



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

5th December 2025, Autumn Issue 5

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and you are surviving the cold snap. We are hurtling towards Christmas and the festivities will soon be starting. It has been a busy few weeks.

Some of your Year 5 and 6 boys and girls have attended football tournaments in Dorking. They all did the school proud and were ably led by coaches, Kai and Dan. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped to support these tournaments.

Our gymnasts also attended a competition led by Susy Puckett. Well done to all the children and thank you to Rhiannon and Susy for supporting our children.

Our enquiry curriculum has allowed children to participate in a number of exciting workshops. This has included a Year 3 and 4 Egyptian Day and today the children visited Box Hill to develop their skills as Geographers.

The Weald have just embarked on an exciting engineering and maths based project. We have six pupils who have started on a 4 month project aimed at planning, designing and creating a Goblin Car. This will ultimately involve the team travelling to different racing circuits in Surrey to compete with other primary schools. We can't wait! Watch this space for further news as we move into 2026! A huge thank you to Mr Harris for leading this project. His time and expertise is much appreciated.

I would like to thank the 'Friends of The Weald' who recently organised a Movie Night for the children. It was warmly received by everyone, raising a magnificent £470 for the school.

On a sad note, as you will see, we will soon have to close our 'Friends of The Weald'. Having met the two parents recently who lead and organise events such as Move Night and Christmas/Summer Fairs, they are simply desperate for more parent support to plan and organise such activities. Consequently, if no offers of support are forthcoming, we will have to abandon 'Friends of The Weald' which will be very sad especially for our children. Raising a few pounds is crucial for our school. If you can help then please contact Penny in the school office who will pass on your details to FoTW. Please can you help!

Finally our annual Christingle Service will be taking place on Wednesday 17th December at 6:00pm. We look forward to welcoming you to St Mary Magdalene Church. See you there!

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 St Attenborough for having the best attendance this week. You were 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





Can technology ever help us too much?

In the news this week

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?

Celebration Assembly - Friday 28th November



Congratulations to Milo, Sophia, Henry, Mia, Rianna, Helena, Jake, Lauren, Alfie, Zach, Tommy and Finn for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.



We are Athletes Year 3-6 Gymnastics Competition



A big shout-out to our incredible Weald gymnasts who attend lunchtime club with Susy every Monday! They represented the Weald values amazingly with respect for all the other schools at our competition this week which we took part in at the Ashcombe School! Our Weald gymnasts executed all their skills with precision and determination and we were praised for our professional soloist Ava who represented the Weald team in the final round. Susy is extremely proud of the whole gym team and would like to thank Mrs Pike for supporting us all throughout the event.



Year 3 Egyptian Day



Our Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable adventure last week as they stepped back in time—more than 4,500 years back—to Ancient Egypt! Led by the talented team from Openbox Theatre, the children immersed themselves in a fully interactive Egyptian-themed day that brought history to life in the most vivid and exciting way.

From the moment the workshop began, the children were transported to the banks of the River Nile in 2528 BC, where they explored what daily life was like for ordinary Egyptian people. Through drama, role play and hands-on activities, they learned about Egyptian settlements and what made them thrive: fertile land, access to water, and strong communities built around farming and trade.

Throughout the day, children discovered:

- **The life of an Egyptian farmer** and the vital role agriculture played in society
- **What Egyptians ate**, how their food was grown and prepared
- **Traditional clothing**, including how different social groups dressed
- **How people worked**, from farmers to craftspeople
- **How Egyptians collected and used water** from the Nile
- **The harsh realities of slavery** in Ancient Egypt
- Fascinating beliefs about **the afterlife**, including the process of **mummification**

The children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, curiosity and brilliant acting skills. Their fantastic costumes added even more magic to the day—our corridors were filled with mini pharaohs, farmers, gods and goddesses!

A huge thank you goes to all parents and carers for providing such incredible outfits. Your support helped make the experience truly memorable and visually spectacular.

This immersive workshop has not only ignited the children's imaginations but also deepened their understanding of Ancient Egyptian life and culture. It was a truly special day that will be remembered for years to come!



We are Athletes

Bikeability Success – Congratulations Y6!



A huge well done to our Year 6 children who took part in the Level 2 Bikeability training over the last couple of weeks. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, confidence and determination they showed while learning to ride safely on the roads. Their enthusiasm—and the clear progress they made—was wonderful to see.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Surrey County Council Bikeability team for their excellent, friendly and highly professional instruction. Their guidance has given our pupils valuable skills that will help keep them safe and confident cyclists for years to come. Well done, Year 6! Keep pedalling safely!



Year 5 Boys Football Tournament



We started off the tournament very well. We won our first two games on the smaller pitch. After that, we went on the bigger pitches and drew against North Downs. Even though we played really well as a team, we lost the last few games. Overall, we ended up in joint fifth place which was a great result since we have only been playing as a team for a few weeks. We played some really good passes and scored some really good goals. I loved representing my school and I hope to do it again! Owen, Year 5



Stork Charity

Thank you so much for your generous donations of Christmas chocolates for Stripey Stork. Your



kindness will help bring joy to families in need during the festive season. Stripey Stork works tirelessly to support local families experiencing hardship, and your contributions make a real difference in their lives. We truly appreciate your support and the positive impact it creates in

our community.

Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament



When we excitedly arrived at Dorking Wanderers Stadium, we warmed up by practicing shots and using teamwork to get the ball up the pitch. We played six games in total - persevering throughout and showing resilience. We had some really great players, who were outstanding, but overall, we all did well.

Elsie 5/6 Malala



We have just launched a F1 racing team at The Weald. Thanks to the expertise and passion of Mr Harris (parent) we are entering a team into the Goblin Car Project. This will involve 7 children planning, designing and making a kit car which the team will race around the circuits of Surrey. They are a highly committed group of children, who are giving up their Saturday mornings to work together just like an F1 team. A huge thank you to Mr Harris for leading and giving up his time to support our children. Come on The Weald!



We are Athletes Year 6 Boys Football Tournament



The football tournament was amazing. On our first game we drew with Powell Corderoy 0-0 then beat St Josephs 2-1 in our second game. After that we had a rest and watched the other teams play. We played against North Downs but sadly lost 1-0. However, our teachers really encouraged us and we kept going. Next we played St Johns and lost 1-0 again! In our next game against St Pauls it was so close - we were up 2-0 with 3 minutes to go but then drew 2-2. In our last game we played St Martins and drew for the third time 1-1. Overall we had 6 points and came joint fourth with St Pauls.

Sam 5/6 Turing



We are Engineers



Joy to the World



The children discussed how afraid the shepherds may have been and thought about what makes us afraid. These fears are in the shadows at the bottom of the artwork. We talked about the joy Jesus brought to the world. Our colourful angel is showing all our fears with sparkling stars the things that bring us joy. We used ink, paint and acrylic pens to produce the artwork.

Celebration Assembly - Friday 5th December



Congratulations to Ellen, Isla, Izzy, Ben, Sam, Vinny, Leo, Solomon, Jasmine, Molly, Finn and Leo for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2025

12th December - Christmas Fair - 3:20-4:45pm

17th December - School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

17th December - 6pm: Christingle Service at St Mary Magdalene

19th December: End of Term at 1.15pm.

Spring Term 2026

5th January - Inset Day

6th January - Children back to school

After School Clubs Timetable - Autumn Term 2025

Monday:

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

Dance - 3.20pm-4.30pm - **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



LET'S GET FESTIVE!

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Grab your friends, sip on something warm and festive, and get creative! Led by Victoria, your friendly Forest School guide, you'll learn how to weave and decorate your very own festive wreath. Using freshly foraged greenery, pinecones, berries, dried fruit & ribbons, you'll craft a gorgeous Christmas wreath to take home. We provide everything – just bring gardening gloves & secateurs if you have them.

- Monday 8th December

The Weald C of E primary School
7pm – 9:30pm
£35 per person

Two concession places available at £30 each
To book email Victoria: silverwoods_forestscool@gmail.com

A donation from evening's proceeds will be made to the school PTA



Santa Fun Run

Join us

30 November
Bushy Park

14 December
Sandown Park Racecourse



santafunrun.pah.org.uk



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CHelsea F.C TRAINING GROUND DECEMBER HOLIDAY COURSES

Chelsea FC are opening the doors to our Training Ground this December for a number of fun Holiday Courses.

Give your young player the Chelsea Academy experience at Cobham this Christmas! Our December sessions at our Training Ground bring together elite coaching, an inspiring environment, and the perfect mix of challenge and fun.

We have a variety of courses available to all players:

- 2 Day Holiday Courses
- Half Day Holiday Courses
- Tournament Days
- 1:1 Training Sessions

To book please click the below link which will take you directly to our customer booking page.

[Training Ground December Holiday Courses](#)

VENUE	DATES	AGE
Cobham Training Ground Surrey, KT11 3PT	15th December - 2nd January	5-12 Years (1:1 Sessions 7-18 Years)

TIMES	PRICE	LEVEL
09.30-15.00 (Excl 1:1's & Half Day Sessions)	From £75	Beginner - Intermediate

chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Performances throughout December

Scan the QR code for more information

£15.00 per person

Book tickets at fishersfarmpark.co.uk

SWIMMING LESSONS - SEPTEMBER 2025

2nd Lesson Swim Fee: £90 for the term. Please alter one (the lower fee if different) - to read just **£90.00**. This is for the same swimmer swimming in two different classes every week, either 'Back to Back' or on a different day.

Downsends School

Postcode KT22 8TJ

Tuesday - 14 lessons
2nd September 2025 - 9th December 2025
Adults £203.00
NO SWIMMING 29th October 2025

Wednesday - 14 lessons
3rd September 2025 - 10th December 2025
Child £185.50
NO SWIMMING 29th October 2025

Friday - 13 lessons
5th September 2025 - 12th December 2025
Child £172.25 • Jrc Master £175.50 • Adults £185.50
NO SWIMMING 31st October and 26th November 2025

Saturday - 13 lessons
6th September 2025 - 13th December 2025
Child £172.25 • Jrc Master £175.50
NO SWIMMING 27th September and 1st November 2025

Sunday - 13 lessons
7th September 2025 - 14th December 2025
Child £172.25 • Jrc Master £175.50
NO SWIMMING 1st October and 2nd November 2025

Epsom College

Postcode KT17 4JQ

Monday - 14 lessons
1st September 2025 - 8th December 2025
Child £185.50 • Jrc Master £185.00 • Adults £203.00
NO SWIMMING 27th October 2025

Tuesday - 14 lessons
2nd September 2025 - 9th December 2025
Child £185.50
NO SWIMMING 28th October 2025

Wednesday - 14 lessons
3rd September 2025 - 10th December 2025
Child £185.50 • Jrc Master £185.00 • Adults £203.00
NO SWIMMING 29th October 2025

Thursday - 14 lessons
4th September 2025 - 11th December 2025
Child £185.50 • Jrc Master £185.00 • Adults £203.00
NO SWIMMING 10th September 2025
SWIMMING NOW on 30th October 2025

Dates may change subject to alteration by the schools

NEVER LEAVE ANY ITEMS OF VALUE IN THE CHANGING ROOMS - ALWAYS BRING ONTO POOLSIDE

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Find us at www.facebook.co.uk/cbswimming or www.instagram.co.uk/cbswimming
Like our page for updates, news, information, swimming talk and exclusive competitions.

FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY
The taking of photographs or videos are strictly prohibited in the pool and changing rooms, in line with our safeguarding procedures.
We will reserve the right to ask for any photos and videos taken to be deleted. Under no circumstances will photography be permitted in the changing facilities, toilet areas or pool side.
The use of mobile phones on the poolside is strictly prohibited. If you need to take or make a phone call please do so off poolside.
We are required by law to hold at least two contact telephone numbers for all children under the age of 18 years in case of emergency.

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.CO.UK/COM ETC!
When returning your booking form, please make sure you include your e-mail address, as we are considering sending special offers etc. via e-mails to help the environment.

REFUND POLICY
When is a credit possible?
Only in cases of sickness, where a doctor's note will be required. A credit may be allowed against payment for future lessons. In the event of cancellation, an alternative lesson will be offered.
NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

Useful Contact Numbers

Police Emergency - 999 Non Emergency - 101 Crime Stoppers - 0800 555 111	Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) 0300 123 1650 option 3 (for Surrey County Council LADO) NSPCC - 0800 800 5000 Swim England Safeguarding team 01509 640 700 - Safeguarding@swimming.org	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0300 470 9100 mash@surreycc.gov.uk
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Merry Christmas! December Timetable

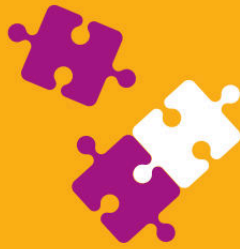
All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

PARENTING PUZZLE



This 10-week course helps parents of children aged 3-12 (but open to all ages), to understand and manage feelings and behaviour while becoming more positive and nurturing in their relationships with their children.

During the course, you will learn and practice different strategies designed to support positive parenting, such as praise and criticism, parenting styles, family rules, problem solving, negotiating and much more.

- ▶ **Venue:** Mole Valley Family Centre, Goodwyns Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR
- ▶ 10 week course
- ▶ £30 - payable before the start of the course (includes course manual and refreshments)
- ▶ A reduced rate is available for any family on income-related benefits

To enquire about the next course start date, please get in touch
T 01306 740095 | E molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk
www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk | [molevalleyfamilycentre](https://www.facebook.com/molevalleyfamilycentre)

Run jointly by Mole Valley Family Centre, Dorking Schools Partnership and Home-Start East Surrey



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Creating opportunities and providing care for our young people



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Talking Teens

Would you like to improve your relationship with your teenager?
Is your child approaching the teen years?

Talking Teens is a 4-week course suitable for parents of children from Year 5 upwards. You will learn about adolescent brain development and be provided with ideas and strategies to maintain boundaries, improve communication, motivate and support young people.

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 enquire about the next course start date, please get in touch
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