



# NEWS FLASH

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## JOB VACANCY

An exciting opportunity has arisen for three strong candidates to support teaching and learning at The Federated Schools of Wood Street Infant School & Worplesdon Primary School. This role is varied, and we are looking for adaptable, flexible and resourceful individuals able to cope in a high-pressure environment and deal with constantly changing priorities.

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/the-federated-schools-of-wood-street-infant-school--and--worplesdon-primary-school-jobs-72579/?oo=ag>



## WALKING BUS

We are delighted to inform you that we are re-launching our Walking Bus on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Senior leaders will be carrying out this duty (as detailed below). To be able to continue this provision, senior leaders require at least one parent to support with walking the children to school. If you can commit some time, please let me know on [head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible because we cannot re-instate the bus without a volunteer each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Parker	Mrs Bassett-Cross	Mrs O'Brien	Mrs Woodruff	Mr Clifton

## ATTENDANCE

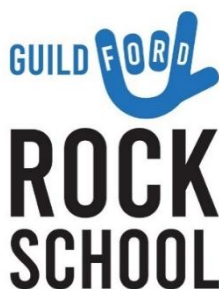
As you know, it is our joint role to ensure children maximise their attendance at school so that they can flourish academically, emotionally and socially. However, we also have to balance that with our role of minimising the spread of infection.

With this in mind, please support our attendance policy by ensuring your child achieves maximum possible attendance and that any problems preventing him / her to achieve full attendance are identified and acted on promptly.

We recognise that there will be occasions that absences cannot be avoided due to religious observance, compassionate reasons or illness. As highlighted in last week's ParentMail from Mrs O'Brien, it is important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and therefore if your child is unwell **and** has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Furthermore, helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene through regular handwashing with soap and warm water, and catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope by minimising the spread of infection that we will be able to make progress against our school target of 96.1%. Currently, our attendance is 94.5%.

Following spaces still available...



Thursday Rock Band Club	Friday Rock Band Club
Drums	Bass
Bass	Keyboard
Vocals	Vocals

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## A PLEA FOR RESOURCES

### **Plea for puzzles and games!**

The children in Penguins really enjoy completing puzzles and playing simple board games during their choosing time.

If you have any unwanted puzzles (up to 50 pieces) or simple board games (such as the orchard toys games) then we would really appreciate any donations.



Thank you!



## **WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS**

The children have been really busy and creative at Night Owls. This week, we have been focusing on birds in the cold weather. We have made bird feeders for children to hang in their gardens and to go out in the school environmental area. They have been producing some bird pictures and bird colouring and word searches as well.

Alongside this, they have been completing homework on 'Atomlearning', going on purple mash and times table Rockstars. They have still had junk modelling and the usual toys out to play with. We also participated in a game of ladders inside due to not being able to get out in the wet weather. Next week our focus is on 'celebrating' followed by Chinese New Year.

The bird picture is by Annabelle in Reception.



Thank you to all the parents who have sent back the 'All about me' forms. This really helps us to know how to support your child in the clubs. As a reminder, if you're struggling to add photos or write on the form, then please let us know and we can print one off for you. You can also send the photographs via email and we can print them off and add them to the forms. Please email [lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) if you have any questions or you wish to send the photographs.

As a reminder, the mobile phone number is 07857 852603. It is for both clubs and is for you to call if you are held up or if there are sudden changes to pick up or drop off arrangements. You can call in the morning too if you need an emergency space and she can let you know if there is a space that morning.

[Elections — #MakeAChange \(nalc.gov.uk\)](#) or [https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections?mc\\_cid=7d6181cefe&mc\\_eid=0ea1b52e8f](https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections?mc_cid=7d6181cefe&mc_eid=0ea1b52e8f)

Worplesdon Parish Council is a non-political organisation – if you love where you live and would like to influence the decisions being taken on behalf of the community, please consider standing for election to the Council. No previous council experience or qualifications are required. Training will be provided.

There's lots of useful information about becoming a parish councillor on our website <https://worplesdon-pc.gov.uk/your-council/meet-your-councillors/becoming-a-councillor/> including two short videos.

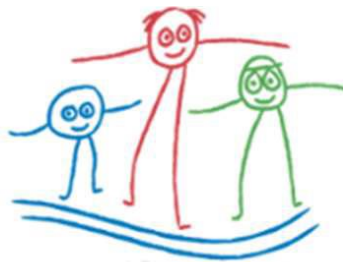


The nomination papers for these elections will be available to download from [Guildford Borough Council's website](#) in the near future.

Key dates for this election will shortly be available. These will include:

- publication of Notice of Election
- opening of receipt of nominations
- deadline for receipt of nominations
- deadline for withdrawal of nominations
- deadline for receipt of Applications to Register to vote
- deadline for receipt of Postal/Proxy Vote Applications

[Electoral Commission's Guidance.](#)



Find us on Facebook [@GuildfordFamilyCentre](#)

Guildford Family Centre works across the whole Guildford Borough, providing support and guidance to families with children aged 0-11 years. Our aim is to help families find solutions to the parenting and relationship challenges they face and to grow in confidence to manage future difficulties.

## Guildford Family Centre

We offer groups (a SEND playgroup for pre-schoolers, a non-mobile baby group) and free courses (eg. on parenting, developing your child's language and communication, adjusting to having a baby, surviving domestic abuse) as well as family and SEND advice sessions on the phone.

We also have a team of incredible Family Support Workers who work one-to-one with families when personal circumstances are having a negative impact on the health, development or wellbeing of the child/children. By encouraging families to get the specialist help they may need, referring them to the right people, and signposting them to useful resources, we support parents to take positive steps towards a happy, more secure family life.

Guildford Family Centre

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## Spring Term Dates

Tuesday 3rd January	INSET day
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school
Friday 13th January	Nightingales class assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception – Height, weight & vision checks
Thursday 19th January (pm)	Year 5 - Young Voices to parents/carers
Friday 20th January	Kingfishers class assembly
Monday 23rd January	Year 4 – Egyptian day
Tuesday 24th January	Year 5 - Young Voices
Friday 27th January	Woodpeckers class assembly
Thursday 2nd February	Year 5 - Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 3rd February	Reception - African drumming workshop
Friday 3rd February	Infants - Drama workshop
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February (3.30pm & 5pm)	Year 6 – SATS parents information evening
Friday 10th February (3.10pm - 3.20pm)	Finish for half term
Monday 20th February	INSET day
Tuesday 21st February	Children return to school
Thursday 23rd February	Year 3 - Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Tuesday 28th February	Year 1 - Trip to Milestones Museum
Thursday 2nd March	Book day
Friday 3rd March	Starlings class assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 - WW2 workshop
Wednesday 8th March (3.30pm - 6.30pm)	Parents consultation meetings
Thursday 9th March (4.30pm - 7.30pm)	Parents consultation meetings
Thursday 16th March	Year 2 - Trip to Marwell Zoo
Friday 17th March	Magpies class assembly
Wednesday 22nd March	Music Festival (G Live)
Friday 24th March	Sparrows class assembly
Tuesday 28th March (2.00pm)	Year 4 - Production
Wednesday 29th March (9.15am)	Year 4 - Production
Friday 31st March	Easter egg competition
Friday 31st March	The Haven - Gathering
Friday 31st March	Finish for Easter break

Don't forget!