



# West Byfleet Junior School

20 March 2026



## Headteacher's Message

### The 2026 Challenge

On page five of this newsletter, you'll find some information from the PTA about the 2026 challenge, where children can aim to raise £20.26 during April. Last year, the children managed to raise around £5000 which went towards our school minibus, which has been a hugely positive asset for them and the school! This year, we are trying to raise money for our school garden, which has fallen into a state of disrepair over the years. We already have a great school kitchen area, which is widely used, but our vision is for all children to experience what it's like to plant, grow, tend, pick, prepare and eat their own food! The garden is great space with so much potential, but it does require a fairly large spend to get it up to the standard we need. We hope to combine money raised from the 2026 challenge with a few grants and other donations to make our school garden an area we can enjoy and be proud of, and somewhere the children can learn some valuable skills and knowledge, as well as experiencing the wonder of seeing a tiny seed grow into a large, food-producing plant! Please do get involved if you can! You are an amazing parent community in supporting the school and our various fund-raising activities and events: the Easter disco was great fun last night, it's been lovely seeing all the children with their red accessories today for Red Nose Day, and we're all looking forward to 'Break the Rules Day' next Friday. Thank you so much for your support, it's greatly appreciated!



Our school garden area, where we hope to install raised beds and pathways, and a new well-equipped shed, and our poly-tunnel, which needs re-covering.



On the subject of the garden, if anyone has any spare paving slabs they'd be happy to donate (even if it's just a few), we would be delighted to take them!

### Easter Singing and Science Expo

On Tuesday we'll be getting together at St John's church to sing together and share some readings. These events have become one of the things I look forward to most in the school calendar—it's a wonderful venue and our children sing and read so beautifully. I hope to see many of you there. In the afternoon, you are all warmly invited to visit our classrooms where the children will be waiting to explain their various exciting science projects to you, again I hope many of you will be able to join us in school for that.

As this is the final newsletter before we break for Easter, I'll take this opportunity to thank you all for a great spring term, and I hope all the children (and you if you get the opportunity!) have a restful break. I look forward to seeing everyone back for the summer term!

Kind regards  
Ben Wasserberg

## Diary Reminders & Updates

**Friday 20 March 2026**

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

Mon 23 Mar	Y6 Trip to Buddhist Temple (Snowdon - half class)	09:15-11:30
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
Tue 24 Mar	Science Expo—Parent invited to view	14:30-15:15
Wed 25 Mar	Y5 Franklin Class Assembly (parents invited)	09:00-09:30
Wed 25 Mar	PTA Easter Egg Hunt (in school)	
Wed 25 Mar	Y4 Nightingale Swimming (session 10)	13:00-15:15
Thur 26 Mar	Y4 Nightingale Forest Schools (session 6)	13:15-15:15
Thur 26 Mar	Y5 Visit to National Portrait & National Gallery, London	08:00-15:00
Fri 27 Mar	PTA Break the Rules Day	
Fri 27 Mar	Last Day Spring Term, school finishes at 13:25	13:25
Mon 13 Apr	INSET DAY	
Tue 14 Apr	Summer Term starts	
Mon 20– Wed 22 Apr	Y5 Residential trip to Sayers Croft	
Tue 21 Apr	Y4 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill—Final Information meeting for parents	15:30
Wed 22 Apr	Y4 Nightingale Class Assembly	09:00-09:30
Wed 22 Apr	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 1)	10:15-12:00
Mon 27 Apr	Y3 Science Workshops—Our Diverse World	
Tue 29 Apr	Y4 Shakespeare Class Assembly (parents invited)	09:00-09:30
Wed 29 Apr	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 2)	10:15-12:00
Thur 30 Apr	Full Governing Body Meeting	18:00-20:00
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday	
Tue 5-Wed 6 May	Y4 Residential trip to Marchants Hill	

### 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.

**Summer Term menu's** are now available to view on the school website.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### After School Clubs

All clubs finish this week, with the exception of Mad Science, Design & Sewing, Choir (Year 3 & 4) and Dancebites. Year 6 Booster sessions will run as normal next week.

### YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Venue: West Byfleet Infant School

Dates: 30 March 2026 - 9 April 2026

Times: 09:00 - 15:30 & 09:00 - 17:30

Price: Price per day - Full day: £32.99 Extended: £37.99

Ages: Reception - Year 6

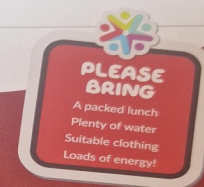
Additional info: Book Now!



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Easter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!



**CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!**



**TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!**

\*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

Excellent  
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## Community and School Notices

### Easter - Darkness to Light Holy Trinity & St Mary's Church <https://www.htsmguildford.org/>

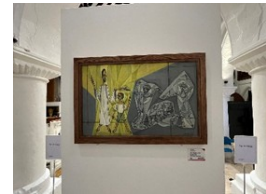
At West Byfleet Junior School, we respect every world religion while we learn about their traditions, faith and festivals.



The touring exhibition *From Darkness to Light* from the Methodist Modern Art Collection offers a powerful and reflective experience at St Mary's Church, bringing modern religious art into conversation with one of the most historic sacred spaces in Guildford. Through expressive paintings and prints, the exhibition explores key moments from Christ's ministry and the journey through suffering towards hope that lies at the heart of the Christian celebration of Easter.



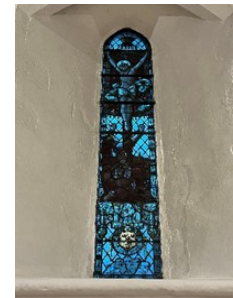
For Christians, Easter is the most significant festival of the year, marking the crucifixion (*darkness*) and resurrection (*light*) of Jesus while symbolising renewal, forgiveness and the promise of new life. Contemporary art in this setting encourages visitors to reflect on these themes in fresh and meaningful ways.



St Mary's itself enriches the experience with its remarkable history. The oldest church in Guildford, it dates from Saxon times, with the stone tower surviving from around 950. Initially a Catholic church, it became an Anglican church after King Henry VIII's Reformation. The building developed over the next three centuries, with medieval features including carved corbels, memorial brasses and fragments of wall-paintings still visible today.



Victorian stained glass, modern memorial windows and a vibrant coloured-glass partition from Guildford Methodist Church show how the space continues to evolve.



As we approach the Easter holidays, we warmly wish all members of our WBSJ school community a safe, peaceful and joyful break. We hope many families may have the opportunity to visit Guildford to enjoy this marvellous combination of art, faith and history together.

### 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

# BREAK the RULES DAY

West Byfleet  
Junior School  
Parent Teacher  
Association  
Charity Reg Number: 212217



## FRIDAY 27th March

Break as many rules on this list! 50p PER RULE!

★ Crazy Hair	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Wear temporary tattoos	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Wear Nail Polish	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Wear Mufti Clothes	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Tell a Joke to your Class	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Squash in your Waterbottle	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Odd Socks	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Wear school uniform with Trainers	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Wear school uniform with Hoodie	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Wear your PJs	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Wear a Sports Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>
★ Bring a unhealthy snack- <b>NO NUTS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Break the Rules Day  
Friday 27th March\*

End the term on a high and have some fun breaking the rules (with permission! 😊).

For just \*50p per rule broken\* (all payments via SCOPay), you can bend the usual school rules for the day! ✨

Get ready to \*wear non uniform, have crazy hair, rock some temporary tattoos\*... and more!

Join in and let's finish the term with a bang! 🎆

### ★ WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL LOTTERY ★ □

#### ★ NEXT DRAW SATURDAY 21st MARCH ★ □

It's been a while we haven't reminded you of the :

#### ★ WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL LOTTERY ★ □

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

A guaranteed WBSJ winner EVERY WEEK  
★ £25,000 jackpot ★ □  
proceeds go straight to the school!

We hope you find this a fun & easy way to help raise funds for exciting enrichment & new equipment!

★ 🍀 Good luck! □ ★ □

[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/west-byfleet-junior-school?utm\\_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=Hyperlink](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/west-byfleet-junior-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink)

Enter our  
**Super Draw**  
WIN A HOME ROBOT BUNDLE  
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Support our fundraising this spring

**BUY TICKETS**



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LOTTERY

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 28/03/26.

As a school we are delighted to launch this year's **2026 Challenge - Can you raise £20.26?**

This year's challenge will run throughout the whole of April, and we would love to encourage all children to take part. This is now the 3rd year we have run this challenge, and last year we raised an amazing £5,000, which went directly towards funding the school bus.

This year we will be fundraising for the **School Garden**, including creating raised beds, clearing pathways, repairing the polytunnel, and buying gardening equipment and storage. It would be fantastic if we could match — or even beat — last year's total.

The PTA will be sharing the fundraising website next week, where you will be able to create an individual sponsorship page for your child to share with family and friends.

Previous fundraising ideas have included sponsored walks, runs, swims, reading challenges, sit-ups, silence, bake sales, keeping your room tidy, and picking up litter — but you are welcome to come up with your own ideas too.

There will be prizes for the **top 3 fundraisers**, as well as prizes for the **class with the most participants** and the **class that raises the most money**.

Thank you for your support — we can't wait to see what everyone achieves this year!



The poster features the West Byfleet Junior School logo at the top left and the PTA logo at the top right. The central text reads "2026 CHALLENGE" in large, colorful letters. Below this, it says "This year we are fundraising for a new outside kitchen garden & learning area for our children!". A row of four photos shows students in a garden, with captions: "Our students GROW, HARVEST & LEARN in this garden.", "School Gardens Boost Vegetable Intake and Empower Students, Study Shows", and "Shhhh! QUIET TIME". At the bottom, it says "MEGA PRIZES TO BE WON FOR STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE CHALLENGE ON!".

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**St John's Church Car Park—Tuesday 24 March**

We have been asked to inform parents that they can enter the car park to drop off their children on the morning of Tuesday 24 March, but that vehicles must not be left in the car park.

The Church will have someone managing parking on the day.

come and find out  
how to get the best  
out of family life



We will be running the 10-week Nurturing Programme for Parents next term.

To find out more about it, come to  
A drop in coffee morning

ON Wednesday 25th March at 9am

West Byfleet Infant School

We look forward to seeing you.

# SHORT STORY COMPETITION

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WRITERS!

We are asking **7-11-year-olds** to write a story about **GOLD** using no more than **500-words**. The winner will receive a **gold coin, £5,000** for their school or local library, and their **story illustrated** by an artist.

Stories can be submitted between **16 February - 17 April 2026**.



[www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk](http://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk)  
[shortstorycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk](mailto:shortstorycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk)

## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We are looking for additional lunchtime supervisors to join our team, to assist caring for children during their lunch break.

This role will involve you accompanying the children throughout the lunchtime period both in the dining hall and to play outside in the playground. You will support and encourage play activities with the other children. You will also attend to minor first aid incidents.

You will play a key role in influencing our children's social skills therefore it is essential you enjoy working with children, are a good role model and have an empathetic nature.

Days required: Monday – Friday (term time only), duty time: 11.45am – 1.15pm

Hours: 11.45 am – 1.15pm (7.5 hours per week)

Salary: Surrey PS1/2 £23,323 (pro rata & pay review April 2026)

Start Date: 14 April 2026

To apply, please contact the school office for either an electronic or paper application form, CVs are not acceptable.

*West Byfleet Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers (references sought prior to interview) and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). We follow the statutory guidance from the Department for Education on Keeping Children Safe in Education and adhere to our school's safeguarding policy. As part of our safer recruitment process, we will also conduct online checks on shortlisted candidates, including social media, to identify any incidents or issues that may affect their suitability to work with children. Candidates will be informed of this in advance and will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with us at the interview stage.*