



# West Byfleet Junior School

12 December 2025



## Headteacher's Message

### West Byfleet Junior School children have been mixing with the stars again...

We are proud to share with you that a lucky group of our year four children took part in a special festive workshop last week, foraging around Wisley Gardens for the foliage to craft handmade Christmas wreaths destined for Westminster Abbey, where they formed part of the beautiful decorations for 'Together At Christmas', the Princess of Wales's annual Carol Concert. 'Together at Christmas' will be on ITV at 7:25pm on Christmas Eve.

The children had the wonderful opportunity to work with an inspiring team of creators, including Mary Berry, Tom Allen, Simon Lycett, Arit Anderson and Clare Matterson, together with the talented horticultural team at RHS Garden Wisley.

Mary Berry said, "I want to tell you how wonderful the children are. They were so enthusiastic, well-behaved and well-mannered, so a credit to you all as a school and their parents."



At West Byfleet Junior School we take great pride in our local community and strive to help our children understand and appreciate the brilliant area that we live in. Going to a special place like Wisley Gardens, that's right on our doorstep, being outside and getting creative, and interacting with and learning from some amazing people is exactly the kind of experience we value for our children.

This unique experience not only allowed pupils to showcase their creativity, but also offered them a chance to contribute to a national celebration that brings communities together during the festive season. We are pleased to have assisted the RHS, thanking the creative contributors, and the organisers of the concert for offering the children such an unforgettable opportunity.

The video is available to watch and share on The Prince and Princess of Wales's Youtube - <https://youtu.be/zJeeN8qwzw?si=vDnVE-JGx2aRzriJ>

And a short video on Youtube and The Prince and Princess of Wales's Instagram and RHS's Instagram - <https://youtube.com/shorts/vXIUmy07N9U?si=KXm15N0tG41zYyv9>

There are other press publications also sharing the news.

I am sure many households will be proudly watching the concert on Christmas Eve and spotting the West Byfleet Junior School and RHS Wreaths!

### Special Offer - money off a Wisley Gardens membership!

As a thank you to us for taking part, Wisley have shared a 30% discount for RHS memberships for all our families. Use the membership link below and please ensure 4706 is at the end of the weblink for the discount to work.

The link details are <https://www.rhs.org.uk/join/promo/4706>



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**The Fireside Nativity – 5 stars!**



We've really enjoyed our Year 3 classes' performances of 'The Fireside Nativity' over the last two weeks. I was so impressed with the children – they knew their lines and spoke them clearly, they acted out the play with great enthusiasm and their singing and dancing was really uplifting and fun to watch. Well done children, and well done to the Year 3 teaching team for directing such wonderful performances!

### **WBJs choir in the community**

Our choir visit some of the local residential homes every Christmas, bringing joy through their wonderful singing and meeting some of the older members of our local community. They always do us proud—here's a lovely comment from one of the organisers: "Please pass on our thanks to Mr B and the choir. The residents really enjoyed watching the children sing and everyone commented on how well behaved they all were. They were extremely polite and very confident when speaking to our residents."



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Our Christmas Jumper Day is next week on Wednesday—this is also a PE day so I recommend children wear their Christmas Jumper over the top of their PE T-shirt, and bring their quarter zip top to change into for the PE lesson. There is no PE on Friday 19th, so it's school uniform as normal that day.

### **Looking ahead to the Christmas holidays...**

I wish you all a very happy Christmas break, however you spend it. Thank you as always for your support in all we try to do as a school; we don't take our wonderful parent community for granted and really do appreciate the way you work with us. It's been a really good first term of the year—I've especially enjoyed seeing year 6 step up into their roles as the eldest and most influential children in the school, and seeing our new year 3 children settle in so well. I very much look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026!

Ben Wasserberg  
Headteacher

## Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 12 December 2025

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

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 (bookings closed on Fri 28 Nov)	
Fri 19 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term, school closes at 13:25	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	

### 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. Spring Term menu's are now available to view on the school website. Thank you for your co-operation.

## 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

#### Cygnets 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



## Community and School Notices



**THE GREAT CHRISTMAS  
CRACK-OFF**

MONDAY | 15<sup>TH</sup> | DECEMBER

**£2.50  
PER CRACKER**

BUY YOUR CRACKERS AT  
[PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WESTBYFLEETJUNIORSCHOOLPTA](http://PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WESTBYFLEETJUNIORSCHOOLPTA)



**THE GREAT CHRISTMAS  
CRACK-OFF**

MONDAY | 15<sup>TH</sup> | 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!

### The Great Christmas Crack-Off

#### \*Collection Point:\*

School playground at 3:20pm

#### \*Collecting Your Pre-Ordered Crackers\*

Come to the playground to pick up your pre-ordered Christmas crackers, all ready for some festive fun! Children in Discovery will be taken to pickup their pre-ordered crackers after they have registered at the club.

#### \*Found a Winning Ticket?\*

Pull your cracker and look inside... if you find a winning ticket, follow the Christmas magic to the right prize table: ✨ Reindeer Table ✨ Penguin Table ✨ Gingerbread Table ✨ Gonk Table ✨ Just match your ticket to the table name and collect your prize! (every cracker is guaranteed a prize).

#### ✨ \*\*Didn't pre-order? \*\*

No problem, crackers will be available to buy on the day (while stocks last).



**OUR CAMPS**

# SNOW MUCH FUN CAMP 2025

ARTS & CRAFTS | PARTY GAMES | SPORTS & TEAM CHALLENGES  
CHRISTMAS BISCUIT DECORATING | DRESS-UP DAYS | FESTIVE SURPRISES!

**CAMP DETAILS:**

- ❄️ West Byfleet Junior School, 10 Camphill Rd, West Byfleet KT14 6EF
- ❄️ 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> of December
- ❄️ 9AM - 3PM
- ❄️ AGES 5 - 11

**PAID SPACES:**

Book Online at OurCamps:



**FUNDED SPACES:**

If your child is eligible for Benefit Related Free School Meals, Book Online at Eeque:



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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