



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

7th March 2025

Spring Issue 4

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you all well. As always it has been a hectic couple of weeks at The Weald culminating in our decision to hire a swimming pool on site for 3 weeks straight after Easter. The children, in all year groups, will be taught by two swimming instructors in groups of 10-12. This is a fantastic opportunity and will provide your child with a crucial life skill! We can't wait! Please read the accompanying letter for more information!

As ever, it was a joy to welcome Reverend Jane and her volunteers to The Weald on Wednesday to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Please ask your child what they will be giving up in the lead up to Easter. Perhaps less time on their mobile phones...

As part of their recent enquiry, our Year 3 and 4 children have been making pizzas in our restaurant. They were absolutely delicious.

We are just about to start a woodwork club with a select group of children at school. If you are retired or you know someone who is, then please contact the school office as we are currently on the look out for volunteers to offer their time and expertise to support our lovely children.

And finally we are very much looking forward to the Year 4 residential next week. It is always a great experience for the children, as they develop their independence and life skills.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Baguley
(Head Teacher)



Safeguarding: Change of Collection Arrangements

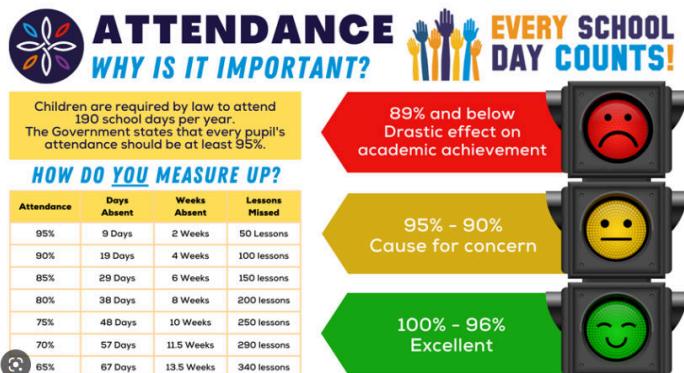
Please could we remind you to call/email the office if your child is being collected by anyone other than the parent/carer otherwise the child will not be released. Also please inform the office if your child is not on the bus and who is collecting them. This is a safeguarding issue and we need your 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 manoeuvering. If you do not have this badge, please park on the Newdigate Road or in Beare Green Village.

Attendance

Well done 5/6 St Joan of Arc 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.





We are Athletes



Tyler competed at The Kick-Boxing GB nationals on the 16th February, it was a very tough competition and he competed extremely well. He came home with a 2nd place Silver Medal in the +36kg category A weight above his own; this has opened up a fantastic opportunity to now train with the GB team to try and gain a place in their competing team! We are extremely proud of where he has got to so far, and how he has overcome the challenges and anxiety he had when he started competing which was only just a year ago!

The competition was fierce, with numerous participants submitting their amazing baking creations. The students poured their hearts into their cakes, presenting a wide variety of flavours, textures and decorations. There was an array of vibrant colourful icing and designs, each entry showcased not only skill but also an incredible amount of passion and creativity.

The competition was judged by the school council panel and the winner in 1st place was Annabel, Ellen 2nd and Logan 3rd. Well done to you all and a big thank you to the parents for your support.



We are Engineers



The school hosted an exciting Great Weald Bake-Off competition that brought together talented bakers from all year groups. The event was held in the school main hall, transforming it into a lively and vibrant space filled with delicious aromas and creative cake designs. Mr Baguley and the school council gathered to enjoy the sweet treats and celebrate the skills of the young bakers.

Celebration Assembly - 28th February 2025



Congratulations to Theo, Isla, Rosie, Logan, Darcie, Ava, Sofia, Felix, Lottie and Ella for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.

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Why do we judge people based on their appearance?



In the news this week

A girls' football team, in York, has launched a campaign called 'Girls can have short hair. Get Over it'. This was prompted by parents and coaches of opposition teams questioning whether all the players were girls, due to some having short hair. The team has received a positive response, with other young players, who have experienced similar situations, reaching out.

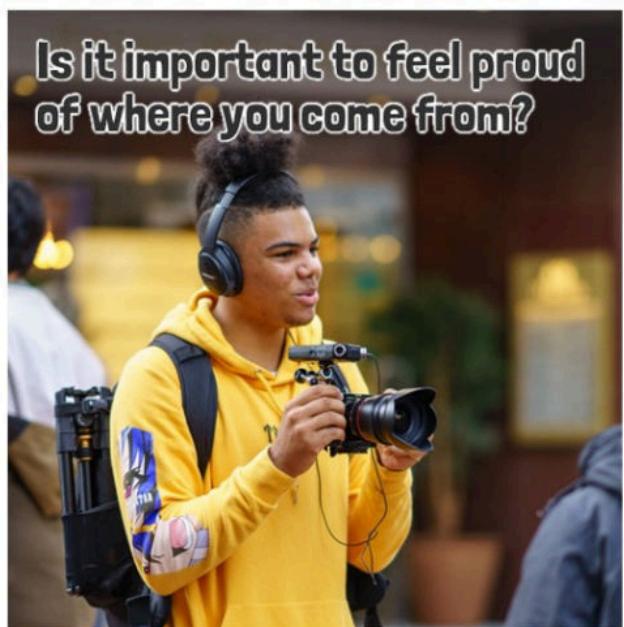
Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to this week's news and your thoughts about the campaign. What changes do you think it hopes to bring?
- Can you think of any other campaigns that have helped to bring about positive change? Ask someone at home if they can recall one too.

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Is it important to feel proud of where you come from?



In the news this week

The Times newspaper recently asked young people, aged between 18 and 27 (also known as 'Gen Z'), what they thought about their lives and life in the UK. The survey showed lots of views, including that 4 out of 10 young people are proud to be British, and around half feel that people in the UK are accepting and welcoming towards others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to this week's news. Are you proud of where you are from? Share your response with an adult at home, and ask them the same question.
- Can you think of some ways people might show they are proud of their heritage and where they are from?

We are Musicians



This half term we are jumping from 'modern day' back to the Baroque era and we will be listening to and learning about Johann Sebastian Bach. I wonder how the music can be compared and contrasted with the likes of John Williams from last half term? There is a great deal of drama and energy when it comes to this composer, but how do these two styles differ?

Celebration Assembly - 7th March 2025



Congratulations to Joseph, Ann, Alexander, April, William, Evie, Luke and Darcey for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of you all.



We are Engineers

Year 3 and 4 Cooking Session



Our Year 3 and 4 food engineers had the opportunity to dive into the wonderful world of pizza-making, an activity that was both educational and, of course, a whole lot of fun! They learnt how to make their own pizzas, exploring the basic ingredients, using pitta bread, tomato sauce, different vegetables and cheese. From spreading the sauce to learning how to slice vegetables safely, every child had a chance to take the lead in the kitchen.

After the pizzas were baked, the children enjoyed tasting and evaluating them. They considered how they could make their pitta pizza tastier and more healthy. In a couple of weeks, the children will have another session and make the improved version that they thought of. We hope you'll ask your child about their pizza-making experience and perhaps try recreating it together at home!

We are Musicians

Year 3 and 4 Trumpet lessons



Another class has started their block of lessons, and this time round it is 3/4SM. We are excited to see how they will develop musically and look forward to the performance at the end! If you would like your child to have music lessons, it may be that they qualify for FREE lessons (if they are a young carer or you are entitled to benefits). Please ask Mrs Hopkins if your child would be interested in a free trial.





We are Readers

World Book Day @ The Weald



We are thrilled to share how wonderfully World Book Day was celebrated at our school this week! It was an unforgettable day filled with excitement, creativity, and, most importantly, a deep love for reading. The children truly outdid themselves with their costumes, bringing to life characters from their favorite books. From adventurous pirates and magical wizards to heroic superheroes and whimsical animals, it was incredible to see so many beloved book characters walking around the school. The effort, creativity, and enthusiasm each child showed in choosing their outfits made for a truly special and fun day. A huge thank you to all the parents for their support and encouragement in helping their children with their costumes.

The children were lucky to be visited again by local author, Paul Banthorpe. Paul worked with each class to explore a chapter of his book in detail. The children answered questions and came up with ideas to develop characters from the story. The children came up with some great ideas for the sequel to Copter Duck and have really enjoyed working with a real-life author and being part of his creative process.

Children also participated in some book-themed classroom debates: Was Jack right to steal from the giant? Who was worse, Mr or Mrs Twit? And, In today's

online world, reading books is a superpower! The children were asked to come up with arguments for and against and structure their presentations to persuade an audience. This is a great activity that can be extended at home. Can you come up with some creative debate topics?

We also want to extend our gratitude to the teachers and staff for organizing engaging activities throughout the day, from reading sessions to book-related crafts. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited about reading.

World Book Day is always a reminder of the importance of books in our lives and the magic they bring. It was a day to celebrate the joy of reading, and we couldn't be more proud of how our students embraced the theme.



Please see Facebook for more photos.

Classroom Doors on World Book Day

3/4SF Door Design



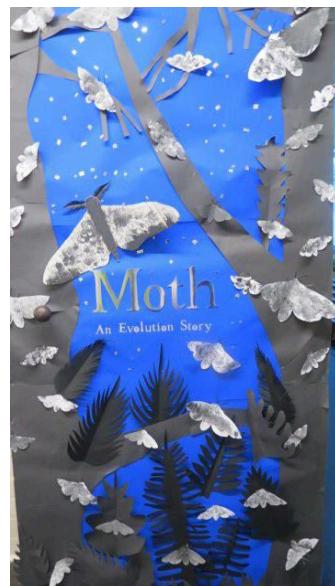
3/4SP Door Design



3/4SM Door Design



5/6 SJ Door Design



5/6SP Door Design



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2025

10th March - Y6 Junior Citizen Event
10th March - Y5 Fire Safety Workshop
13th 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

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

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
OF THE YEAR
OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2025

www.christs-hospital.org.uk

Club Open Days

13th April & 27th April

10AM - 10.45AM: Reception - Year 3
11AM - 11.45AM: Year 4 - Year 8
12-12.45PM : Year 9 - Year 11
@ Pixham Sports Ground

JOIN DORKING CRICKET CLUB

Looking to join a family orientated cricket club?

- Mixed age group cricket for ages 4-17
- Thriving girls programme for girls aged 7 upwards
- Friday night Summer training from **25th April 2025**
- Social events throughout the year
- Two picturesque grounds sat at the bottom of Box Hill
- New member rates / sibling discounts available
- Girls only training Wednesday throughout the Summer
- Summer camps available
- Winter training from January onwards



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Give in Lent Calendar

Donate food for the 40 days of Lent. Please check to find out the opening times during Lent and to check if there is anything in particular we're running short of at: www.dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk

| 5 March | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|----|
| Tinned fruit | UHT milk | Squash | Muesli bars | |
| Jam | Biscuits | Soup | Tinned fish | 8 |
| Rice | Coffee (instant) | Pasta sauce | 11 | 12 |
| UHT milk | Tinned tomatoes | Toilet roll | 15 | 16 |
| Custard | Long life fruit juice | Deodorant | 19 | 20 |
| Chocolate bars | Crackers | Shower gel | 23 | 24 |
| Tinned potato | Tea bags | Tinned Beans | 27 | 28 |
| Crisps | Washing up liquid | Laundry detergent | 31 | 32 |
| Toothpaste | tinned pulses | Tinned tomatoes | 35 | 36 |
| Tinned vegetables | Tinned potatoes | Coffee (instant) | 39 | 40 |
| 17 April | | | | |

Drop off donations at any of our collection points or email us at: info@dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk

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THE OCKLEY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

 Little Sprouts
Play & Grow

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TO ALL MUMS, DADS, CARERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS

We are in the process of trying to set up a children's play centre in the disused Ockley Village School. It has been sitting empty for nearly 8 years now.

Proposed facilities at the venue will be

-  Soft Play Room
-  Role Play Room
-  Sensory Room specifically designed for SEND children, their families and pre-walking babies
-  Lego Room
-  Cafe
-  An amazing outdoor area that will have lots of outdoor activities and classes specifically for children, including children's fitness classes, vegetable growing, messy play and lots, lots more!!

A project team, working with the trustees of the site, have set up a petition to show that there is demand for such a project in the local area. If you are in favour of the Play Centre we would really appreciate your signature on the petition. To learn more and sign the petition, please visit the website www.ockleyhub.com, or the QR codes below.

QR code to the project website

QR Code for the petition (if you're in a hurry!!!)



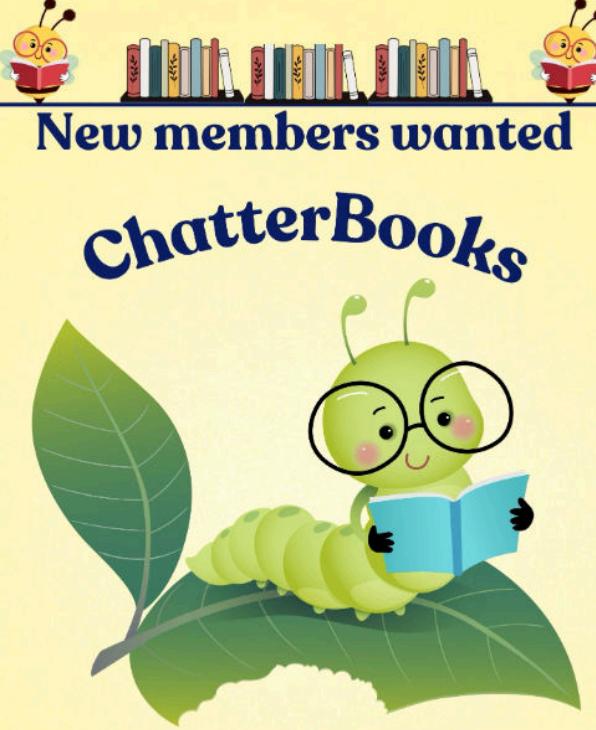
Alternatively, if you google 'Ockley Play Centre' it will come up and you can access the petition that way.

Thank you in advance for all your support, we really want to make this a really special place for kids to enjoy for years to come, and we really do need your support to make it happen!

Best Regards
Charlie and Kerry

Little Sprouts Play and Grow





New members wanted

ChatterBooks

Ages 8+

Signup at the desk for biscuits and crafts one Thursday a month

First meeting: Thursday 13th March at 4:15



EASTER FOOTBALL CAMPS

DATES:
MON 14TH APRIL
TUES 15TH APRIL
WEDS 16TH APRIL
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FAQs

Can I visit the pharmacy in person?

We are an online pharmacy - **not a regular brick and mortar pharmacy**. Whilst you can't come in to pick up/order medication, you can come in to buy over-the-counter medicines, have your flu/COVID jab or use any of our private services.

What if I need urgent medication like antibiotics? Can I pick that up?

While we can't offer pick-up due to regulations, we prioritise same-day delivery in Dorking. If you're outside our same-day delivery area, contact us, and we'll help you find a nearby pharmacy

Can I get all my medications delivered at the same time?

Yes, we make it easy to get all your medications at the same time. When you order your NHS prescription, simply let us know which over-the-counter medications you'd like to include, and we'll add them to your delivery. You can order OTC items online or by phone.

Other services we offer:

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- Malaria Prevention
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- Blood Pressure Checks
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