



# West Byfleet Junior School

10 October 2025



## Headteacher's Message

### You can use our excellent wrap-around care...

We have worked hard to provide a good wrap-around care offer for parents and our breakfast and after school clubs are really thriving this year. We offer early morning care at our Rise and Shine Breakfast Club, open from 7.25am (to help parents catch the early train to London if needed!). Children are given breakfast and have a wide range of activities to enjoy with their friends: a lovely start to the day for the children which also allows parents to start their working day smoothly. We aim to cater for every child—while the playground is open and play equipment is always out, there's also games indoors and comfortable areas for relaxing for those who like a gentler start to the day!

Our after school care takes place at Discovery Club, open from straight after school until 6.00pm. Again, we open the playground up for children to enjoy but there are plenty of activities to explore inside too, and we feed the children a substantial snack to keep them going before they get home for dinner—for many children it's enough to replace their dinner altogether. Children can also look forward to our special themed events, especially the end of term Discovery Club parties!

Both clubs are run by our own staff so all of the adults are known to the children, and we know the children's specific needs. Children at Discovery Club can still access our other after school clubs, and will be taken to the Discovery Club afterwards.

Rise and Shine costs £6 per session. Discovery is £16.50 per session if pre-booked or £17.50 if booked on the day (must be before 8am). We hope our breakfast and after school clubs can help you!



### School Council Tuck Shop off to a great start!

The Ginger and Pickles Tuck Shop opened today with great success—the school council fully sold out of fresh fruit! Well done to all involved and we look forward to a successful year to come.

Ben Wasserberg  
Headteacher

## Diary Reminders & Updates

**Friday 10 October 2025**

***Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change***

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	08:15-15:20
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 & Y5 @ 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 Dev	Christmas Jumper Day	
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Lunch	
Fri 19 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term, school closes at 13:25	

### 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.

## Community and School Notices



### Year 5 Visits Thorpe Park for STEAM Day

#### **ACS International Schools Celebrates the Return of the Ground-breaking STEAM Event at Thorpe Park!**



STEAM 2025 is an ACS International Schools Event

ACS International Schools **celebrated the return of the ground-breaking STEAM event** at Thorpe Park on 7th October 2025, following the overwhelming success of the previous two years. Now in its third year, **STEAM 2025 proved to be bigger and more inspiring than ever**, welcoming 9,000 primary and secondary students from partner schools and 1,000 ACS students. The event **brought together more than 60 leading organisations** – including Barclays, Microsoft, Surrey Police, the Royal Air Force, Accenture, and the UK Civil Aviation Authority – for a day of immersive workshops and interactive challenges. Students had the chance to explore real-world applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) through hands-on experiences designed to spark curiosity and creativity.

**“STEAM 2025 was about more than just one day – it was a launchpad!”** said **Graeme Lawrie MBE**, Partnerships Director at ACS International Schools.

“By collaborating with our outstanding partners, we gave students access to the people, tools, and inspiration they needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world. With the skills gap in STEAM still growing, events like this are vital in opening doors to future careers and sparking lifelong curiosity.”

Gamification once again **played a key role in engaging students**, who collected stamps for completing educational activities with participating organisations.

Enough stamps earned were exchanged for access to Thorpe Park’s world-famous rides and attractions.

For many, it was their first visit to a theme park that combined excitement with purposeful, hands-on learning.

Guest speakers **included Beverly Clarke MBE**, Founder and CEO of *Technology Books for Children*, who highlighted the importance of storytelling in understanding technology. “Inspiring children through stories not only made tech relatable but also showed them that imagination and innovation go hand in hand,” she said.

Reflecting on the event, Miss Libby from West Byfleet Junior School accredited the importance of this event: “It is such a marvel to see students watch as science, technology, engineering and mathematics come alive in front of their very eyes. Events like allow them to see how these superb subjects are so important to them now and for their future!”

Through STEAM 2025, **ACS International Schools continued its mission** to share expertise, widen opportunity and raise standards in STEAM education across Surrey and London.

**STEAM 2025 once again demonstrated how ACS invites schools to share in preparing students to innovate, connect ideas and lead in a rapidly changing world!**

**It was such a tremendous joy for our Year 5 students at West Byfleet Junior School to be part of this**

### **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

# 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)

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WESTBYFLEETJUNIORSCHOOLPTA

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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TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



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

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE SO DONT MISS OUT!

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Tickets subject to availability  
Get them while you can!



West Byfleet  
Junior School  
Parent Teacher  
Association



All proceeds go directly to benefit  
the children at our school

### PTA Fireworks Event—Friday 7 November

🌟🌟 Volunteers Needed for Our Fireworks Night! 🌟🌟 Our Firework Extravaganza is one of the highlights of the school year but we can't make it happen without your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with things like selling glow items, running the bar, or helping at the tuck shop. The evening is split into shifts, so you won't miss all the fun! Every penny raised goes directly back to supporting all our children and their education. Profits from previous fireworks events have funded projects such as the playground redevelopment and the school minibus. Your time – even just an hour – makes a huge difference. ❤️👉 Please sign up via the link here: <https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18290535> Thank you so much for your support — we truly couldn't do it without you!



## RE Friday Feature - New Archbishop of Canterbury

At West Byfleet Junior School, we respect every world religion while we learn about their traditions, faith and festivals. On Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 Dame Sarah Mullally was named as the new Archbishop of Canterbury (106th Archbishop of Canterbury) designate - the first woman to be chosen to hold the position in the history of the Church of England. In line with tradition, the process of choosing a new archbishop involves a name being given to Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer and then passed to the monarch, King Charles III.

Although the King is formally the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury serves as its most senior bishop and as the spiritual leader of both the Church and the global Anglican Communion.

Dame Sarah Mullally DBE was born on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1962 in Woking, Surrey, the youngest of four children. She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She became a Christian at age 16. She began her career in healthcare as a nurse in the NHS, rising to become ward sister and then Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. In 1999, at the age of 37, she was appointed Chief Nursing Officer for England, making her the youngest person ever to hold that office. In 2005 she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her services to nursing and midwifery. Later she felt called to ordained ministry. She was ordained in 2001, served her curacy in Battersea Fields, stepped down from her government post in 2004 and over successive roles rose through the Church's leadership. In 2015 she became Bishop of Crediton and in May 2018 she was installed as Bishop of London, the first woman to hold that office.

She is married to Eamonn Mullally. They have two adult children, Liam and Grace.

Dame Sarah will not formally assume her new duties until her election is legally confirmed in January, with an enthronement ceremony to follow once homage has been paid to the King. Her legal confirmation is set for January 2026 with installation in March 2026 at Canterbury Cathedral. Sir Keir Starmer welcomed Dame Sarah's appointment, saying: "I wish her every success and look forward to working together."

King Charles III extended his congratulations to Dame Sarah on her appointment, describing it as "a role of great significance in the United Kingdom and throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion," according to Buckingham Palace.

Speaking at Canterbury Cathedral on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025, Sarah reflected that "in an age that craves certainty and tribalism, Anglicanism offers something quieter yet stronger."

All of us at West Byfleet Junior School send Dame Sarah Mullally, a leader from our local area, the biggest **congratulations** and wish her many gracious blessings as she leads the Church of England into the future as the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury.



### A PRAYER FOR THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Almighty and everlasting God,  
the only worker of great marvels,  
send down upon your servant Sarah,  
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury,  
and all who are committed to her care,  
the spirit of your saving grace,  
and that they may truly please you,  
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.  
Grant this, O Lord,  
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Support programmes for parents & carers of children with autism

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.



#### Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

#### Cygnet programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

#### Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

#### Can I ask some questions?

Email us on [parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk)

#### How do I join a course?

Please scan the QR code to register your interest & be part of our mailing list. We will email you each time a new set of courses are available for booking.

Surrey Parent Training Programmes

