



# THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

19th December 2025, Autumn Issue 6

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of term. It has been a long one! This time of year is often the busiest. I had the pleasure of attending several Christmas services over the past week. As always it was a privilege to not only see some of our children doing the Christmas readings but demonstrating the strong bonds we have developed with both local churches. A big thank you to Reverend Jane and Reverend Liz for all their support. I would also like to extend my thanks to St Mary Magdalene 'Open the Book' volunteers who not only support our school through assemblies but also attend school-led church services.

I also wish to thank Julia and Ally who did a superb job in leading and organising the recent Christmas Fair. It was a great success and raised over £1000 which for a school our size and our demographic was a fantastic achievement. Thank you to you both and to the other parents that helped. Sadly, this will be the last FoTW event for quite some time as we do not have enough parent volunteers. If you are willing or able to support or organise an event, please catch me on the school gate. Our Year 3 and 4 recently visited Box Hill to undertake the geography fieldwork. Despite the bad weather they explored farming, human settlement and local history. See photos below.

It was also an absolute joy to see our musicians performing for the school. They showcased their trumpet skills. It was a joy to behold!

As always I would like to personally thank all my staff for their continued support and going the extra mile for the children. They certainly deserve a restful Christmas break.

Finally thank you to all of you for continuing to believe in our school and the work we collectively do to give your child the best possible start.

Wishing you all a relaxing and peaceful Christmas break. See you all on Tuesday 6th January.

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 5/6 Curie** 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





How might challenges help us grow?



## In the news this week

An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.

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

- How do you think Darren will feel at each stage of his challenge (before, during, and after)?
- What kinds of challenges do you think can help you grow the most – something physical, emotional, or trying something new?
- Can you recall a challenge you have set yourself and achieved? Ask others at home about their experiences.

Year 3/4 children have been busy as **Artists** recreating the nativity story in their own artistic style. As **Philosophers** we have been focusing on how artists can help us understand what Christians believe and do. Throughout this half term we looked at different ways in which art takes place in church and the Christian faith by depicting stories in the bible and representing what Christians believe in.



### The Weald Christmas Tree



A big thank you to Mrs James for organising and working with the children to make all the decorations for our beautiful Weald Christmas Tree at the church in Capel.



### We are Artists and Philosophers







## We are Geographers



Year 3 and 4 have been discovering how Box Hill's unique chalk landscape, rich soils, and the River Mole valley shape natural habitats, farming, human settlement and local history. Using maps and compasses, they explored direction and location and even created their own class compass from natural materials!

To bring their learning to life, the children designed and built their own settlements, thinking carefully about where and why people choose to live. A brilliant blend of geography, creativity, and hands-on adventure!





## Young Carers



We had a wonderful time at our recent Young Carer Kids club. We started off with some well deserved sweet treats. The children enjoyed a festive session decorating their own Christmas baubles, adding lots of colour and creativity. It was lovely seeing everyone sharing their designs. While some children were busy crafting, others had great fun playing games together, filling the room with laughter and teamwork. We're so pleased to see the club continue to grow and we look forward to even more fun activities and time spent together in 2026.



## Celebration Assembly - Friday 12th December



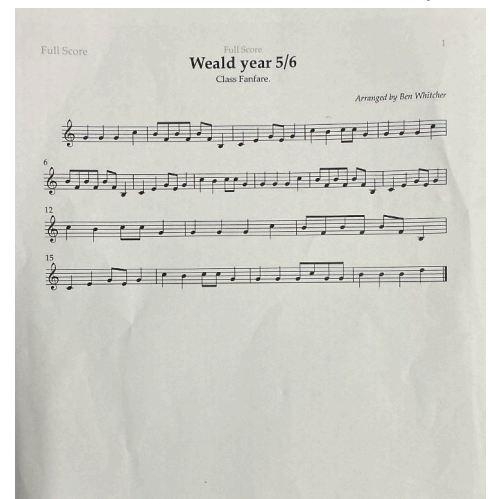
Congratulations to Arlo, Ava, Sophie, Eady, Emily, Eleanor, Evie, Alex, Vinny, Matilda, Brea and Teddy for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.



## We are Musicians



Another superb performance came last week when we were treated to 5/6 Malala's trumpet finale! It was wonderful again to see our older musicians performing to the school as well as showcasing their own class composition. We look forward to the new year when 5/6 Curie will start their block of lessons before passing over to 3/4.







## We are Engineers



5/6 Turing has been enthusiastically learning about various aspects of planning and capturing video. We have been very impressed with their technological creativity and flair!



## FoTW Christmas Fair



The Weald Christmas Fair was a wonderful and festive event, enjoyed by a large number of parents and staff. The fair created a warm community atmosphere and offered a range of stalls and activities that helped make the event a great success. A huge thank you goes to the Friends of The Weald (FoTW) who worked incredibly hard to organise the fair; a special thank you to Ally and Julia. Their dedication and time ensured everything ran smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the parents who very generously donated jolly jars, bottles, soft toys, and raffle prizes. Your kindness and support played a vital role in making the fair such a memorable occasion. In total we raised £1070. Amazing!





## Christmas Lunch



The children and staff had a magnificent Christmas lunch courtesy of Cater Link staff. Everyone got into the festive spirit with lots of pulling of crackers, laughter and Christmas music. Thank you to Cater Link for cooking a delicious turkey with all the trimmings and to Maria and all the staff who helped make it extra special for the children.



## Christingle Service



Christingle wouldn't be the same without Mr Baguley dressed up! Thank you to all the parents and children who attended this service on Wednesday. A special thanks to our faith ambassadors who were an absolute credit to our school. It was a wonderful service and showed a true sense of community spirit. A big thank you to Reverend Jane and the open the book team volunteers for all their help and support with the school.







## We are Musicians



Thank you to Hayley and Millie, our wonderful musicians from Year 4, who have been practising Christmas piano pieces at home - we loved listening to their performances in our Music Assembly this week and it was really inspiring to see how well they are getting on with reading music in their lessons. We look forward to listening to more pieces of music performed by members of our community - if your child has been learning a set piece ready for an audience, please find Mrs Hopkins in the new year!



## Celebration Assembly - Friday 19th December



Congratulations to Bertie, Aiden, Finn, Finlay, Ava, Tommy, Bailey, Freddie, Ella, Solomon, Ella, April and Evie for receiving their Golden Ticket. We are very proud of your achievements.

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2025

19th December: End of Term at 1.15pm.

### Spring Term 2026

5th January - Inset Day  
 6th January - Children back to school  
 22nd and 23rd January - Year 3 and 4 Bough Beech  
 10th February - Safer Internet Day  
 16th-20th February - Half Term  
 23rd February - GST Inset Day  
 5th March - World Book Day  
 11-13th March - Year 4 Residential - Juniper Hall  
 12-13th March - Year 3 Feet First Training  
 17th and 19th March - Parents Evening  
 27th March - End of Term

### After School Clubs Timetable - Spring Term 2026

#### Monday:

Running - 3.20-4.30pm  
 Dance - 3.20pm-4.30pm

#### Tuesday:

Art - 3.20pm-4.30pm - 5.30pm  
 Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm  
 Dodgeball Club - 3.20-4.30pm

#### Wednesday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
 Forest School - 3.20-4.30pm  
 Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm  
 Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm

#### Thursday:

Art - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
 Roller Hockey Club - 3.20-4.30pm  
 Cricket (Kai) - 3.20pm - 4.30pm

#### Friday:

Bowls - 3.20pm - 4.20pm  
 Football - 3.20-4.30pm

### 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  
 Sing Club - 12.30-1pm - Main hall

#### Friday:

Multisports - 12.30-1pm

**All clubs start w/c 5th January apart from Monday's clubs as it is an inset day**



## January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
<b>FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour</b>	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm



**We have a textile recycling bank!**



Astra Recycling have given us a textile recycling bank which is going to help raise money for our school!

If you donate unwanted textiles to an Astra Recycling bank, they will recycle and will pay the school 0.10p per kilo for what they collect. Textiles in the Astra Bank means money in the school bank!

Did you know an average person throws away 81 pounds of clothing per year! That adds up to 3.8 billion pounds of unnecessary waste added to our landfills!

The bank will arrive on Wednesday 17th December.

It takes clothes, bed linen, uniform, accessories (handbags, gloves, scarves, hats, belts etc) and soft toys.



Please note, Astra Recycling cannot accept pillows, duvets, curtains, off cuts, bric-a-brac or general rubbish!



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### Raising Money Is In Our Jeans!!

Help the school raise money by donating all your old clothes, shoes, soft toys, and bed linen. Put the clothes in the bank and Astra Recycling will put money in the school's bank!

**The bin is hungry, here's what it likes and doesn't like!**

#### YES!

Clothes  
Pairs of shoes  
Sheets  
Duvet Covers  
Pillow Cases  
Accessories  
Soft Toys

#### NO!

Pillows  
Quilts  
Lined Curtains  
Board Games  
General Waste/  
Rubbish  
Toys/Plastics



## SWIMMING LESSONS - SEPTEMBER 2025

2nd Lesson Swim Fee: £90 for the term. Please allow 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.

### Downsland School Postcode KT22 8TJ

**Tuesday - 14 lessons**  
2nd September 2025 - 9th December 2025  
Child £172.25 • Inc. Master £175.50 • Adults £188.50  
NO SWIMMING 29th October 2025

**Wednesday - 14 lessons**  
3rd September 2025 - 10th December 2025  
Child £172.25 • Inc. Master £175.50 • Adults £188.50  
NO SWIMMING 21st October and 7th November 2025

**Friday - 13 lessons**  
5th September 2025 - 12th December 2025  
Child £172.25 • Inc. Master £175.50 • Adults £188.50  
NO SWIMMING 21st October and 7th November 2025

**Saturday - 13 lessons**  
6th September 2025 - 13th December 2025  
Child £172.25 • Inc. Master £175.50 • Adults £188.50  
NO SWIMMING 27th September and 1st November 2025

**Sunday - 13 lessons**  
7th September 2025 - 14th December 2025  
Child £172.25 • Inc. Master £175.50 • Adults £188.50  
NO SWIMMING 1st October and 2nd November 2025



**Dates may change subject to alteration by the schools**

### Epsom College Postcode KT17 4JQ

**Monday - 14 lessons**  
1st September 2025 - 8th December 2025  
Child £185.50 • Inc. Master £189.00 • Adults £203.00  
NO SWIMMING 27th October 2025

**Tuesday - 14 lessons**  
2nd September 2025 - 9th December 2025  
Child £185.50 • Inc. Master £189.00 • Adults £203.00  
NO SWIMMING 28th October 2025

**Wednesday - 14 lessons**  
3rd September 2025 - 10th December 2025  
Child £185.50 • Inc. Master £189.00 • Adults £203.00  
NO SWIMMING 29th October 2025

**Thursday - 14 lessons**  
4th September 2025 - 11th December 2025  
Child £185.50 • Inc. Master £189.00 • Adults £203.00  
NO SWIMMING 10th September 2025  
Subsidised NOW on 30th October 2025

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

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The lessons are bookable on a **TERMINAL BASIS**. If you withdraw at any point in the term, payment is still required for the **FULL TERM**. Before you attend your first lesson, please familiarise yourself with the **TERMS AND CONDITIONS** which are available on the website at: [colin-bull-swimming-lessons.co.uk](http://colin-bull-swimming-lessons.co.uk)

### 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 illness, 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**

### FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Find us at [www.facebook.co.uk/cbswimming](http://www.facebook.co.uk/cbswimming) or [www.instagram.co.uk/cbswimming](http://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.

### Useful Contact Numbers

**Police**  
Emergency - 999  
Non-Emergency - 101  
Crime Stoppers - 0800 555 111

**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)**  
(MASH)  
NSPCC - 0800 800 5000  
Swim England Safeguarding team  
01509 640 700 - [Safeguarding@swimming.org](mailto:Safeguarding@swimming.org)

**Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub**  
(MASH)  
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[mash@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:mash@surreycc.gov.uk)



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**Days and Time:**  
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**Venue:** The Priory school, Dorking, RH4 3DG

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## Y-KIDS Holiday Club

Christmas holiday 2025

St John's Church of England  
Primary School, Dorking



Date	Mon 29 December	Tues 30 December
THEME	Around the World at Christmas	New Year Celebrations!
Activity 1	Christingle making!	Fruit firework rockets
Activity 2	Christmas Traditions Bingo	Confetti cannons!
Activity 3	Origami Froebel stars	Straw painting fireworks
Activity 4	Christmas around the world role play	New year potato printing

Children will get the chance to take part in planned activities as well as enjoy the outside play area and freeplay activities indoors.

\* Children aged 4 must be in Reception class.

For children aged 4\* - 12 years

09:00-15:00 | £28

(snack provided, bring a packed lunch)



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LOCATION - WEALD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE - WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

TIME - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

PRICE - £45 (6 SESSIONS, 1 PER WEEK)

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## Christmas Opening Hours

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Open as usual at The Christian Centre 4:15-5:30

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Open as usual at The Curtis Road warehouse 2-4

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Open as usual at The Christian Centre

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> CLOSED

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Open as usual at The Christian Centre 4:15-5:30

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January CLOSED

From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January Open as usual





# JOIN DORKING CRICKET CLUB

JOIN OUR WINTER TRAINING  
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8<sup>TH</sup> 2026

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