



# THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

23rd September 2025

Autumn Issue 1

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and your child has settled back into the Weald Community. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 3 children and parents to the school. The children seem to have settled in very well and enjoying the Weald experience.

As usual it has been a busy start to the term. The Year 5 and 6 pupils have already experienced their first education visit of the new academic year, a visit to Winchester Science Museum. A great day was had by all.

We are very much looking forward to hosting our first cross country athletics event of the year next Monday 29th September. Fingers crossed for good weather!! We have had a number of schools visit the Weald since the start of term to look at our approach to the teaching of 'Punctuation and Grammar'. We have implemented a programme called 'Grammarsaurus'. Your child will be experiencing this over the next few weeks as part of their English lessons. Please ask them all about it!

I would also like to point you in the direction of our annual MacMillan Coffee morning which we will be hosting in the meeting room this Friday 28th September from 9:00am. This will provide an opportunity for our new parents to attend and get to know everyone alongside our existing parent body. Please drop off your child to their classroom then pop along for a tea/coffee.

Wishing you all a positive week.

Best wishes,  
Mr Baguley



## 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 Attenborough** 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



## Celebration Assembly - Friday 12th September



Congratulations to Francesca, Finn, Tyler, ?, Layna, Phoebe, Elsie, Logan, Owen, Ernie, Josh and Xander for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.



### We are Athletes



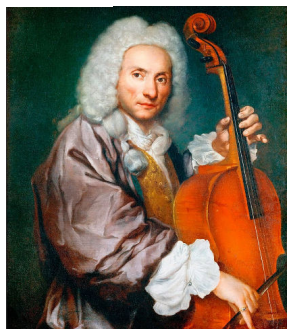
The Weald Roller Hockey club were invited to take part in an U13 Roller Hockey Tournament in Farnham over the summer holidays. Owen and Amy represented The Weald and did an amazing job for the

red team. They held their own alongside some very experienced players and it was so great to see their confidence grow and grow! Well done!



### We are Musicians

#### Composer of the half term



We have welcomed back Antonio Vivaldi into the school this half term and we shall be learning about this amazing musician, finding out about his style and why we still recognise his music well over 200 years since his death. I wonder what our Weald musicians can find out about him...

## Rock Band



This week also saw the start of Rock Band! Please ask your child if they attended the taster session. If your child is keen and will commit to attending every Tuesday lunchtime at 12.30-1pm, then please encourage them to come next Tuesday. This is a totally free club; all we ask is for weekly attendance and lots of enthusiasm! We aim for the band to perform to an audience very soon - commitment is vital - so please watch this space! Thank you to the returning pupils who gave a little performance to the group to show what they have achieved as musicians - Amy and Logan, you both gave a great demo!

## Instrument Lessons

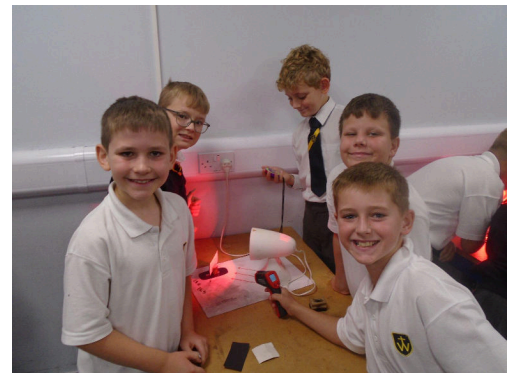
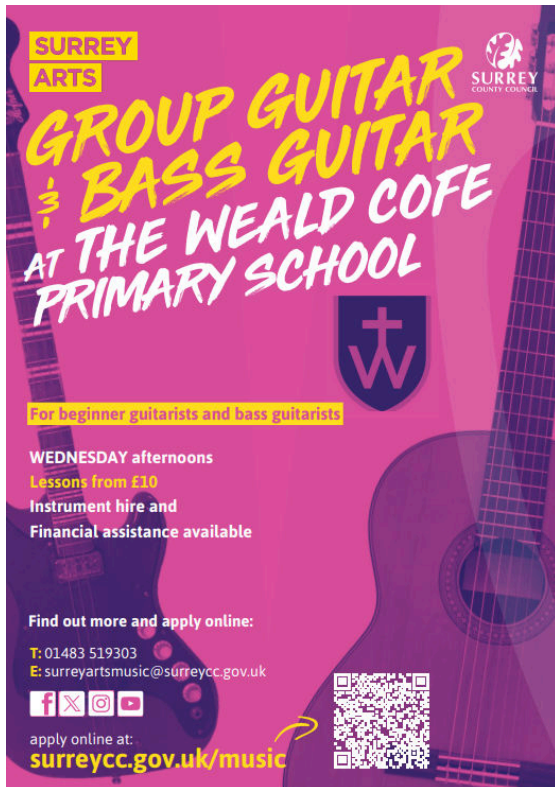


We have also welcomed back Mr Whitcher (in person this time!) from Surrey Arts who will be teaching trumpet to every child in the coming year. He started with 5/6 Turing this half term and it was wonderful to see how the children picked up the skills from their previous lessons last year. We can't wait for the performance later on in the term.

Another offer from Surrey Arts is from the guitar team who are offering ensemble lessons at a competitive price. Please see the flier overleaf for more information. They are also able to offer paired drum lessons. Please follow the link on the flier to arrange lessons. All lessons are in the afternoons for 20 minutes.

**LESSONS FREE OF CHARGE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM & YOUNG CARERS:** It is vital to point out that some of our children qualify for FREE lessons, please talk to your child if you know they qualify.





## We are Scientists

### Winchester Science Museum



We got into the coach, and waited whilst chatting to my partner to get to the Space Museum. Once we got there, we all sat down in a group and the teachers told us what we were going to do first, then my class went downstairs. After we made our way down we all scattered around looking at the cool displays and equipment. There was a room where on one side you could look small and on the other side you could look tall. There are all different types of space inventions that you could use in a rocket or if you were exploring different planets. Then we all went back upstairs and conducted all the experiments and science inventions.

Afterwards we went into the planetarium where we learned about our solar system.

Facts: the facts that I learned are that there are four other dwarf planets after Neptune. They are in something called the Kuiper Belt. Stars make up really fascinating constellations so they all have different names. The star constellation that looks like a saucepan is really interesting because if you draw a line from the handle you will see the North Star.

My favourite bit was learning all the facts inside the planetarium. **Thomas**

## Celebration Assembly - Friday 19th September



Congratulations to Amy, Ella, Millie, Ella, Amelia, Bobby, Jack, Sophia, Ava, Sophia and Dennis for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.

## Important Attendance Notice from Surrey CC

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

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## Home School Link Worker

### ☀️ Meet Our Home School Link Worker – Here to Help! ☀️

We're very lucky to have Helen Young, a Home School Link Worker as part of our school community. Her role is all about supporting children and families to ensure every child has the best possible experience at school and at home.

### What does a Home School Link Worker do?

Our Home School Link Worker is here to:

- Offer advice and guidance on parenting, routines, behaviour, and emotional wellbeing
- Support families going through difficult times, such as bereavement, separation, or housing issues
- Help improve attendance and punctuality
- Signpost families to local services, such as food banks, counselling, or financial advice
- Be a listening ear when you need someone to talk to

### How can they help your child?

By working closely with families, teachers, and outside agencies, the Home School Link Worker helps remove any barriers that might affect a child's learning or happiness at school.

### How can you get in touch?

You can contact Helen by calling the school office or speaking to your child's teacher. She is always happy to meet with parents and carers in a friendly, non-judgemental way.

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## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2025

24th September - Children's individual photos  
26th September - 9:00am: MacMillan Coffee Morning followed by parents dropping into classrooms for writing focus - 9:30-10:00am  
29th September - 3:30-5:00pm Cross Country at The Weald  
6th October - Harvest Festival at The Weald - parents invited  
8th-10th October - Year 6 High Ashurst Residential  
21st and 23rd October - Parents Evening  
24th October - INSET Day  
27th-31st October: Half Term  
9th November: Faith Ambassadors to Sunday remembrance service  
11th November: 9am collective worship led by Rev'd Jane for remembrance (parents invited)  
17th-21st November: Y6 Bikeability  
18th/20th November: Open Days/Open Evening  
21st November: Y3/4 Egyptian Workshop  
24th-28th November: Y6 Bikeability  
25th November: Y5 Boys Football Tournament  
2nd December: Y6 Boys Football Tournament  
2nd December: Children's flu vaccines  
17th December 6pm: Christingle Service at St Mary Magdalene  
19th December: End of Term

### After School Clubs Timetable - Autumn Term 2025

#### Monday:

Running - 3.20-4.30pm - **8th September**  
Dance - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **8th September**

#### Tuesday:

Art - 3.20pm-4.30pm - 5.30pm - **9th September**  
Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm - **9th September**  
Dodgeball Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **9th September**  
Netball Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **9th September**

#### Wednesday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **10th September**  
Forest School - 3.20-4.30pm - **10th September**  
Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - **10th September**  
Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **10th September**

#### Thursday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **11th September**  
Roller Hockey Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **11th September**  
Cricket (Kai) - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - **11th September**

#### Friday:

Bowls - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - **12th September**  
Football - 3.20-4.30pm - **12th September**

## 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

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.

This session will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the risks associated, the latest trends and data and guidance on how you can support their online lives.

WEDNESDAY  
1ST OCT  
2025  
4PM - 4.45PM



### Parent/Carer information session

Wednesday 1st October 2025 – 4pm – 4.45pm

**Focus:** Online Safety Briefing - this session will cover all aspects of children's online lives and will cover the risks associated, the latest trends and data and guidance on how you can support their online lives.

The link to access this session will be sent to you **one week before the event**.

This session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared.

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## Talking Teens

A 4 week workshop for parents of children in years 6-11

Talking Teens has been developed with Oxford psychologist and father, Dr John Coleman. The 4 week course aims to increase parents' understanding of teenagers' feelings and behaviour, and deliver key strategies for maintaining and improving relationships.

**Tuesday 30 September**  
**Tuesday 7, 14 and 21 October**  
**19:30-21:30**

**Venue:** Supported Learning Centre,  
The Ashcombe School, Ashcombe Road,  
Dorking, RH4 1LY

£15 - payable before the start of the course.  
A reduced rate is available for any family on income-related benefits.  
Course manual and refreshments are provided.



To book a place on this course, please get in touch  
T 01306 740095 | E [molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk](mailto:molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk)

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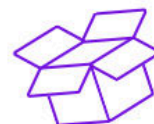
# Scouts



24th Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)

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## JUMBLE SALE



**October 18<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am**  
**The Scout Hut, South Holmwood,**  
**A24, RH5 4JX**

**Drop off of sale items 9.00am - 10.00am**  
**NO ELECTRICALS, CAR SEATS OR FURNITURE**

**Admission £1 per person**

Refreshments available

***Please help 24<sup>th</sup> Scouts with providing  
skills for life to the young people of our  
community.***