



# West Byfleet Junior School

14 November 2025



## Headteacher's Message

### A Great Fireworks Evening!

Where else to start but with a huge thank you to our PTA for their exceptional work in organising and running the WBS fireworks evening last Friday, our biggest fundraiser of the year. It was a hugely successful event and we are so grateful for everyone's efforts in putting it together. So many people kindly offered their time and resources to help us and we appreciate everyone who buys a ticket and comes to the event to support us too. It's a real team effort but the PTA would like to give a special mention to Dan Edwards and the team who set up the field and man the gate, and to the staff who stayed on late after work to run stalls. Well done everyone - please see page three of this newsletter for the total amount raised!

### Parent Forum Invite

I'd like to invite all parents to a parent forum on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.00** in the school hall. Mrs Frommholz and I will be there to share some ideas with you and then hear any questions or feedback you have, both positive and negative. We do value your input—last year, our parent forum led to a few key improvements, especially around swimming and sporting events. I know the time won't be suitable for everyone and I'll experiment with a few different times or with virtual options across the year. If you can't make this meeting but would like to share some feedback or ask a question, please do send it to [office@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk) and we'll include it. We'll send round minutes to all parents after the meeting.

### Zebra Crossing Improvement and Parking Reminder

The work on the zebra crossing outside our school was completed yesterday! We now have the brighter beacons we'd been asking for, new spotlights at the top of the poles, and a streetlight has been moved to ensure the darkest area on the school side of the road is now fully lit. This area feels much safer now, just in time for the darker conditions in which the children will be leaving school. I continue to receive complaints from residents of Camphill Court about parking and again ask that parents don't park on the kerb in such a way that means pedestrians can't pass easily, and certainly don't block residents' access to their own driveways. The school run is a busy and often stressful time, but that kind of parking is unfair.

### Musical Success!

Well done to our choir children and Mr Broadbent who attended the Woking Music Festival on Tuesday 11th November. Jayne Parkin, our accompanist for the night wrote: It was a real privilege to play the piano for the choirs! The Lower School Choir were commended highly for their enthusiasm, energy and excellent articulation and were delighted to win the Keswick Cup! Mr B's dynamism and musicality truly brought out the very best in the children. The Upper School Choir's lively and passionate rendition of 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' was a poignant nod to Remembrance Day. They also received positive feedback about performing a challenging and technically difficult version of 'When I Grow Up' from Matilda. The soloists and the other singers wowed us with their courage, smiles and beautiful singing voices. The children should be proud of their achievements, polite manners, overcoming nerves and smiling brightly as they sang. As the adjudicator noted, singing as a group builds confidence and will undoubtedly prepare them for the future.

Ben Wasserberg  
Headteacher

## Diary Reminders & Updates

**Friday 14 November 2025**

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

Mon 17 Nov	Y5 Fire Safety Workshops	
Wed 19 Nov	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 8)	13:30-15:00
Wed 19 Nov	PTA AGM—Junior School Hall	19:00
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
Fri 28 Nov	Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch via Scopay	
Mon 1 Dec	Y4 Bikeability (optional)	09:00-12:00
Tue 2 Dec	Y4 Bikeability (optional)	09:00-12:00
Wed 3 Dec	Parent Forum Meeting	09:00-10:00
Wed 3 Dec	Y4 Shakespeare Swimming (session 10)	13:30-15:00
Fri 5 Dec	PTA Elfridges Shopping Event in school	
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	

### CHRISTMAS DINNER - WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER - All Years



*Traditional Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets,  
Stuffing and Gravy or Roast Vegetable Wellington  
with a Tomato Sauce  
Rustic Roast Potatoes,  
Roasted Honey Carrots, Brussel Sprouts & Peas  
Frosty the Gingerbread Biscuit*

If your child usually has school meals and you **have already booked meals** for this half term you do not need to take any action.

If your child has school meals and you book meals weekly, if you wish your child to have the Christmas meal then you should book **by Friday 28 November.**

If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like them to join in with the Christmas meal then you should book **by Friday 28 November.**

In order to assist Olive Dining with ordering the children will be asked to make their meal choice in class after this date, if you have not booked your child's meal by

**Friday 28 November** then Olive Dining are unable to guarantee a Christmas Dinner on the day.



**WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR  
SCHOOL PTA AGM**

**WEDNESDAY | 19<sup>TH</sup> | NOVEMBER**

**7PM**

**JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL**

### 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.

**THANK YOU**

**FROM**

**WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA**

**WE'RE ABSOLUTELY THRILLED TO  
ANNOUNCE THAT OUR**

**FIREWORKS NIGHT**

**RAISED JUST UNDER**

**£11,000!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
CAME ALONG, VOLUNTEERED, DONATED,  
OR SUPPORTED IN ANY WAY — WE  
COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!**

**YOUR GENEROSITY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT  
HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE.**

**HERE'S TO ANOTHER DAZZLING SUCCESS —  
AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE IT HAPPEN!**

**WITH GRATITUDE,**

**WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA**



**ENGLAND ROCKS**

**18TH TO 20TH NOVEMBER**  
**7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY**

**PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!**

**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!**

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

### Times Tables Rock Stars—England Rocks!

We're excited to let you know that our school will be taking part in the national times tables competition **England Rocks** from **18th to 20th November**, running daily from **7:30 am to 7:30 pm**.

Please encourage your child to spend some time on the **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** website, playing any games they enjoy. **The total time limit is one hour across the competition.** There are certificates and house points to be



**Team Around the School**  
West Byfleet Junior School is pleased to invite parent/carers to a presentation:

**'Understanding SEND Support at Your School'**

Hosted by Surrey County Council's SEND Support Advisors

**On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**

Please contact [inclusion@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to confirm your space.

Meet a SEND Support Advisor alongside your school's SENCO over tea or coffee to find out about:

- The term SEND and what it means
- The Graduated Response to additional needs (SEND)
- What the Graduated Response looks like at your school
- The statutory process when requesting an Education, Health and Care Plan

There will also be the opportunity to answer any questions you have.

**Please note, this session is for families of children who may or may not have identified SEND, but who do not have an EHCP.**



**Elfridges**

**FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER**

LITTLE ELVES ARE COMING TO WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL!  
FOR £2.50 YOUR CHILD CAN CHOOSE A GIFT TO TREAT SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS CHRISTMAS.  
PAYMENT VIA SCOPAY

WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

### 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

## Outdoor Classroom Day—Thursday 6 November

We enjoyed a fantastic Outdoor Classroom day across the school on Thursday 6 November! It was a wonderful chance for the children to get outside, learn in a different way and think scientifically, all whilst building up essential skills like teamwork and communication.

Year 3 started their new science topic, using Venn diagrams to sort rocks. They had to observe different characteristics and features.

Year 4 also began their new science topic, going on a sound walk and listening out carefully.

Year 5 took their maths learning outdoors, using natural materials to create number facts and arrays.

Year 6 also made use of natural resources, enjoying spelling out words and demonstrating fractions in real life.

Outdoor Classroom Day proved how inspiring the natural world can be! It showed us that learning can happen anywhere.

