



# NEWSFLASH

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## NEED TO KNOW



### CENSUS & LUNCHES

Next Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> May) is our school census day when the government collect data about our school. This information impacts our next year's funding and so we would like to ensure Worpleston Primary School is in receipt of the maximum amount possible to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing.

In order to achieve this, we are holding a special lunch for children to enjoy (hotdog or veggie hotdog with chips and veg of the day and vanilla sprinkle sponge). All KS1 and free school meal children are eligible for this and will have a school dinner prepared for them. We strongly discourage packed lunches on this day.

Thank you for your support.

### STAFFING NEWS

#### Federation SENDCo

We are delighted to share the good news that Miss Dunne has successfully been appointed as the Federation SENDCo/Assistant Head for Inclusion.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Dunne for all of her hard work, dedication, and support while serving as our Acting SENDCo. She has already made a wonderful contribution to our school community, and we are very pleased that she will continue in this important role permanently.

I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Dunne on her appointment and wishing her every success in her new position.



### LOOKING AHEAD: TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

With only three months until the end of the academic year, we'll soon begin planning our transition arrangements. As in previous years, we'll be mixing our:

- Year 2 classes ahead of their entry into Year 3
- Year 4 classes ahead of their entry into Year 5

### RECEPTION – NEW PE DAY

Summer 2 (after half term)	Reception new PE day - Friday
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## GOOD TO KNOW

### FRIENDS OF WORPLESDON SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

#### Steel's visit last Friday



If your children are anything like us, they are probably still buzzing after the most amazing morning with Zack George (aka Steel from BBC's Gladiators) last Friday. Using his platform, Zactiv, he talked to children about health and wellbeing - the importance of healthy eating, hydration, exercise, movement and how to build confidence and have a positive mindset to achieve their goals. We do hope they took something positive away from it and came home recalling their favourite memories from a very special morning. Please look out for class photos coming home soon.

#### Gazebo appeal:

Despite being one of the hottest days of the year, the high winds that whipped up out of nowhere the minute we started setting up for the summer fair last year destroyed our final two gazebos 😞. We really need to invest in some new sturdy fully water/windproof ones with sides ahead of this year's summer fair – so we are prepared for all weathers! We are struggling to find any second-hand ones that are fit for purpose, so before we go out and buy new, we wondered if anyone has one they would like to donate – or indeed if you own your own business and would like to sponsor a new one. We would be truly grateful if anyone within our community could help. Please drop us an email on the address below.

#### Upcoming dates:

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - **Happy Bags** - collection 8.20-9am. If you already have some charity bags on the go, please do try and hang on to them - the more weight we collect the more money we raise!

🍭 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Mufti in return for **sweetie donations** for the summer fair (no chocolates please – as always, we'd like to think it'll be too hot and they will melt!)

🍷 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Mufti in return for **bottle donations** for the summer fair (any sealed, in date bottles are welcome - from bubble bath to prosecco and anything in between!)

🎪 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3.20-5.30pm - Our traditional **Summer Fair** is back with all the fun pocket money games the kids love (and prizes to win!), tuck shop, tombolas and ice creams! And most importantly **Soak the Teacher!!**

🍦 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July – One of the kids' favourites is back once again – **Frozen Friday!** Ice lollies will be available to purchase after school!

👤 **If you can volunteer to help with any of our events we'd love to hear from you.**

👕 **Pre-loved uniform** - All Pre-Loved Uniform is available to purchase online! Head to [PTA Events](#) select what you want and pay - it's quick and easy! You will receive an email order confirmation and a further email when your order is ready to collect. All orders will be ready to collect within 7 days of your order. Collection is from the school office. All Pre-Loved uniform can be exchanged or refunded 7 days from date of collection.

**Tiger Tags** – Order your new name tags and the FoWS will receive £1 from each order:  
[www.tigertags.co.uk/school/3166](http://www.tigertags.co.uk/school/3166)

Until next week,

Your Friends of Worpleston Primary School 😊

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We would like to share an important opportunity for all of our pupils to have their voices heard through a national survey called *The Big Future*, launched by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza.

Many of you may already be familiar with previous national surveys such as *The Big Ask* and *The Big Ambition*, which gathered the views of children and young people across the country. This new survey aims to give children aged 0-18 the chance to share their thoughts about their communities, their concerns, their hopes for the future, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

With more young people set to become eligible to vote in future elections, it is increasingly important that children and young people feel listened to and represented. The survey findings will be used to advocate for the issues that matter most to children at the highest levels nationally.

We would encourage all pupils, parents, and carers to take part in the survey before the deadline of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

The survey can be completed here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Additional resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials, and FAQs, are also available on the Children's Commissioner website.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to ensure that the voices of our children and young people are heard.

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## **NICE TO KNOW**

### **SPORTING NEWS**

#### **Year 3 – Cross Country**

At the Year 3 Cross Country event at Boxgrove Primary School, one of our amazing runners ran an outstanding pace and came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of all the Year 3 girls.

Well Done to Kaiya in Magpies class for showing excellent resilience and stamina on the course.



#### **EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS**

We have carried on with our 'Guildford in Bloom' theme this week at Night Owls. We have focused our activities around butterflies linked to the feeding nature theme this year.

The children have had the opportunity to make two different types of butterfly feeders. The first feeder was creating a flower on paper then colouring it in. It was then laminated and a bottle cap was added to it with a sponge coated in sugar water. These will then be placed around the school on judging day. The second feeder was a paper plate, which was hole punched, then string and beads were added to decorate it. These will be hung in the forest school area on judging day to hold fruit for the butterflies to feed on.

Finally, the children could make a butterfly out of card and paper. They then used water colour paints to decorate the wings. When finished a tea light was added inside to make the butterfly glow.

Next week our theme is Africa Week and the children will be making crafts based around this.



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

- Early Birds: Luca for always being so polite and making good choices
- Night Owls: Lily GS for always listening and following the rules.

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### **GUILDFORD ROCK SCHOOL - JOIN THE BAND**

Sign up today to join the band playing the instrument of your choice and learn simple and fun arrangements of modern

and classic rock and pop hits with your band mates!



### **INSTRUMENTS**

Choose from: drums, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or vocals.

(All instruments and equipment provided)

### **DETAILS**

The Rock Band Club runs after school on Fridays, 3.20 – 4.30pm

£14.60 per week. Booked and invoiced half termly.

Limited to 10 spaces per band, so sign up now so as to not miss out and book your space for September term.

Available for Years 3 – 6.

Waiting list available for younger students.



### **MUSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

No experience necessary. Whether you've never picked up an instrument before, or you're a seasoned pro, there's a place for you in the Rock Club Band! We'll take you from your first notes, progressing your musicianship along the way, developing technique, and challenging you with more complex parts and arrangements when you're ready!



### **LIVE PERFORMANCE**

Showcase your skills and the songs you've mastered with your band with performances both at school, and at our yearly show at the legendary local music venue The Boileroom! Boost your confidence and experience what it feels like to play live and be a true rock star!

For more information or to sign up, please get in contact via the phone number or email address below:  
[contact@guildfordrockschool.com](mailto:contact@guildfordrockschool.com)

## DOES YOUR FAMILY INCLUDE SOMEONE WITH AUTISM?

Join one of the National Autistic Society Surrey Branch parent-run local support groups for:

- Parents/carers of autistic children
- Parents/carers of autistic girls
- Parents/carers of children with Pathological Demand Avoidance
- Parents/carers of autistic adults
- Spouses and partners of autistic people

We also offer:

- An active online forum
- Parent /Carer workshops and talks
- Family activities, including siblings.
- Signposting to local services and support

To find out about our regular meetings in GUILDFORD, email parent-volunteer

Sarah Roberts: [sarah.roberts@nas-volunteers.org.uk](mailto:sarah.roberts@nas-volunteers.org.uk)

We are part of the National Autistic Society, 2nd Floor, Weston House, 42 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3NH [www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk). Registered charity, number 269425.

**It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET**

**We all play at:**  
Worplesdon and Burpham Cricket Club

**Session dates:**  
June 06th till July 25th 2026

**Session timings:** **Ages:**  
Every Saturday's 09:30 am till 10:30 am **Between 5 to 8 year old**

**Contact:**  
Jithesh Krishnan  
[jithskris@gmail.com](mailto:jithskris@gmail.com)

**Sign up today at**  
[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

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## Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.

Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month

Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



### Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



### Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



### You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

[www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
**Online Courses for Parents** page  
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