in Ockley's panto Snow White! They have been rehearsing with dance teacher Susy every Sunday since September to perfect their moves, and they will be starring in 6 performances at Ockley Village Hall! They are super stars".

Chinese New Year



We would like to extend a big thank you to our amazing school kitchen team for providing the children with such a delicious and authentic Chinese lunch this week! The children were delighted with the different flavours in the main and vegetarian option.

What made the meal even more special was seeing how well the children embraced the experience, when it came to using chopsticks! With great enthusiasm and determination, many of the children gave it their best shot, mastering the technique of picking up food with the traditional utensils.



It was wonderful to see the children get to enjoy a delicious meal and enjoy the taste of Chinese culture through the food and the chopstick challenge.



We are Athletes



On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 represented the school at Dorking Schools' Partnership's Primary Sportshall Athletics Tournament at Guildford Spectrum Centre! The children took part in a variety of races and field events, representing the school with energy and pride! The atmosphere was electric and our children did such a fantastic job as a wonderful team of athletes!



Celebration Assembly - 31st January



Congratulations to Alfie, Jake, Xander, Evie, Elias, Sienna, Charles, Lexi, Eady and Freddie for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2025

- 5th February - 9:00-10:15 Focus Fractions Workshop
- 6th February - 2:45 Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting
- 10th February: Year 5 Fire Safety Workshop (in school, free)
- 11th February: Safer Internet Day
- 11th February - Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm
- 13th February - am Gymnastics Competition (invitation only)
- 13th February - Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm
- 25th February: 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

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

FREE CHILDREN'S SHOW!

THE RIVER RUNNER

- Location - Mole Valley Family Centre, Goodwyns Road, RH4 3LR**
- Date - Wednesday 19th February**
- Time - 1.30pm**
- Cost - Free**
- Performance aimed at children aged 7+ (younger children welcome but may not follow the story)**

Please call us on 01306 740095 or email at

molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeast surrey.org.uk

to book a space

The River Runner

It's 1901 in Isleham village, Cambridgeshire and Annabelle Howgego is the best ice skater for miles around. Once a year, the watery fens freeze smooth and white and the villagers prepare to race each other for prizes of bread and meat.

A brand new show for all generations to enjoy together, The River Runner tells the thrilling tale of a Victorian ice skater who uses her extraordinary skills to defeat a cruel landlord and set her village free. Featuring a live original score of soaring tunes and ballads, enjoy an adventure story celebrating family, female sport and the rural experience.

The River Runner is touring throughout February 2025, visiting venues across the south east, including Surrey, Hampshire, Kent and Suffolk. For a full list of tour dates, visit: farnhammaltings.com/productions

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SCAN THE CODE FOR FULL TOUR DATES!



February 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

Date	Time	Cost	Description
Thursday 20th Feb	19:00 - 20:00	FREE	Supporting Healthy Screen Use A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens
Monday 3rd Feb	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 11th Feb	19:00 - 20:30	£24	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 18th Feb	19:00 - 20:30	£24	Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.
Tuesday 25th Feb	19:00 - 20:30	£24	Understanding the Teenage Brain A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

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

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

**February Half Term
Tennis Camps 2025**

**MONDAY 17TH - FRIDAY 21ST
CHOOSE ANY DAYS**

KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
930 - 12pm**



KIDS 12-16 Yrs Old

**WEDNESDAY
2 - 4pm**



COST: MEMBERS £20 NON MEMBERS £23

Pay By BACS Account: Brian Love Sort: 09-01-28 Acc: 74084211

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN:

DORKINGTENNIS@GMAIL.COM

**QUOTE: NAME, AGE, CONTACT NUMBER, MEDICAL INFO
OR CALL HEAD COACH BRIAN 07712 557076**

Previous attachment

*Please support
Valentine's Day
Bake Sale*

**Cakes Cookies
Chocolates Pies
Cupcakes Donuts
and so much more!**

**Friday 14th February
Please bring your
donations to the office
at morning drop off!**

