



# West Byfleet Junior School

30 January 2026



## Headteacher's Message

### Singing Success!

Well done to all of the children who attended the Young Voices event at the O2. As ever, our children were beautifully behaved and had a great time singing as part of an enormous choir in a world class venue! Thank you so much to parents who attended to support their children, to Mr Broadbent and the school staff who attended and to all involved who managed the late night return so well.

'At the O2, the atmosphere was amazing. There were lots of children waving lights so it looked like a starry night sky. On stage, there were three singers called Otti, Aneesha and Ruti, and two backing singers. During some songs, there were dancers on stage. When we were singing we all were jumping and dancing. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity.' Rosalina, Year 5

'At the O2 there was an electric atmosphere. We all had the best time—a once in a lifetime opportunity.' Martha, Year 5



### School Taglines

We have been busy working on possible school taglines to go with our new school logo. The children have had some wonderful ideas, as have some parents! We are going to whittle the hundreds of suggestions down to a final four, then put those to the vote to find our winner.

### Parent Governor Needed!

We are seeking to appoint a new parent governor next term. Governors play a key role in shaping the strategic development of the school—are you interested in getting involved and being part of the team? Do contact me directly for further information, and we'll write more formally in the near future.

### Keeping Safe

In the first half of spring term, our topic in all year group for PSHE (personal, social and health education) is keeping safe. Therefore, now is a great time to talk to your children about what they've learned in PSHE and to discuss how they're keeping themselves safe. General topics covered across the year groups include keeping yourself safe and weighing up risk, keeping safe online, peer pressure and strategies for managing it, and medicines and the risks of smoking and alcohol. All of these topics are worth following up at home, as well as other key issues such as road safety and stranger danger.

Many thanks  
Ben Wasserberg  
Headteacher

## Diary Reminders & Updates

**Friday 30 January 2026**

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

Wed 4 Feb	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 4)	13:00-15:15
Fri 6 Feb	PTA Second Hand Uniform and Sweet Treats Sale	15:15-15:30
Mon 9 Feb	Parent Consultation bookings go live on Scopay	07:00
Wed 11 Feb	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 5)	13:00-15:15
Wed 11 Feb	Y5 Science Workshop (selected children) at Fullbrook	13:30-14:30
Wed 11 Feb	WBJs Valentine Day Cake Sale Fundraiser - Cakes, Cupcakes, Cookies etc	15:20-15:40
Thur 12 Feb	Y3 Sikh Workshop (In school)	
Mon 16 -Fri 20 Feb	Half Term	
Mon 16 Feb	Parent Consultation bookings close on Scopay	09:00
Mon 23 Feb	Inset Day	
Wed 25 Feb	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 6)	13:00-15:15
Wed 25 Feb	Primary Music Festival at Dorking Halls (selected children)	15:00-18:00
Thur 26 Feb	Maya Portals to the Past Workshop (in school)	
Tue 3 Mar	Parent Consultations	16:00-19:00
Wed 4 Mar	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 7)	13:00-15:15
Thur 5 Mar	World Book Day	
Thur 5 Mar	Parent Consultations	15:40-18:00
Mon 9 Mar	Y6 Trip to Buddhist Temple (half class tba)	
Tue 10 Mar	Y4 and Y5 to Fullbrook to watch Production of Oliver	09:00-13:00
Wed 11 Mar	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 8)	13:00-15:15
Thur 12 Mar	Y5 Lonsdale Class Assembly (parents invited)	09:00-09:30
Thur 12 Mar	Y6 Trip to Buddhist Temple (half class tba)	
Fri 13 Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting	08:00-10:00
Mon 16 Mar	Y6 Trip to Buddhist Temple (half class tba)	
Tue 17 Mar	Y6 Trip to Buddhist Temple (half class tba)	
Wed 18 Mar	Y5 Curie Class Assembly (parents invited)	09:00-09:30
Wed 18 Mar	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 9)	13:00-15:15
Thur 19 Mar	Y5 Taster Day at Bishop David Brown School	09:00-15:00
Fri 20 Mar	Y6 Trip to Buddhist Temple (half class tba)	
Fri 20 Mar	Red Nose Day	
Fri 20 Mar	Y3 Trip to Littlehampton	08:15-15:15
Mon 23 Mar	Y6 Trip to Buddhist Temple (half class tba)	
Tue 24 Mar	Y3/4 Easter Singing Service at St John's Church, West Byfleet	09:30-10:15
Tue 24 Mar	Y5/6 Easter Singing Service at St John's Church, West Byfleet	11:00-11:45
Wed 25 Mar	Y5 Franklin Class Assembly (parents invited)	09:00-09:30
Wed 25 Mar	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 10)	13:00-15:15
Thur 26 Mar	Y5 Visit to National Portrait Gallery, London	08:00-15:00
Fri 27 Mar	Last Day Spring Term, school finishes at 13:25	13:25
Mon 13 April	INSET DAY	
Tue 14 April	Summer Term starts	

## Community and School Notices



### Year 5 Visits the Shah Jahan Mosque

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



Year 5 enjoyed a deeply enriching visit to the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking, the oldest purpose-built mosque in the United Kingdom. Built in 1889, the mosque has a remarkable history, brought to life for pupils through the story of how three individuals from three different religions came together with a shared vision of respect, cooperation and understanding. Their commitment to building and funding the mosque showed pupils how faith can inspire unity and positive action across communities.



On arrival for the afternoon session, some pupils had the special opportunity to quietly observe Salah, the daily afternoon Islamic prayer. This experience helped them understand how prayer supports Muslims in pausing, reflecting and strengthening their relationship with Allah throughout the day. It offered a powerful insight into how faith shapes their daily life.



The Imam was a warm, welcoming and generous host who spoke thoughtfully about the Five Pillars of Islam. He explained how they guide Muslims to live a good life through faith, prayer, charity, self-discipline and care for others. This visit greatly deepened pupils' understanding of Islam, helping them reflect on what supports Muslims in living moral, purposeful, and compassionate lives.



### 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.

### 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

## Year 5 Benin Workshop at WBJs!



Year 5 were absolutely captivated by an unforgettable Ancient Benin workshop delivered by the brilliant company *One Day*. From the moment the session began, the children were fully immersed in a rich, dramatic experience that truly brought this powerful civilisation to life.



Through the energetic and imaginative activity *Gods Got Talent*, pupils explored the fascinating world of Benin gods, gaining a deeper understanding of belief, ritual and spirituality in a way that was both joyful and memorable. Laughter, confidence and creativity filled the room as children stepped into character and shared their learning through performance.



The workshop also explored the hierarchy of the Benin Kingdom. Through carefully structured role play, children took on important roles such as the Oba, chiefs, warriors and craftsmen, developing a strong sense of how society was organised and how leadership and responsibility shaped daily life.



A real highlight was discovering how the guilds helped the Benin Kingdom to prosper. Using drama and teamwork, pupils learned how skilled bronze casters, traders and builders supported the economy and produced the remarkable artworks Benin is famous for. The session was engaging, inclusive and inspiring, leaving Year 5 buzzing with excitement and a genuine enthusiasm for history!



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## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM REQUEST!



PLEASE LEAVE UNDER SHELTER OR IN UNIFORM DONATION BOX IN OFFICE

JUMPERS | CARDIGANS | POLO TOPS  
TROUSERS | SKIRTS | SHORTS | PE KIT | TIES

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## SWEET TREATS SALE



FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

3.20PM - JUNIOR PLAYGROUND

CARD & CASH ACCEPTED

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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



JUMPERS | CARDIGANS | SHIRTS | POLO TOPS  
TROUSERS | SKIRTS | SHORTS | PE KIT | TIES

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

3.20PM - JUNIOR PLAYGROUND

CARD & CASH ACCEPTED

We have a **pre-loved uniform sale** taking place next **Friday 6th February at 3.20pm**. Alongside the uniform sale, there will also be a **sweet treats sale**, the perfect way to end the week! We are also kindly asking for any **pre-loved uniform** you no longer need. Donations can be left in a bag **under the shelter** as you enter the school or placed in the **uniform donation box in the school office**. Thank you for your continued support.  
**PTA Committee**



### Parking Reminder

Camphill Court residents have asked again about parking and I 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.

**Let's Talk Dementia Care and Support**  
Monday 23 February 2026, 11am – 12.30pm

West Hall care home supported by local organisations  
Event held at Woking Library, Gloucester Walk, Woking, GU21 6EP

Join us for an informal Dementia talk led by Paula Rifai, Home Manager at West Hall care home. We aim to raise awareness, where Paula will share general information about dementia, provide an overview of the condition and look at pathways for support.

We'll be supported by local groups and many more. A warm space to learn, share and feel supported.

To confirm your place or for more information, please contact Woking Library Manager at [woking.library@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:woking.library@surreycc.gov.uk) or via Surrey County Council's Contact Centre on **03456 009 009**.

West Hall will be hosting a "Let's Talk Dementia Care and Support" event on Monday 23 February, from 11.00am to 12.30pm, at Woking Library.

This event is designed to support the local community by raising awareness of services available for individuals affected by dementia and mental health challenges. It will also focus on tackling social isolation, empowering independence, and promoting wellbeing.

A range of partner organisations will be in attendance to share information and provide guidance.

Walk-ins are welcome; however, if attendees are able to contact the library in advance, this would be extremely helpful to allow West Hall to gather attendance data and ensure adequate space

