



West Byfleet Junior School

24 October 2025



Headteacher's Message

The end of a busy half-term!

This half term has been a great start to the year and, as always, a very busy time in school. In assembly today I asked the children to think about their first week of the school year back in September, and to reflect on how much progress they've made since then in their learning, how much more they know and remember now than they did then, and how settled they now feel in their new classrooms. We ask the children to do their best in every lesson, every day, and understand that although they might not be better at something instantly (although sometimes they are!), their progress will come over time if they keep doing the right things and work hard. Therefore, it's important to look back sometimes and realise that's true! A special mention for our Year 3 children, who have been through a big change in moving up from the infant school but have managed it really well and are an absolute joy to have in our school. Also, we have been really impressed with our Year 6 children who've had mixed classes to adapt to, but have taken to Year 6 and all the extra responsibility it brings really enthusiastically and maturely.

Trips and visits review

Every year group has been out of school on at least one school trip in this half term. We had lovely feedback from Woking Lightbox Gallery about the exceptional behaviour and manners of our Year 3 children, Year 4 were unlucky with the weather at Butser Farm but represented our school really well and learned a lot to enhance their understanding of their history topic, Year 5 had a great visit to the wonderful Hampton Court Palace and Year 6 made the most of our proximity to London with a brilliant trip to the Imperial War Museum. Well done everybody, and a huge thank you to the parents who offered their time to come and help on any of the trips!



PTA Events – please help us if you can!

Thank you to the PTA for organising the disco last night. As I watched the volunteers busily serving treats to the children above the thumping music and noise of the children letting loose, I couldn't help but feel extremely grateful for their commitment to raising money for the school!

Speaking of which, we have our biggest PTA event of the year coming soon. Our Fireworks night on the 7th November is our key fundraiser, with previous money raised used for the biggest projects such as funding the new school minibus and redeveloping the playground. We are still looking for volunteers to help, even if it's just for a short time on the night—please see the advert and slottr link later in the newsletter for more details!

I hope you all have a great week during our half term break.

Ben Wasserberg
Headteacher

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 24 October 2025

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

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 - Gates open 17:30—Firework display at 19:00	
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	
Fri 14 Nov	Odd Socks Day- Anti Bullying Week	
Mon 17 Nov	Y5 Fire Safety Workshops	
Wed 19 Nov	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 8)	13:30-15:00
Sat 22 Nov	WBJs at the WBIS PFA Christmas Fair	11:00-14:00
Tue 25 Nov	Parent Coffee Morning - Understanding SEND at School	09:00-10:30
Wed 26 Nov	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 9)	13:30-15:00
Thur 26 Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting	18:00-20:00
Mon 1 Dec	Y4 Bikeability (optional)	09:00-12:00
Tue 2 Dec	Y4 Bikeability (optional)	09:00-12:00
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 Discos: 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	

Poppy Appeal Fundraising

We are proud to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal once again this year.

From Monday 3rd to Monday 10th November, school council will be on the playground at breaktime with poppies and a selection of related items available in exchange for a donation (while supplies last).

All proceeds go directly to the Royal British Legion, supporting serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.



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

PTA Class Fundraising

You child will have in their bag their proof of their Christmas card artwork.

If you would like to order any gifts with their bespoke design on please go to:

shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock

Using our schools code of **DB9436**.

All the info is on your card!

This also helps us raise money for our school. Items will be delivered to school and distributed in

Org Code: DB9436
Design Code: PLSXTG

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FREE Delivery with every order

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A Christmas gift from your little artist!

HURRY! LIMITED SHOP OPENING TIME

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West Byfleet Junior School
need your help to fundraise this Christmas! Shop online to support us!

FREE PLAY & LEARN SESSION

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WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

DROP-IN & JOIN US FOR MESSY PLAY

PLAYDOUGH, ARTS, CRAFTS & HEALTHY EATING

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER 2025
12:00pm - 1:30pm

For more information contact:
wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
01483 310419

Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

Woking Family Centre, Sythwood,
Woking, GU21 3AX

Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
4th November - 25th November 2025

Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419

Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

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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

WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PRESENTS

FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN 5.30PM | FIREWORKS 7PM

**BAR, FOOD COURT, RIDE, GLOW ITEMS, LIVE
MUSIC, STALLS & A SENSORY VIEWING AREA!**

**ADULTS: £8 CHILDREN: £5
PRE-SCHOOLERS: FREE**

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TICKETS



WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL, CAMPHILL ROAD, WEST BYFLEET, KT14 6EF
NO PARKING ON SITE - PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY AND BE RESPECTFUL TO OUR
NEIGHBOURS

NO SPARKLERS, SMOKING OR VAPING ON SITE.

BUY TICKETS AT [PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WESTBYFLEETJUNIORSCHOOLPTA](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/westbyfleetjuniorschoolpta)

🎆🌟 Volunteers Needed for Our Fireworks Night! 🌟🎆 PLEASE PLEASE HELP! 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!