



# THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025 Autumn Issue 3

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It has been a busy and successful half-term. I would first of all like to thank all parents and carers who attended this week's parent evenings. Thank you as well to the overwhelmingly positive feedback in relation to the parent surveys. We are acutely aware that we need to continue to improve as a school, however, we have deeply committed staff who care passionately about the children.

One of the highlights has been the Year 6 residential. I didn't get the opportunity to stay overnight, but I did experience the nighttime walk! As always, fun was had by all and a special newsletter will be produced by the Year 6 team and children after the half term break.

I was very moved this half term to attend the 'Celebration of Differences' Assembly. It was an absolute privilege to listen to some of the children talk about their lives and their challenges. You all made me very proud! Thank you.

We now have a new slot each week in assembly where we celebrate children who aim high outside of The Weald. This week we celebrated some of our children who attend Donyngs Indoor Bowls Club in Redhill every Saturday. All the children are an absolute credit to The Weald.

Whilst dropping into lessons recently, I was amazed by the digital engineers in Year 5 and 6. I learnt all about vector drawings. I was amazed by the children's knowledge.

The children have also been creating engaging solar system documentaries through the use of the green screen.

Thank you as always for your support this half term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing half-term break.

See you all again on Monday 3rd November.

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 manoeuvering. If you do not have this badge, please park on the Newdigate Road or in Beare Green Village.

## Attendance

**Well done to 3/4 Shackleton** 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?**

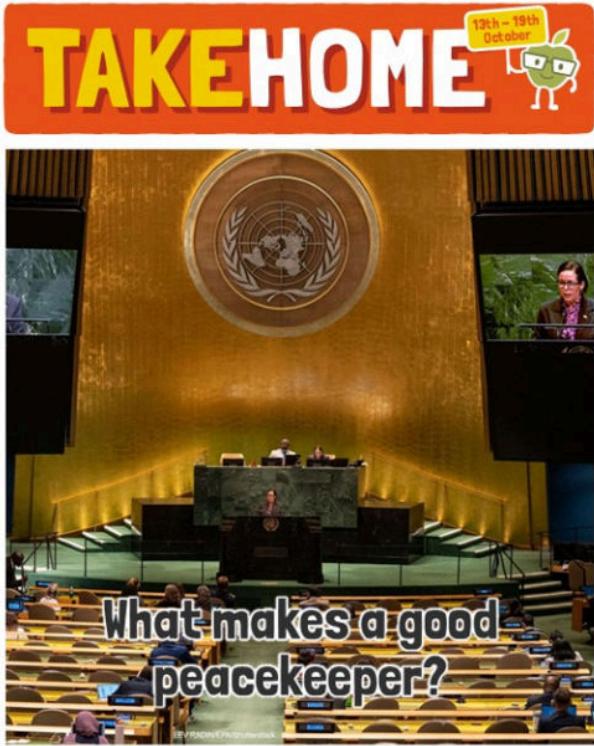
Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%  
Cause for concern

100% - 96%  
Excellent

## Picture News Assembly



## In the news this week

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

The existing group members were able to tell the new children what the club is about and why we meet. Our Home School Link Worker, Helen Young, runs the group, she lets the group know that they all have something in common but doesn't highlight the reason each of them is there. The children can talk if they want to but equally, they can just enjoy the fun and games and listen.

Please do contact Helen if you feel your child is a Young Carer, she is happy to add them to the group and/or help with referring/signposting to Action For Carers.

<https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/who-we-help/young-carers-under-18/>



### Young Carers



We had our first Carer Kids Young Carer Club of the school year last week. Some new and old faces were happy to have a bit of fun outside of class and enjoy a sweet treat.

## Celebration Assembly - Friday 10th October



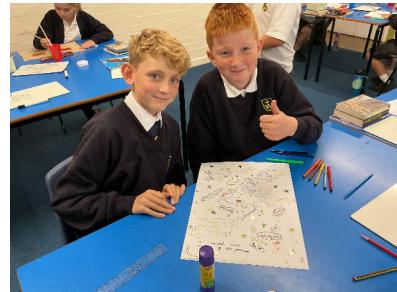
Congratulations to Elijah, April, Marley, Cassie, Evie and Spencer for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.



## We are Athletes



Year 3 and 4 have been working hard as athletes. In gymnastics, the children have been learning different jumps and rolls as well as balancing and vault skills. This has enabled them to put together a team routine. Very impressive!



## We are Philosophers



Year 5/6 have been philosophers and artists this week, thinking about how we can define the Church and what it might mean to different people. Our wonderful learners really enjoyed the chance to ask thoughtful questions and show off their creativity.

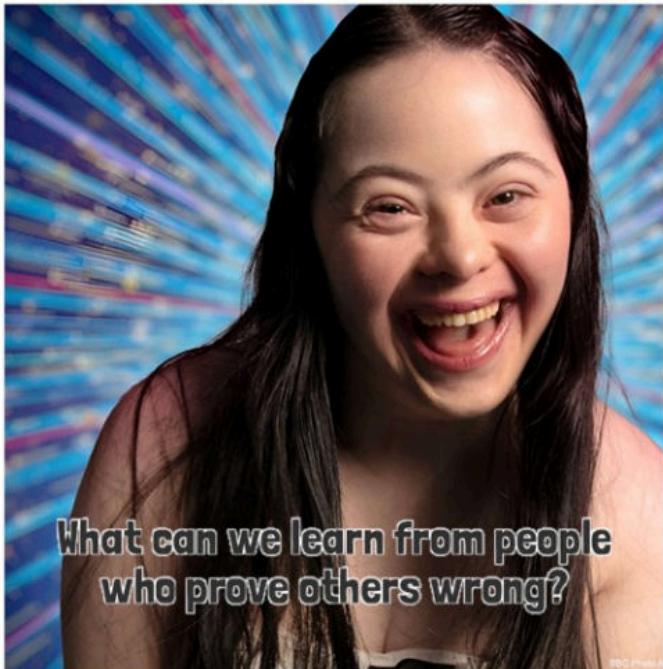


## We are Mathematicians



Today, our 3/4 mathematicians took on the challenge of rounding to the nearest 10! Using a live number line, we brought numbers to life and discovered how to figure out which multiple of ten a number is closest to. It was an exciting, hands-on way to explore rounding and build confidence with place value!

# TAKE HOME



## In the news this week

Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

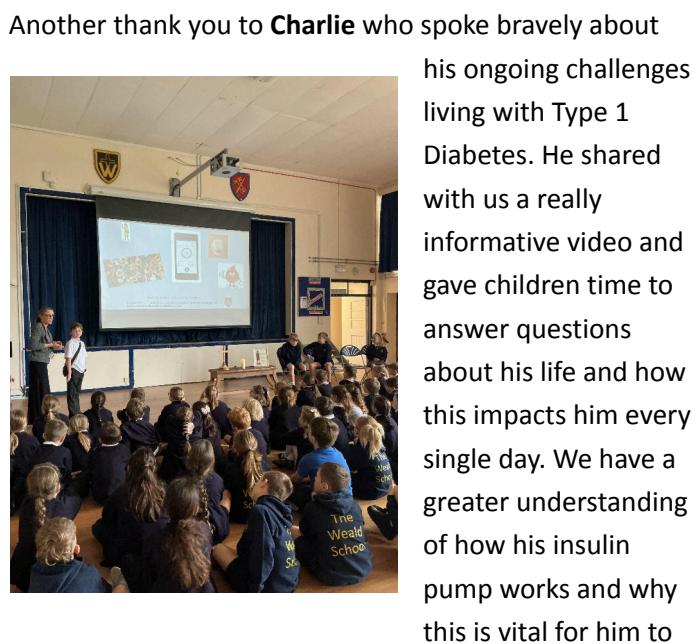
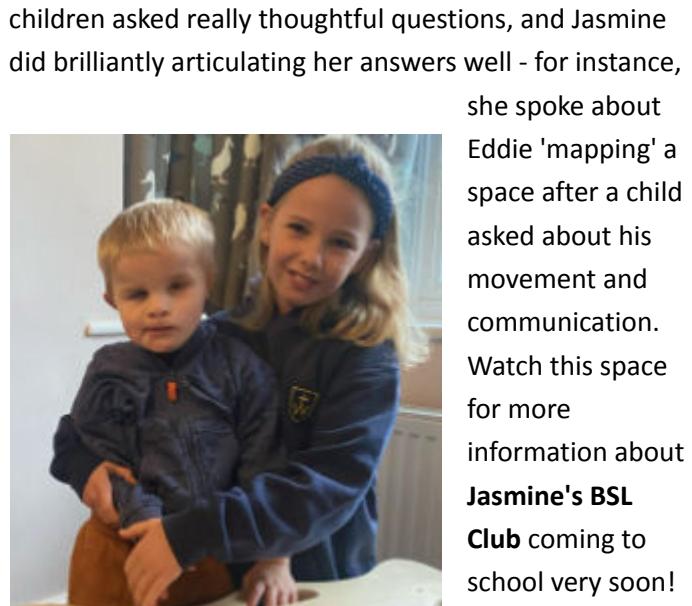
### Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.
- Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?
- Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.

## Celebration of Differences Assembly

Last week we came together during an assembly to celebrate differences within our school community. Three amazing children talked about the challenges that they face every day in their lives and the resilience that they have fostered through this.

Thank you to **Jasmine**, who spoke with confidence and pride about her younger brother, Eddie, who was born with CHARGE syndrome. Being deaf and blind, Jasmine talked about communicating with him and how she is learning BSL (British Sign Language) alongside adults! The



Another thank you to **Charlie** who spoke bravely about his ongoing challenges living with Type 1 Diabetes. He shared with us a really informative video and gave children time to answer questions about his life and how this impacts him every single day. We have a greater understanding of how his insulin pump works and why this is vital for him to

have. He proved that having Diabetes won't stop him from aiming high and achieving what he puts his mind to!

Finally, it was great to invite **Joseph** up to talk to everyone about how Cerebral Palsy affects his life. He was able to show his splint to everyone in school and



allow more questions about this from our community about what his splint does to help his leg and

about his countless hospital visits over the years. There is nothing stopping Joseph from being active and proving that CP will not stop him!

We shared a final prayer of thanks:

*Dear God,*

*Thank You for the beauty in our differences, each life a unique reflection of Your love.*

*Bless those who have challenges such as those who are deaf, blind, diabetic, living with cerebral palsy or learning challenges—may they feel seen and valued by their communities around them.*

*Unite us in love and respect, that we may honour every person as a sacred gift.*

*Amen.*

### **Supporting parenting**

*Here is a link to useful videos and other helpful links; if you are wondering about support for neurodivergent issues, sleep, behaviour, parental well-being, crisis, trauma, mental health...it's all here:*

<https://surreyouthfocus.org.uk/resource-pack-for-families-in-surrey/>

### **We are Engineers**



Year 5/6 have been digital engineers this week! We have used a wide range of new skills to create and modify vector drawings - we have been so impressed with our budding graphic designers! Please ask your 5/6 digital engineer which was their favourite vector drawing.



### **We are Athletes**



It seems that The Weald is developing a reputation for producing bowls players. This started with Andrew Orme who left The Weald in 2011. He encouraged George Hopper to take up the sport and the pair of them have won titles and County and National level with George representing England twice in the Under 18 Squad. Since then, former pupils Eddie Scott and Aston Barker have taken up bowls, and both have represented Surrey as part of the Under 25 Squad.

All four of them play at Donyngs Indoor bowls club in Redhill where they have now been joined by six more pupils who all took up bowls through the short mat club started at the school by George, in association with Newdigate Bowls Club, in 2023.



Weald and ex-Weald bowlers at Donyngs Junior practice.

### **Celebration Assembly - Friday 17th October**



Congratulations to Charles, Logan, Noah, Henry, Ralph, Soren, Reece, Oscar, Hadassah, Evie, Ava and Felix for receiving their Golden Ticket this week. We are very proud of your achievements.



## We are Musicians Trumpet Lessons



As musicians, 5/6 Turing gave a performance this week to highlight to the school audience members how much they had developed as performers with their second block of trumpet lessons with Mr Whitcher. The children showed how they had progressed from last year by reading music and sharing their own class composition named 'Class Fanfair'. Well done, musicians, and thank you to Mr Whitcher. We will be continuing after half term, with the next class, 5/6 Malala starting on the first Tuesday back.



## We are Athletes



Year 3/4 children learned dribbling, passing, and shooting skills as athletes for our outdoor PE this half term. We finished our basketball unit with a friendly game of basketball.



## We are Scientists & Digital Engineers



Year 5/6 learners have been busy scripting, rehearsing and



recording information and engaging solar system documentaries. Using green screen software and the amazing knowledge acquired through our Enquiry learning, we worked in teams to create our masterpieces.

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2025

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 - **ends 15th December**  
Dance - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **ends 15th December**

#### Tuesday:

Art - 3.20pm-4.30pm - 5.30pm - **ends 16th December**  
Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm - **16th December**  
Dodgeball Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **16th December**  
Netball Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **16th December**

#### Wednesday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **ends 17th December**  
Forest School - 3.20-4.30pm - **17th December**  
Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - **17th December**  
Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **17th December**

#### Thursday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm - **18th December**  
Roller Hockey Club - 3.20-4.30pm - **18th December**  
Cricket (Kai) - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - **18th December**

#### Friday:

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

### 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

# 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](mailto:mandyellensalter@hotmail.com) for tickets (limited availability )





Students recently took part in an interactive drama, dance & singing workshop with Susy from The Leatherhead Theatre and they wrote their own Messages to Pirate Blackbeard as part of the workshop, all of which have been included in this new interactive book, *Message In A Bottle*, written by Susy (Mermaid Pearl) & Neil (Captain Blackbeard) which you can now order here on Amazon:

<https://amzn.eu/d/1917dW4>

This book is an exciting pirates and mermaids adventure book packed full of practical activities and artwork to colour in, as well as a link to watch the fully edited film of the live show *Message In A Bottle* which was performed at The Leatherhead Theatre - proceeds made from the book sales will go towards the restoration of the theatre.

## 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**

 <b>FACE</b>	<b>November Timetable</b>
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long	
<b>£24 each or FREE with School Membership</b>	
Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a> Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
<b>FREE ADHD Kids &amp; Homework</b>	<b>13 Nov 6-7pm</b>
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm



## Science Museum - The Live Stage Show

Monday 27 October, 12:30pm

Experience the brand-new stage show from Mark Thompson Productions which will ignite your curiosity, fuel your imagination and inspire you in new and exciting ways.

This unmissable family production is sure to capture the imagination of young and old alike, and teach you something new and exciting too.

**Adults: £19.50 | Children: £18.50 | Family (2ad+2ch):**

**£72 Recommended age: 5+**

<https://www.dorkinghalls.co.uk/event-detail/?id=504202APDLRJPHGLMPJVCGHHPBPVTJHVK>



Tuesday 28 October, 11am & 2pm

This musical adaptation of the award-winning children's book will delight audiences young and old with beautiful puppets, catchy tunes and an uplifting tale of self-acceptance for all the family.

Gertie is great at being THE LITTLEST YAK, with the CURLIEST, WHIRLIEST wool and the GRIPPIEST of hooves for clip-clopping up cliffs. Only, Gertie doesn't want to be the littlest. She's in a rush to grow up and be just like THE BIG YAKS. But what if there are some things that only a GERTIE can do?

A gorgeous story celebrating YOU being perfect...just the way you are!

LAStheatre brings The Littlest Yak to the stage in spectacular fashion. Join them for a dazzling adventure, into the heart of the Himalayas.

Nominated for a YAKTASTIC 4 OffWestEnd Awards!

**Tickets: £16 | Family of 4: £60**

<https://www.dorkinghalls.co.uk/event-detail/?id=502202ACTGDBVJSSHKCHKPSQKMKBGLM>



## PEER SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

This weekly peer support group for parents of children with special educational needs is a safe understanding space to connect with others and share experiences to support each other.



Weekly on Mondays (term-time only)  
at 10.00am to 11.00am

At The Jam Place, Hamilton House, 299 Kingston Rd, Leatherhead KT22 2FP

MFT supports adults in Surrey to improve and maintain their mental wellbeing through one-to-one support, courses, groups and activities.

To book your place, you need to register with MFT first and then contact:  
01372 375400, text 07929 024722,  
email [info@maryfrancestrust.org.uk](mailto:info@maryfrancestrust.org.uk)  
or visit [www.maryfrancestrust.org.uk](http://www.maryfrancestrust.org.uk)



**MFT** MARY FRANCES TRUST  
Inspiring Mental Wellbeing

Calling all parents and grandparents...  
Do you have a few hours a week to support vulnerable families in Redhill & Reigate?

## VOLUNTEER WITH US



FULL TRAINING GIVEN.  
OUR PREP COURSE STARTS WEDNESDAYS  
21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY TO 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
2026  
(EXCLUDING FEB HALF TERM)

**HOME START**  
East Surrey

**RECRUITING NOW**

COME & JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM  
PLEASE CALL US FOR A CHAT ON 01737 770220  
OR EMAIL [INFO@HOME-STARTEASTSURREY.ORG.UK](mailto:INFO@HOME-STARTEASTSURREY.ORG.UK)  
AN ENHANCED DBS CHECK REQUIRED

REGISTERED CHARITY 1164164



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# Jumble Sale



IN AID OF  
**ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE**

Saturday 22nd November

1pm-4pm

Tea & coffee plus cakes  
made/donated by the school children

**£1 entry**  
(includes raffle ticket to win a hamper!)

Drop off sale items 10am-12pm



**Scott-Broadwood Infant School,  
Capel, RH5 5JX (entry off  
Vicarage Lane opposite Carters)**

**AUTUMN FAIR**

**the Grange**

**Thursday 30 October**  
**1.30 - 3.30pm**

- Refreshments
- Grange made gifts
- Tombola
- Christmas preorders
- Seasonal produce
- Crafts

**Venue**  
The Grange Centre  
Rectory Lane,  
Great Bookham,  
Surrey, KT23 4DZ

**FREE ENTRY**

**Every purchase helps our purpose**

Registered charity No: 207740  
FCA  
INVESTMENT REGULATOR



**Scouts**  
12th Dorking (Newdigate)

## Cubs in Newdigate!

Join the adventure and learn skills for life

**Aged 7½ to 10?**

Join us for an exciting mix of adventure, challenge and activities. Try something new, push yourself, learn skills for the future and make new friends.

**Can you help?**

Whatever time you can spare, whatever skills you can bring to the table. Get in touch to find out how you can be involved!

Come along and see what you're missing!

- Wednesdays (Term time)
- 18:00 - 19:15
- The Scout Hut, The Bocus, Henfold Lane, Newdigate RH5 5AE
- Contact us first as we might be out and about.

Contact: Wendy Duncan (Cub Team Leader)  
wendy.12thdorkingcubs@outlook.com  
07780 955 965

Join the adventure and learn #SkillsForLife



**Scouts**  
12th Dorking (Newdigate)

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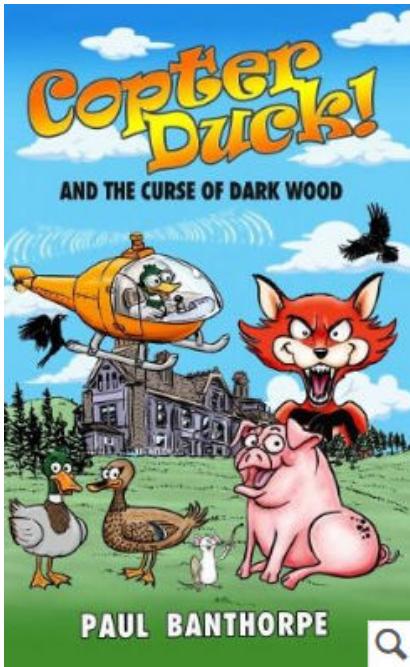
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- Wednesdays (Term Time)
- 19:15 - 20:45
- The Scout Hut, The Bocus, Henfold Lane, Newdigate RH5 5AE

Contact: Gavin Lyndon (Group Lead Volunteer)  
gavinlyndon@hotmail.com  
07968 096 168

Join the adventure and learn #SkillsForLife



Copter Duck is out on 30th October. If any of your children have read/bought this book last term, please could you do a review for Waterstones. Here is the link! Any contributions much appreciated!

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/copter-duck-and-the-curse-of-dark-wood/paul-banthorpe/9781917022521>