

School Newsletter

22nd May 2026



Key Upcoming Dates

Friday 26th June: INSET Day (school closed)

Tuesday 30th June: Whole school photo

Friday 3rd July: Fun Day

Friday 17th July: End of term (school finishes at 1:45pm)

Wednesday 2nd September: All children return to school

Message from Andrew

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the summer term already! Lots has happened and there is lots more to come next half term too – including Fun Day, three Sports Days, the children meeting their new teachers (I will confirm who towards the end of June), and the Year 6 show, as well as numerous trips. See page 3 for dates. On pages 4 to 7 you can see some of the things that the classes have been up to over the last few weeks. Above you can see some of the lovely art work the children have been doing with our Art teacher, Sam, this week (L-R, Jeyda Y6, Arthur Y5, Agnes Y6).

Connor and his partner had a baby boy last week! Connor is enjoying time with baby Frank and will be returning after the half-term break. All the family are doing well.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 1st June. Activity clubs continue in the first week back.

Messages

Debate Team are in the national finals!

We are really proud of our debate team who have reached the Cicero Cup Debate Finals, which will be held at the Cambridge Union Society on 2nd June. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and commitment to developing their oracy and debating skills.

Breakfast and After School Club

The booking for next half-term went live earlier this week so hopefully you have booked all of the sessions you need. Please log on to Scopay to book if you have not already done so.

Trips and weather

We have lots of trips coming up. Please ensure that your children are suitably dressed. This includes a jacket on days when it might rain, which many of the older children are forgetting! A reminder in the hot weather that children need to come to school with sun cream on. You can buy 8 hour sun cream now so that they do not need to reapply it in school. Staff are not able to apply sun cream on children.

This month's attendance

97.7%

(up from 97.4% last month)

Well done to Year 6 Tilly, Year 6 Connor, Year 5 Steph, Year 3 Shuhana, Year 2 Ana and Chris's Reception class for attendance last week of 99% or more!

Packed Lunches

Whilst nearly every child now has a school dinner (free to everyone thanks for the Mayor of London scheme), a reminder for those who do send in packed lunches what can be included. We are a healthy eating school and this applies to both school dinners and packed lunches.

Packed lunches can include:

- a sandwich with a healthy savoury filling or equivalent main meal (eg. pasta, noodles, rice, cous cous, potato, falafel, curry etc.)
- a portion of fresh or dried fruit without added sugar (eg. apple, mango, grapes, raisins) AND a portion of vegetables (eg. carrot sticks, mini tomatoes, cucumber, celery etc.)
- yoghurt, fromage frais, cheese or similar dairy item or other non-dairy protein item (eg. tofu, seeds, salami).
- water
- ONE TREAT ITEM – choose from a small cake OR a biscuit OR a cereal bar OR a small packet of crisps or snacks. (Please be aware that these items often have high fat, sugar and salt levels)

Please DO NOT INCLUDE:

- sweets
- fizzy drinks such as cola, Lucozade, and lemonade
- fruit drinks (eg. Ribena, Fruit Shoots) or 'sports' drinks as these items contain very high levels of sugar.
- anything containing nuts (all schools must be nut free)

PTFA Messages

If any parents are able to source raffle prizes for our Fun Day this year, please contact a member of the PTFA or speak to Sharon in the office.

We would be very grateful if you can help source prizes for children and adults to enjoy.

We are looking forward to the whole school coming together on Friday 3rd July for this Fun Day.

Dates for the Diary

June	Mon 1st: Y2 to Garden Museum (Simon's class) Thurs 4th: Y2 to Garden Museum (Ana's class) Thurs 4th: Y3 (Shuhana) to Horniman Museum Fri 5th: Y3 (Luke) to Horniman Museum Fri 5th: Reception (Chris) Class Assembly Sun 7th – Wed 10th : Year 6 PGL residential Mon 8th: Y1 Phonics Check all this week Fri 12th: Reception (Sharon) Class Assembly Fri 12th: Y3 (Shuhana) to London Zoo Mon 15th: Y6 to Buddhist Centre Wed 17th: Y6 to National Theatre to see War Horse Thurs 18th: Y3 (Luke) to London Zoo Fri 19th: Nursery Class Assembly Mon 22nd: Reception Sports Day at 9:30am Mon 22nd: Year 4 to Gurdwara Tues 23rd: Y1 to Broadstairs beach Wed 24th: KS2 Sports Day at 10am Thurs 25th: Year 1 to Beaconsfield Gallery Fri 26th: INSET Day (school closed) Tues 30th: Whole school photo
July	Wed 1st: KS1 Sports Day at 10am Thurs 2nd: New Reception children stay and play morning Fri 3rd: Fun Day Mon 6th: Meet the Teacher morning. Children will get to meet their teacher for next year Fri 10th: Reception to Roots and Shoots Tues 14th: Year 6 show Fri 17th: End of term. School finishes at 1:45pm
September	Wed 2nd: All children return to school

What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Nursery

This term, nursery have enjoyed learning all about traditional stories we all know and love. The children became farmers when we read *The Enormous Turnip* and learned about the different types of vegetables that grow from the ground and what conditions they need to grow in. In our science sessions, the children used the learning tables to discover the 5 senses that help us to navigate through the world. They especially enjoyed the tasty treat at the end too!

In our maths topics, the children used their knowledge of subitising to order the dots in the correct number value. The children also developed their number writing skills and began using measuring scales when learning about size and weight.



Reception

Reception have been tracking the Gingerbread Man this half term and what an adventure it has been! We began the term baking our own Gingerbread Men but when we went to collect them from the oven, the one we had especially made for Andrew had run away! Since then, we have been receiving a weekly video message and hamper from him while he travels the world. He has visited France, the Polar Regions, Australia and Kenya so far. We have enjoyed our own Tour De France bike race, have explored the properties of ice and made our own penguin huddles, created our own African music and created some beautiful Indigenous art. We even tasted some delicious traditional Australian Anzac biscuits (thanks to Rocky's Mum.) It has been so exciting learning about these places in the world and we have loved receiving messages from the Gingerbread Man.



What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about plants. We planted our own bean plants and have been carefully looking after them while monitoring their growth each week in our bean diaries. In English, we explored the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and used The Enormous Turnip as inspiration to write our own giant vegetable stories. In Art, we created beautiful flower pictures, inspired by the artists Ana Blatman and Vincent Van Gogh. We also had a wonderful trip to St James's Park, where we identified wild and garden flowers and explored different trees by studying their leaves.



Year 2

This half-term, Year 2 children have had a fantastic time with some really special learning experiences. They visited Camley Street Natural Park as part of the Animals and Their Habitats topic, where they enjoyed exploring nature and spotting different plants and animals.

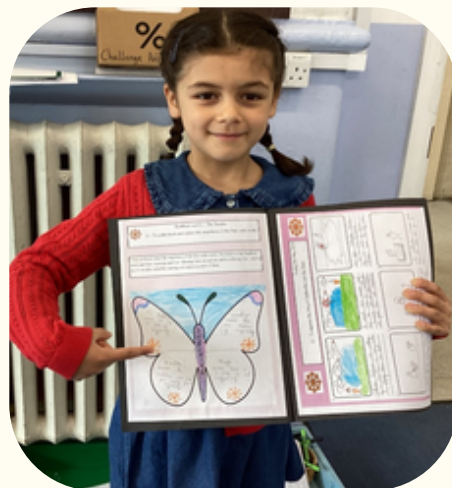
They also had the opportunity to visit a Hindu temple and watch a beautiful light ceremony. In RE, the children learned about the meaning of Namaste and loved taking part in some calming yoga activities. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout.



What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Year 3

Year 3 learned about the Four Noble Truths in Buddhism and discussed how they help people understand feelings and happiness. They created beautiful butterfly artwork to represent each of the Four Noble Truths using colours, patterns and meaningful symbols. In History, the children have been learning about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation and enjoyed an interactive lesson comparing modern and ancient maps of Egypt to locate important places. They drew thoughtful conclusions about how the River Nile and the physical geography of Egypt influenced farming, travel, settlement and living standards. In Art, Year 3 explored the work of Bridget Riley and created their own optical illusion pieces using lines, shapes and patterns to produce exciting visual effects.



Year 4

This half-term, Year 4 has been very busy with lots of exciting learning. Both Year 4 classes performed fantastic class assemblies about how to stay safe on the internet in a smart and funny way, while the other used the story of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland to help us think about finding ourselves and believing in who we are. We also enjoyed an enjoyable, interactive science lesson about classification. The children used different sweets to sort and group them using a classification system before completing their own science write-up about classifying animals. It was a great way to learn while having fun together!



What's been happening at WTW this half-term...

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy half-term filled with exciting trips and experiences! We visited the National Portrait Gallery to learn about Tudor portraits, explored Tudor life at Hampton Court Palace, and enjoyed watching *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Unicorn Theatre. We have also visited several secondary schools to get a taste of what life might be like when we leave Walnut Tree Walk.



Year 6

Year 6 have now completed their SATs, and we are incredibly proud of the resilience and determination they have shown throughout the week. To celebrate, the children enjoyed an exciting trip to the House of Neon Performing Arts Studio. They embraced their creativity by recording their own podcasts, music production, learning circus skills and tricks, and taking part in an Afro-fusion dance workshop. It was a fantastic way to mark the end of such an important milestone—well done, Year 6

