



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

8th October 2025 Autumn Issue 2

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and busy couple of weeks it has been here at school, filled with community spirit, curiosity and creativity!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning – it was a huge success! It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying a cuppa, a slice of cake and spending time in your children's classrooms, taking part in their learning. Your generous donations contributed to a truly worthwhile cause, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support. Last week's Cross Country Event was another fantastic highlight – the energy, excitement and team spirit displayed by all the children was truly inspiring. It was equally wonderful to have so many parents and friends cheering them on from the sidelines – your encouragement meant the world to them.

In the classrooms, learning has been as vibrant as ever. Guided by our school values and learning states, the children have been exploring big questions and developing their skills as **Scientists**, learning why shadows change and how light behaves; **Engineers**, investigating the question "What is sound?" by designing and building musical instruments from recycled materials; **Mathematicians**, working hard on adding integers and refining their exchanging techniques, and **Artists**, drawing inspiration from Lucien Rudaux in response to our enquiry: *What does the Earth look like from the Solar System?* You can find out more about these in the newsletter.

A huge thank you as well to all the families who joined us for our Harvest Festival on Monday. Your generous food contributions will make a real difference in the local community. Special thanks to Reverend Jane for leading our Harvest Assembly so thoughtfully. As always, your support, enthusiasm, and partnership in your children's learning make all the difference.

Wishing you all a lovely week and a restful weekend ahead.

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?

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

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

89% and below
Drastic effect on academic achievement



95% - 90%
Cause for concern



100% - 96%
Excellent



Picture News Assembly

We are Artists



This week, our year 5 /6 learners have been inspired by the incredible planetary imagery of artist and astronomer Lucien Rudaux as part of our current Enquiry - What does the Earth look like from the solar system? Using oil pastels to explore tone, contrast and blending, we have created stunning space artwork. We are so proud of the children's creativity and effort!



In the news this week

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?



Celebration Assembly - Friday 26th September



Congratulations to Poppy, Elsie, Isla, Hayley, Alexander, Freddie, Bethany, Maddie, Alfie, Paddy, Ivy, Yoda and Florence for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.



Macmillan Coffee Morning/Classroom Visit



We were absolutely delighted to welcome so many parents to our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** last week. Your support and generosity truly made the event a memorable one!



The atmosphere was warm and welcoming as families came together to enjoy a cup of coffee and a slice of cake—all while supporting a very worthy cause. Thanks to your kind donations, we were able to raise **£89.20** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

In addition to the coffee morning, we were thrilled to invite parents into classrooms for a special half-hour lesson with their children. It was fantastic to see the classrooms buzzing with excitement and pride as students shared their learning with you. Your involvement made the experience even more meaningful for the children and helped to further strengthen the home-school connection.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who attended, donated and joined us in the classroom. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and helps to make our school community such a special place.



Macmillan Cake Sale



The children held a cake sale during break time after the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week and it was a great success! They raised a magnificent **£96.00**. The event was filled with happy faces and an amazing selection of treats — all in support of this fantastic cause. A huge thank you goes to the wonderful parents who generously donated cakes for both the Macmillan Coffee Morning and the cake sale. Your support and delicious bakes truly made this occasion special. Every cake was thoroughly enjoyed and your efforts helped make a real difference. Thank you once again!



The total amount raised for Macmillan was £185.20. THANK YOU!



We are Athletes Cross Country



Last week's cross country event at The Weald was full of energy, excitement and great team spirit as Dorking schools came together to race. Everyone gave it their all, showing real determination and support for one another. It was brilliant to see so much encouragement between runners and schools alike. Huge congratulations to all who took part—you should be proud of your effort, teamwork and perseverance. You made it a fantastic competition!



Year 5/6 Athletes



Year 5/6 have been true athletes this half term, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and a strong sporting ethic. We're really proud of the way they have worked together to develop their passing, dribbling and shooting skills whilst encouraging and supporting each other on the court.



We are Mathematicians



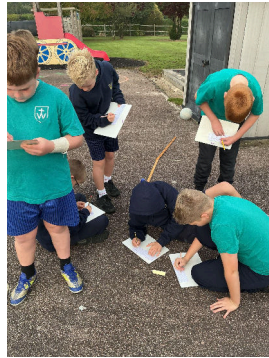
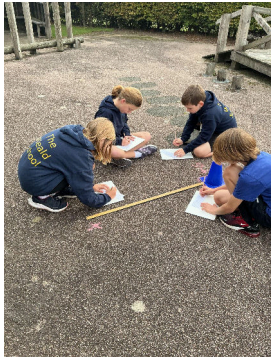
As mathematicians, year 5/6 have been focusing on adding integers and refining their exchanging skills. We're really impressed at how they have approached this with such a methodical mindset and growing confidence.



We are Scientists



We have been curious investigators in year 5/6, learning about why shadows change throughout the day. Please ask your year 5/6 scientist how the rotation of the Earth on its axis affects shadows!



Celebration Assembly - Friday 3rd October



Congratulations to Thomas, James, Theo, Flo, Lyra, Ann, Eady, Piper, Queenie, Sterling, Evie and Sid for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.



We are Engineers



Year 3 and 4 have been engineers in our enquiry, *What is Sound?* Using their science knowledge, the children designed, made, and evaluated their own musical instruments using recycled materials. They worked independently and showed brilliant resilience and determination throughout the challenge. It was a fun and exciting way to kick off our enquiry curriculum.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2025

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



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com



Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service



Is your child experiencing:

- Big emotions
- Sleep difficulties
- Sensory difficulties
- Speech & Language difficulties

We can offer you support! Contact our team today!

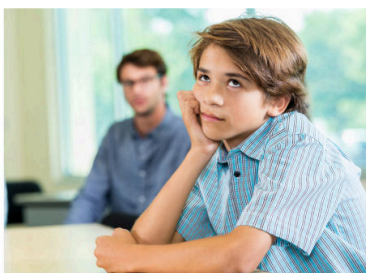
You can find out more information and how to refer into the service at www.Barnardos.org.uk or scanning the below QR Code:



Bianca Downey: 07354200290 Jo Hernandez: 07394 865 632
Fleur Howlett: 07856 479486



Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Monday 13th October 10-11:30am

Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm

90 minute session. Recording available for 48hrs

£24.

Available to book now
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time.
A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to **facefamilyadvice.co.uk**

Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page



Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

Family Wellbeing Service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team offers support to parents/carers whose children are experiencing challenges or difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

The Family Wellbeing service helps families set goals and identify needs through 1:1 or group support. We empower parents with the tools and knowledge to create a more supportive home environment, promoting better mental health for children.

This service offers support to parents/carers in the following local authority areas:

- Epsom & Ewell / Elmbridge / Mole Valley - parents/carers with children aged 11-18

We work from YMCA centres in Mole Valley, Epsom and Tadworth. We also offer online support via Teams and in other community venues.

We accept self-referrals from parents/carers and direct referrals from professionals.

For more information or to discuss a referral, please get in touch.

E communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Or complete our [Family Wellbeing Service Contact Form](#)

www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

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in touch >>



YMCA EAST SURREY

Registered office: YMCA East Surrey, Princes Road, Redhill, RH1 6JJ
Registered charity no. 1075028

THE ASHCOMBE SCHOOL

**OPEN
EVENING**

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER
5PM TO 8PM

THE HEADTEACHER'S TALKS AT
5:30 AND 6:45

Please note that parking will be available, weather permitting, through two entrances: Ashcombe Road and Croft Avenue. Additionally, car parks are located nearby at Dorking Station.

Scouts 
24th Dorking (Holmwood & Capel)

CASH ONLY

JUMBLE SALE



October 18th 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 24th Scouts with providing skills for life to the young people of our community.

**COBHAM
TRAINING GROUND**

OCTOBER HALF TERM



Chelsea Football Club are excited to be opening the doors to their Training Ground this October. Cobham is the exclusive home of our Chelsea FC's Men, Women's and Academy squads and this Half Term we are giving a limited number of players the opportunity to train here and experience our world class facilities.

We have several sessions available across the week from:-
[2 Day Courses](#), [1:1 Sessions](#) and [Girls Only Sessions](#)

Book on early to avoid disappointment! Please scan the QR code which will take you directly to our booking page providing you with all sessions available across the week.

Venue	Dates	Time
Cobham Training Ground Surrey, KT11 3PT	27th-31st October	09.00-15.15 (excluding 1:1 Sessions)

Age	Players	Prices
6-12 Years (7-18 Years for 1:1 Sessions)	Boys & Girls (Mixed ability level)	£75.00 a day (excluding 1:1 Sessions)

Has anyone seen this pendant?



On Monday 6th October at pick up time a parent lost this gold pendant (either on Newdigate Road, or somewhere on the pavement/school premises).

This pendant has special meaning to this parent. It is an etched gold pendant with a tiny green emerald stone in the center with the engraved letter "N" at the back.



Ockley
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JOIN OCKLEY DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Community theatre in Ockley since 1948

Who are we? We're a fun, friendly group bringing comedy, pantomime and live theatre to life for over 75 years – and we're looking for new members!

Whether you want to act, dance, direct, design sets, do lighting, or just try something new – there's a place for you here whether you're aged 8 to 80. No experience needed.

FREE THEATRE WORKSHOP DAY – JUST COME ALONG!

Sunday 12th October, 10:30am–5:30pm
Ockley Village Hall, RH5 5SY (free parking) - *details on back*

how to make
a pantomime



DORKING LAWN TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB

HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS 2025

MON 27th - WEDS 29th OCTOBER
CHOOSE ANY DAYS

KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old

MONDAY- WEDNESDAY
930 - 12PM



TEENAGERS 12-16 Yrs Old

WEDNESDAY
2 - 4PM



COST:

MEMBERS £20

NON MEMBERS £23

PAYMENT: BRIAN LOVE

SORT: 090128

ACC: 74084211

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT HEAD COACH BRIAN:
DORKINGTENNIS@GMAIL.COM

QUOTE: NAME, AGE, CONTACT NUMBER, MEDICAL INFO
OR CALL 07712 557076

FREE WORKSHOP DAY – OPEN TO ALL AGES, drop in anytime and try

Sunday 12th October, 10:30am–5:30pm
Ockley Village Hall, RH5 5SY (free parking)

Acting

10.30 Character workshops - use of body
11.30 Character workshops - use of voice

Tech

12.00 Backstage and Tech taster

Dance

1.00 Dance workshop: children - 5 years and older
2.00 Dance workshop: teenagers

Script

3.00 Group script reading (nominate for parts at end)

Fun, informal and open to everyone...
Maybe you'll be in our next pantomime

Got questions or want more info?

e-mail: boxoffice@ockleycapelpanto.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/OckleyDramaticSociety

Our upcoming productions:

October: "Murdered to Death" by Peter Gordon a Miss Maple mystery
February: Annual pantomime

Join our WhatsApp community for the latest
news on productions and events



CHRISTMAS SIP, PAINT AND CRAFT



WITH MRS. S ART CLUB

Saturday 22nd November 7pm
South Holmwood Village Hall

£25 per person, all materials provided,
mulled wine and mince pie on arrival
(other drinks available to purchase at the bar.)

Please contact mandyellensalter@hotmail.com
for tickets (limited availability)