



West Byfleet Junior School

28 November 2025



Headteacher's Message

Assembly Visitors

On page 4, Mrs Frommholz writes about two special assemblies we've had recently led by parents coming in to talk about their professions. Both were absolutely wonderful and helped the children learn more about the opportunities available in the future, especially those inked to engineering. Thank you again to Mr Norberto and Mr Paget! Today we had another guest in to lead assembly, our local MP Will Forster. Will returned to our school, having also visited us last year during parliament week, and shared lots of information and stories about being an MP. He was born in Woking and is very proud of the area. He spoke about lots of things that make Woking special, including being the home of McLaren, Horsell Common being the fictional site of the Martian landing in War of the Worlds, and the city being the home of the UK's oldest mosque, the Shah Jahan Mosque—all things we celebrate through our curriculum and enrichment programme. The children had some great questions about what it's like to be an MP (including wondering how much an MP gets paid!) and they had a really impressive knowledge already, including things they'd remembered from last year. Will commented on the children's enthusiasm to engage with the content and their outstanding behaviour!



Christmas is Coming!

The run up to Christmas is always an exciting time in a junior school! As far as possible, it is very much business as usual when it comes to learning, but there are lots of extra things happening too. Year 3 will perform their nativity plays to their parents and wider families so they are busy rehearsing, filling the school with the sound of their lovely singing. Some Y3 children have been chosen to share their songs with some of the older residents in our local community when they visit Charrington House Residential Home, and some of our choir will have a similar experience when they visit Westhall Care Home. We have various PTA events to look forward to including a Christmas disco, Elfridges and the Christmas Cracker Event!

The PTA will also be supplying us with Christmas crackers for the Christmas lunch, and have bought us a special Christmas postbox for this year. From Monday 8th December, children will be able to post Christmas cards into it and our special Christmas helpers will deliver them to classrooms. Children must make sure they write the recipient's first name, surname, year group and class on the envelope to avoid any cards going to the wrong children! The post box will be stored just inside the main corridor on the way to the Y6 block, in the area where we hang the lost property, and children should post their cards when they arrive to school in the morning.

Our Christmas singing service is on the 16th December at the church—this was a magical event last year and I hope many of you can make it to the service. Our Christmas lunch will be on the 17th December, in line with the infant school, and that will be Christmas Jumper day for both schools too. Our last day is Friday 19th December, and we finish at 1.25pm, with children no doubt ready by then for their Christmas holidays!

Ben Wasserberg
Headteacher

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 28 November 2025

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

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 with Mr Wasserberg and Mrs Frommholz	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
Fri 5 Dec	Choir singing at Stoop Court	14:00-14:30
Mon 8 Dec	Y3 Eden Nativity Performance to parents	14:00-15:00
Tue 9 Dec	Year 3 (selected group) singing at Charrington Manor	13:30-14:00
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
Mon 15 Dec	Choir singing at West Hall	14:00-14:30
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 (to be booked on Scopay by Fri 28 Nov)	
Fri 19 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term, school closes at 13:25	
Mon 5 Jan 2026	INSET DAY	
Tue 6 Jan	Spring Term starts	
Mon 16-Fri 20 Feb	Half Term	
Mon 23 Feb	INSET DAY	
Fri 27 Mar	Last Day of Spring Term, school closes at 13:25	

CHRISTMAS DINNER - WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER - All Years



*Traditional Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings, or
Roast Vegetable Wellington with a Tomato Sauce
Rustic Roast Potatoes,
Roasted Honey Carrots, Brussel Sprouts & Peas
Frosty the Gingerbread Biscuit or
Chocolate Yule Cake with Vanilla Cream*

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 **before 8.30am on Monday 1 December.**

If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like them to join in with the Christmas meal then you should book **before 8.30am on Monday 1 December.**

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 8.30am on **Monday 1 December**

then Olive Dining are unable to guarantee a Christmas Dinner for your child on the day.



OLIVE DINING—CHANGE OF MENU

WED 3 DEC

Mac and Cheese
Tomato Pasta bake
Garlic Bread and Chef's Salad
Vanilla Red Velvet Cake

WED 10 DEC

Pepperoni Pizza or Margarita Pizza
Seasoned Wedges and Chef's Salad
Lemon & Cardamom Drizzle Cake
with Vanilla Sauce

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.



JINGLE BELL ROCKS!

School Disco

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!




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

🎄 ***Festive Reminder Round-Up!*** 🎄 A few quick updates as we head into the Christmas countdown:

Elfridges! The magical elves' shop arrives at West Byfleet Juniors on Friday 5th December. This is a children-only event where they can choose a special gift for someone important. Gifts will come home with them, so no peeking! Payment is made via SCOPay.

Jingle Bell Rocks Disco on Thursday 11th December It's coming up fast! Grab your tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/westbyfleetjuniorschoolpta>

Christmas Crack-Off Pre-order your crackers now! Every cracker wins a prize, and the big event takes place on Monday 15th December: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/westbyfleetjuniorschoolpta>

Panto Update SOLD OUT! Panto tickets are being organised now. Emails will be sent out in early December, we'll let you know when they're on their way. Thanks for all your support, lots of festive fun ahead! 🎅🎄



THE GREAT CHRISTMAS CRACK-OFF

MONDAY | 15TH | DECEMBER

£2.50 PER CRACKER

BUY YOUR CRACKERS AT
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THE GREAT CHRISTMAS CRACK-OFF

MONDAY | 15TH | DECEMBER

JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - 3.20pm

Welcome to the Christmas Cracker Event!
For £2.50 per cracker, you'll have the chance to win a special prize from Santa's Elf Workshop!

Here's how it works

Step 1
Pre-order your Christmas Crackers through the PTA Events site you can buy as many as you like the more crackers, the more chances to win!

Step 2
Santa's mischievous elves have hidden special prize tickets inside some of the crackers... will you be one of the lucky winners?

Step 3
If your cracker has a prize ticket, head over to the Elf Workshop Station to choose your magical prize!

Crackers will be ready for collection after school on Monday 15th December on the Junior Playground. If your child attends Discovery Club, don't worry, the elves will make sure they get their crackers too! Join in the fun, spread the Christmas cheer, and see if you can pull a winning cracker!



Thank you!

Over the last two weeks, our children have been treated to two exciting visits from parents who shared their experiences in engineering. Mr Norberto (father of Ines in Franklin) spoke about his fascinating work on engineering projects around the world, showing how problem solving and creativity can make a global impact. This week, Mr Paget (father of Brock and Pixie in Year 5) gave a thrilling insight into his role at Thorpe Park, explaining how engineering helps design and maintain the rides that bring joy to thousands of visitors. The talks sparked curiosity and showed our pupils how engineering can take you anywhere—from building across continents to creating fun close to home!

We are very grateful to Mr Norberto and Mr Paget for giving up their time to come and speak with the children and would love to encourage other parents to do the same - we love hearing about the many different jobs people have! If you would be willing to come and talk to the children, please do get in touch with Mrs Frommholz.



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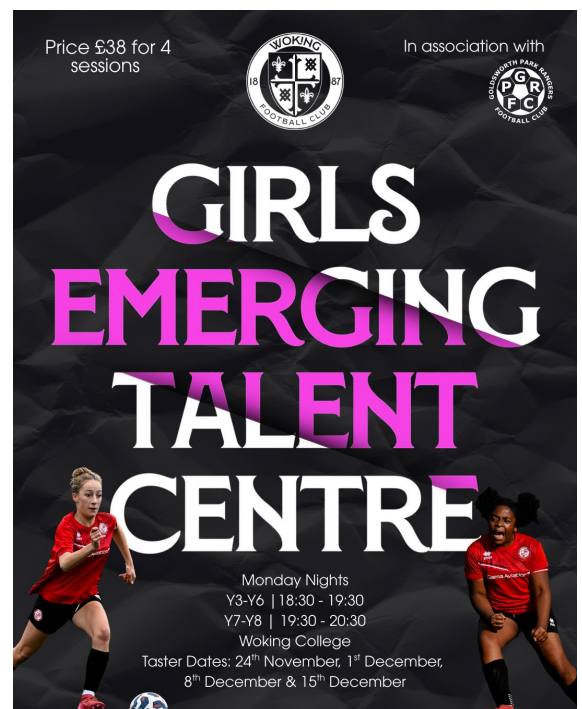
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8th December & 15th December

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

RE Friday Feature – The Jewish Living Exhibit



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

A **Living Jewish Exhibit** at the Northwest Surrey Synagogue offered teachers and Year 4 children a vivid, hands-on introduction to Jewish life and tradition. Designed as an immersive learning environment, the exhibit guided visitors through the beliefs, practices and rhythms that shape Jewish daily and spiritual life. Children explored how Jews live according to the laws of the **Torah**, discovering concepts such as mitzvot (commandments), community responsibility and the value placed on learning.

Interactive stations demonstrated how a synagogue functions as both a house of prayer and a centre of learning. Visitors examined a Torah scroll, saw how a *bimah* and *yad* are used during services and learned about the significance of the *ark*, where the Torah scrolls are kept. Children also discovered what makes food **kosher**, learning about dietary laws, food separation and traditional symbols found on kosher packaging.

A dedicated Shabbat corner invited students to experience the calm and beauty of the weekly day of rest. With challah covers, candlesticks, wine cups, and spice boxes, children role-played a Friday-night meal, learning how families welcome Shabbat and what it means to pause from work. This role-play also included key celebrations for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by blowing the shofar (ram's horn).

One of the highlights was role-playing a **Jewish wedding**, where children stood beneath a white canopy resembling a *chuppah*, acting out the joyful customs that celebrate love and commitment. Throughout the exhibit, authentic artefacts encouraged active participation—trying on a *tallit*, exploring a menorah, learning how to write Hebrew, heard Hebrew blessings - allowed young learners to engage directly with traditions and gain a deeper understanding of Jewish faith and culture.

Eli and Penelope from Nightingale class shared their experiences about visiting the Living Jewish Exhibit.

“I think people should go and see it because it is part of the community.

They can learn all about the Jews and be free with it.”

“Even if you are part of a different religion, you can still go there and learn more about Judaism.”

