



West Byfleet Junior School

12 September 2025



Headteacher's Message

Back to school!

It has been great to see all of the children back to school, and to see many of you for a catch-up at the school gates too. Every child has a new experience this year as they move up a year group, or indeed join a new school. Our Y6 children become the oldest children in the school and we've spoken to them about the responsibility this brings! Our younger children will look up to our Y6 children as role models, so Y6 set the tone for the rest of the school. How they speak to one another and the adults in school, how they treat the younger children, how they deal with challenges in their learning or with problems in the playground, and how they engage with our school values, will all filter down to the others – and I trust and expect them to take this responsibility on with great success!

Our Y5 children are now in the upper juniors, sharing playtimes and assemblies with Y6. They know the school and our expectations well and this is a key year for them to really make progress in their learning and continue to develop into fantastic young people.

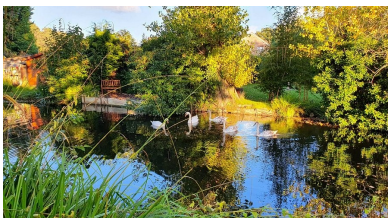
Our Y4 children are no longer the youngest and they too have a role to play in supporting our youngest children—it should be easy for them to remember how it can feel to join a new school! Our Y4 teachers have been delighted with their great attitudes to learning already.

Finally, our Y3 children are starting their journey in the next stage of their schooling. We are delighted to welcome them and their families to West Byfleet Junior School! We've been really impressed with how they've settled in and look forward to watching them flourish as the year progresses.

Changes to the curriculum

We have been busy developing our school curriculum, with the aim of making it more relevant to the school's context. History and geography are the first subjects to be launched this year and through these subjects we'll be learning more about our local area, its history and character, and the particular aspects that make it a great place to be! We'll also make use of our proximity to London with visits to major galleries and museums, learn all about the history of the Basingstoke Canal, and have a more local focus when learning about the Tudors.

As I've shared before, I want children to really appreciate the place they live and where they go to school—being knowledgeable about their local area and being proud of it, is a great starting point for any child.



A great year ahead!

Thank you for your support in getting the children ready for school with correct uniform and equipment, and helping them with any new routines for drop-off and collection. It hasn't taken long to get back into the rhythm of school life and we look forward to a great year ahead!

Ben Wasserberg

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 12 July 2025

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Wed 17 Sept	Y5 & Y6 Parent Information Meetings (in person) Sign in at reception	09:00-09:30
Thur 18 Sept	Y3 & Y4 Parent Information Meetings (in person) Sign in at reception	09:00-09:30
Mon 22 Sept	Coffee Morning for Y6 Parents re SEND Support for Secondary Transition	09:00-10:30
Wed 24 Sept	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 1)	13:30-15:00
Wed 1 Oct	Y3 Tate Lightbox "Portraits" Trip and Workshop	
Wed 1 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 2)	13:30-15:00
Thur 2 Oct	Y3 Eden Lightbox "Portraits" Trip and Workshop	
Fri 3 Oct	Y3 Kew Lightbox "Portraits" Trip and Workshop	
Tue 7 Oct	Y5 STEAM trip to Thorpe Park	
Wed 8 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 3)	13:30-15:00
Mon 13 Oct	Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum	
Tue 14 Oct	Y3 Tate First Feet Walking Activity	
Tue 14 Oct	School Tours for Y2 parents (for Y3 entry Sept 26)	13:30-15:00
Tue 14 Oct	Open Evening for Y2 parents (for Y3 entry Sept 26)	18:30-19:30
Wed 15 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 4)	13:30-15:00
Thur 16 Oct	Y3 Eden First Feet Walking Activity	
Fri 17 Oct	NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations	
Mon 20 Oct	Y4 Trip to Butser Farm	
Mon 20 Oct	Y3 Kew First Feet Walking Activity	
Wed 22 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 5)	13:30-15:00
Thur 23 Oct	Y5 Trip to Hampton Court	
Thur 23 Oct	PTA Halloween Disco – more details to follow	
Fri 24 Oct	Mufti Day	
Mon 27 Oct-Fri 31 Oct	Half Term	
Wed 5 Nov	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 6)	13:30-15:00
Thur 6 Nov	Outdoor Learning Day	
Fri 7 Nov	PTA Fireworks Event	Timing tbc
Mon 10 Nov	Tempest Individual and Internal Sibling Photographs	
Mon 10 Nov	Parent Consultations, face to face appointments	16:00-19:00
Wed 12 Nov	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 7)	13:30-15:00
Wed 12 Nov	Parent Consultations, face to face appointments	15:40-18:00
Wed 19 Nov	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 8)	13:30-15:00
Wed 26 Nov	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 9)	13:30-15:00
Mon 1 Dec	Y4 Bikeability (optional)	
Tue 2 Dec	Y4 Bikeability (optional)	
Wed 3 Dec	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 10)	13:30-15:00
Tue 16 Dec	Y3/Y4 Christmas Singing Service at St John's Church – all welcome	09:30-10:15
Tue 16 Dec	Y5/Y6 Christmas Singing Service at St John's Church – all welcome	11:00-11:45
Fri 19 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term, school closes at 13:25	
Future Dates		
Thur 21 May	Sports Day	

Community and School Notices

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Term starts Friday 5 September
**Inset Days Wednesday 3 and
Thursday 4 September**

Half Term Monday 27 October to
Friday 31 October

Term Ends Friday 19 December

SPRING TERM 2026

Term starts Tuesday 6 January
Inset Day Monday 5 January

Half Term Monday 16 to Friday 20
February

Inset Day Monday 23 February

Term Ends Friday 27 March

SUMMER TERM 2026

Term starts Tuesday 14 April
Inset Day Monday 13 April

Half Term Monday 25 May to
Friday 29 May

Term Ends Tuesday 22 July



SEND Support Secondary Transition Coffee Morning

Monday 22nd September 2025 - 9am

This session is a chance to hear from and chat with SEND Support Advisors [SSAs] from Surrey's Learner's Single Point of Access (L-SPA).

They have SENCO experience supporting children with additional needs in a range of settings including Secondary schools and can provide guidance on how children are supported across their transition from Year 6 to Year 7. The focus is on mainstream secondary schools.

The informal presentation will include:

- talking about how secondary schools support transition
- outlining the basics about how secondary schools are organised to make sure they know their students
- explaining how secondary schools support children using the Graduated Response
- suggesting ways in which families can support a positive transition into the secondary phase
- answering any questions



Please RSVP to register your interest to attend, so we can gauge numbers: office@west-Byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk

School Meals

Please remember to book your child's school meal in advance. The kitchen can not always provide extra meals as they cook to the number that we have provided first thing in the morning. You may wish to set alerts up on SCOPAY to remind you when credit is low on the account.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Unauthorised Absence from School Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher