



West Byfleet Junior School

26 September 2025



Headteacher's Message

New Minibus in Action!

Our first Y4 class have started their programme of swimming lessons this week so our minibus had its first real run out. Swimming is much cheaper this year due to the removal of travel costs and change of pools, with each family now saving over £50. The journey is ten minutes instead of half an hour and we have the pool and changing facilities to ourselves – a huge improvement! We've taken our football team out in the minibus today as well with no need to ask for your help in transporting children – a very welcome change I'm sure you'll agree. Thank you to you all for your support at the events which helped the PTA raise the funds for the minibus!



Changes to Mufti Day Dates

Speaking of fundraising, we are going to hold two mufti days this term. We had originally scheduled one to be on the same date as the infant school's to help families with children at both, but unfortunately have had to change the date, while the infant school are unable to. Apologies for this change. The first mufti day will be on **Tuesday 21st October**. This will be in return for collections for the Christmas Fair adult tombola. The Christmas Fair is mostly an infant school event but we'd like to be a part of it so will have that one stall and be there to join in the fun! Please donate any items suitable for the adult tombola: bottles, gifts, cosmetics etc if you can. You'll be able to drop them off in the shelter inside the pedestrian gate on the morning of the mufti day. The second mufti day is on **Thursday 13th November**. We are collecting for our PTA Christmas Cracker Event, a new event that promises to be a lot of fun! The PTA will be asking for bottles, biscuits, chocolates etc and a child item but will write with more details soon.

For anyone feeling the pinch of two collections (or three if you have children at the infants school), please only donate to the PTA Christmas Cracker Event out of our two (but do still send your child in mufti on the 21st!). Although the adult tombola at the fair will hopefully raise a bit of money, it's as much about being there and joining our colleagues at the infant school. Our Christmas Cracker event is the main fundraiser for us. Many thanks!

Ben Wasserberg

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 26 September 2025

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Wed 1 Oct	Y3 Tate Lightbox "Portraits" Trip and Workshop	09:15-12:00
Wed 1 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 2)	13:15-15:00
Thur 2 Oct	National Poetry Day	
Thur 2 Oct	Y3 Eden Lightbox "Portraits" Trip and Workshop	09:15-12:00
Fri 3 Oct	Y3 Kew Lightbox "Portraits" Trip and Workshop	09:15-12:00
Tue 7 Oct	Y5 STEAM trip to Thorpe Park	08:45-15:15
Wed 8 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 3)	13:15-15:00
Mon 13 Oct	Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum	08:15-15:20
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
Wed 15 Oct	Y3 - SCARF Lifespace Visit Workshop	
Thur 16 Oct	Y3 - SCARF Lifespace Visit Workshop	
Thur 16 Oct	Y3 Eden First Feet Walking Activity	
Fri 17 Oct	NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations / Y6 NCMP Checks	
Mon 20 Oct	Y4 Trip to Butser Farm	
Mon 20 Oct	Y3 Kew First Feet Walking Activity	
Tue 21 Oct	Mufti Day - Collection for Christmas Fair Adult Tombola Stall	
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 's: Y3 & Y4 @ 15.30-16.30/ Y5 & Y6 @ 17.00-18.00	
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—more details to follow	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
Thur 13 Nov	Mufti Day—for PTA Christmas Cracker Event	
Mon 17 Nov	Y5 Fire Safety Workshops	
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
Fri 5 Dec	Y3 Tate Nativity Performance to parents	14:00-15:00
Mon 8 Dec	Y3 Eden Nativity Performance to parents	14:00-15:00
Thur 11 Dec	PTA Christmas Disco's: Y3 & Y4 @ 15.20-16.20 / Y5 & Y6 @ 16:45-17:45	
Fri 12 Dec	Y3 Kew Nativity Performance to parents	14:00-15:00
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
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch	
Fri 19 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term, school closes at 13:25	

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

FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CAN YOU SPARE 2-3 HOURS A WEEK
TO HELP A LOCAL FAMILY?**

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volunteers who provide weekly
practical and emotional
support to families facing
challenging times

Full training provided

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**HOME
START**
Runnymede
& Woking



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.

Change of Menu—Thursday 2 October 2025

Chicken Pizza

Margherita Pizza

Homemade Seasoned Wedges

Peas or Sweetcorn

Vanilla Ice Cream

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/carers 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/carers 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/carers 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



RE Friday Feature

Beginning of the School Year RE Reflection

At West Byfleet Junior School, we respect every world religion while we learn about their traditions, faith and festivals.

Starting a new school year gives us a chance to build not only our knowledge but also our character. Around the world, people sometimes disagree or even fight over religion. Here at West Byfleet Junior School and in our local community, we have the opportunity to do something different. We can choose respect, understanding, and kindness. Religion shapes people's values, traditions, and sense of belonging.

Even if we follow different paths, the lessons many religions teach—compassion, fairness, honesty, and care for others—are shared values we can all practice.

When our studious students approach classmates with curiosity instead of judgment, they begin to learn from one another. Asking respectful questions, listening carefully, and accepting that not everyone believes the same way can build trust and friendships. In this way, diversity becomes a strength. It reminds us that there are many ways to seek meaning and live a good life.

By showing respect for world religions, we are also preparing our students to be responsible citizens. Whether in our school, our neighbourhood, or the wider world, cooperation across differences is the only way to solve challenges like poverty, injustice and climate change. This year, let us commit to treating one another with dignity so that our differences unite us rather than divide us.

As we move through this academic year, we are encouraged to be graceful, understanding and positive in the way we learn and interact with one another. Studying world religions offers us the chance to see life through different perspectives, appreciating the traditions and beliefs that shape communities around the globe.

By visiting local places of worship, everyone can deepen that understanding, experiencing the respect and care different faiths show toward what they hold sacred.

Grace means responding with kindness, even when we do not fully agree. Understanding means listening and valuing the experiences of others. Positivity helps us focus on what unites us rather than what divides us. Together, these qualities will help us build a school environment that is inclusive, respectful, and inspiring for everyone.

Let us celebrate world religions, fostering respect, kindness, and unity while building positive relationships across all faiths and traditions.



Name: Surname: Age:
 Teacher's Name:
 School Name: Postcode:

POEM TITLE:

Lined area for writing the poem.

(Continue on a separate sheet, should you need to)

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WHEN I GROW UP **YOUNGWRITERS** **KIDS ARE IN CHARGE**

I HAVE A DREAM

PUPIL WORKSHEET

WRITE A POEM ABOUT A DREAM
 - A HOPE FOR THE FUTURE,
 A MAGICAL WORLD, OR SOMETHING
 ONLY YOU CAN IMAGINE!

A WORLD THAT IS KIND **MAGIC IS REAL**

WIN AMAZING PRIZES SEE YOUR POEM PUBLISHED IN A BOOK! GET A FREE BOOKMARK & STICKER

IDEAS TO WRITE ABOUT

- TIME TRAVEL
- ANIMALS CAN TALK
- A WORLD THAT IS KIND
- MAGIC IS REAL
- KIDS ARE IN CHARGE
- MY DREAM JOB
- I HAVE A SUPERPOWER
- A WISH CAME TRUE
- THE BEST DAY EVER
- MYTHICAL CREATURES
- A PERFECT WORLD

WHAT DO YOU DREAM ABOUT?
 DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR POEM IDEA HERE.

POETRY PROMPTS

- WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO YOU DREAM OF?
- WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY?
- WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE LOOK LIKE?
- WHAT IS YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE?
- WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON YOUR DREAM DAY?
- IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

ANY OTHER IDEAS

YOU COULD WIN...
 A FANTASTIC GOODY BAG INCLUDING A FITNESS WATCH & A TROPHY

POEM EXAMPLES

WHEN I GROW UP
 A haiku

When I am older
 I want to work at the vet
 Helping poorly dogs.

A VICTORIAN DREAM
 Free verse

I step out of my time machine
 I'm on a street filled with horses and carts
 The air smells of smoke and dust
 People rush by in long coats and top hats
 Children run to their factory jobs
 There are no cars and no electricity
 Everything looks different.

MY DREAM
 Acrostic

D reaming of
 R espect and love
 E veryone is kind
 A peaceful world
 M y dream can come true.

WBJs AUTUMN TERM EVENTS COMING UP!

West Byfleet Junior School PTA

SPOOKTACULAR SCHOOL DISCO!



THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

YEAR 3 & 4 - 3.30-4.30 PM
(yr3&4 children come straight from class)

YEAR 5 & 6 - 5-6 PM
(yr 5&6 children doors open at 5pm)

£6.50 PER CHILD (Fancy dress Optional)
TUCK SHOP-GAMES-FUN!
(tuck shop helpers needed)

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TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PRESENTS

FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA



FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

THIS IS OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR

PLEASE HELP & VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN
EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS OUR SCHOOL

JINGLE BELL ROCKS!



THURSDAY 11th December 2025

Year 3 & 4 - 3.20-4.20pm
(yr3&4 children come straight from class)

Year 5 & 6 - 4.45-5.45pm
(yr5&6 doors open at 4.45)

£6.50 PER CHILD
TUCK SHOP-GAMES-FUN!
(tuck shop helpers needed)

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It's panto time again!

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

THE FAIREST PANTO IN THE LAND



Thursday 18th December 7pm
New Victoria Theatre Woking

ALL TICKETS £26

Fantastic price seats in the stalls- Doors open 17.30pm

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West Byfleet
Junior School
Parent Teacher
Association



All proceeds go directly to benefit
the children at our school