



West Byfleet Junior School

17 April 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Looking forward to the summer term...

It was great to see all of the children back at school this week and hear all about their Easter holidays! The summer term is always a lovely one, where we can make the most of our school grounds and enjoy some of our favourite events, including the Y4, 5 and 6 residentials, some great trips and visits, and our sports day. Welcome back everybody; let's have a great summer term!

Getting ready for Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 children are busy preparing for the end of key stage assessments, commonly referred to as SATs, and will sit those tests in the week beginning 11th May. We will prepare the children well, and they should work hard and do their very best. These tests are the first real formal tests that children sit, and the results are used to help evaluate schools as well as giving secondary schools some guidance on the children's academic abilities. However, if a child doesn't do as well on the day as they have done in practice, and their result doesn't really reflect their abilities, we will be telling their secondary schools about that. Nothing terrible will happen! It's perfectly normal for children to have a few butterflies on the morning of the test - that's a good sign that they're taking it seriously and they're ready to do their best, but any worries beyond that are unwarranted and if any year 6 parents find their child is getting over-anxious, please do speak to us and we'll be happy to help.

Welcome to our new parent governor!

Thank you to Mr Daniel Rathbone, who answered our call for any parents interested in this role to contact us. Mr Rathbone will be appointed as Parent Governor on 28th April. We very much look forward to welcoming him to the team! Mr Rathbone will be taking the role over from Mrs Alison Rolland. A huge thank you to Mrs Rolland for all her work as a governor over the years, including a period as Chair of governors—we very much appreciated your help and support, thank you so much for your time and effort!

Tate tuck shop stars

As part of an exciting school council summer term initiative, Year 3 and 4 pupils will have the chance to "run the tuck shop for a day" and take on a real responsibility at break time.

This week, four children from Tate class had the very first turn and they were absolutely brilliant! From serving their classmates with impeccable manners to keeping everything organised and running smoothly, they did a fantastic job. Thank you and well done to Alice, Amelie, Austin and Dylan!



Kind regards
Ben Wasserberg
Headteacher

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 7 April 2026

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

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	15:30-16:00
Wed 22 Apr	Earth Day	
Wed 22 Apr	Y4 Nightingale Class Assembly (parents invited)	09:00-09:30
Wed 22 Apr	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 1)	10:15-12:00
Mon 27 Apr	Wear it Wild Day (in aid of WWF)	
Tue 28 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	Y3 Science Workshops—Our Diverse World	
Thur 30 Apr	Full Governing Body Meeting	18:00-18:30
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday	
Tue 5-Wed 6 May	Y4 Residential trip to Marchants Hill	
Thur 7 May	Ms C Ventor (Principal BDB) to meet Y6/Y5 parents	08:45-09:15
Mon 11 - Thur 14 May	SATs Week	
Wed 13 May	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 3)	10:15-12:00
Wed 13 May	Y6 Residential Trip to Brenscombe - Final information meeting for parents	15:30-16:00
Mon 18 May	Class Photographs	
Mon 18 - Fri 22 May	Walk to School Week	
Wed 20 May	Y4 Darwin Class Assembly (parents invited)	09:00-09:30
Wed 20 May	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 4)	10:15-12:00
Thur 20 May	Sports Day—details to follow	
Mon 25 - Fri 29 May	Half Term	
Mon 1- Wed 3 June	Y6 Residential Trip to Brenscombe Outdoor Centre	
Wed 3 June	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 5)	10:15-12:00
Thur 4 June	Y3 Trip to Fishbourne Palace	
Wed 10 June	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 6)	10:15-12:00
Thur 11 June	Y5 Away Day to Fullbrook School	09:00-12:30
Thur 11 June	Y4 Trip to The British Museum	
Wed 17 June	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 7)	10:15-12:00
Mon 22 - Fri 26 June	Y6 Bikeability Training	
Wed 24 June	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 8)	10:15-12:00
Wed 1 July	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 9)	10:15-12:00
Wed 8 July	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 10)	10:15-12:00
Fri 10 July	Full Governing Body Meeting	08:00-10:00
Thur 16 July	Y6 Leavers Party	13:00-15:00
Mon 20 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	09:00-10:00
Wed 22 July	End of Year Concert and Awards	09:30-11:00
Wed 22 July	School Ends at 13:25	

🎉 INTRODUCING... Our BRAND NEW Summer Event
– The Colour Fun Run! 🎉

📅 Saturday 16th May ⌚ 11:30am – 2:30pm

Get ready for the most colourful, messy and FUN day of the year! 🎨

This is the Junior School's summer fundraising event this year– and it's going to be unforgettable! 🎨

Bring your family and friends and dive into an afternoon packed with:

🎨 Epic colour explosions (wear a white top to really see the magic!)

😊 Non-stop laughter

🏃♀️ High-energy fun

🍷 Tasty food & Drinks

🎧 Dj for the tunes!

🎫 TICKETS via pta event site

£6 per person; £20 for a family of 4; £2 for spectators

Whether you're running, cheering, or just there for the photos & vibes, there's something for everyone... and plenty of colour to go around! 🎨 tickets on sale now!

★ THE 2026 CHALLENGE CONTINUES! ★ Our 2026 challenge is incredibly doing well! There is still time to be involved – can you raise £20.26 (or more!) in a fun and creative way? 🎨 The best part? They can choose anything to complete their challenge! 🏃♂️ Running 📖 Sponsored silence 🍰 Bake sales 🧹 Helping with chores 🏊 Swimming 📖 Reading ★ Star jumps 🤝 Spreading kindness with compliments 🌱 Gardening ...or anything else they can dream up! All money raised will go towards an exciting project – developing our school garden 🌱🌱 The vision is for every child to experience planting, growing, tending, picking, preparing, and even eating their own food! 📺 Get started by clicking the link below and creating a personalised fundraising page your child can share with friends and family:

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/wbjs2026challenge>

🏆 There are some AMAZING prizes up for grabs: 🎨🎨🎨 *2026 Challenge – 🎨 We're excited to share that there are 3 individual prizes to be won AND 2 whole class prizes! 🏆

🎨 Prize : Amazon Fire HD PRO

🎨 Prize : LEGO Voucher

🎨 Prize : Cinema Voucher

The class which raises the most and the class that has the most participants will win an afternoon off lessons with a movie and snack!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already taken part, some amazing fundraising ideas already! 🙌

We'd love as many families as possible to get involved – and don't forget to share photos of your child's efforts (if you'd like to!) 📸 Let's make this our biggest and most exciting challenge yet! 🌟

Community and School Notices



Woking Family Centre
Wednesdays - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
3rd June - 24th June 2026


Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX



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Let's Move Together

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SEND Movement & Wellbeing event

Sunday 26 April 2026
12pm - 3pm
Guildford Spectrum Leisure Centre

Creating Connection

We're excited to welcome *Paralympian Lizzi Jordan MBE*, who will be joining us to inspire children and young people with stories of resilience, possibility and the joy of movement.

This **free**, family-focused event is exclusively for Surrey children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** and their families.

Explore a range of inclusive activities, including:

- Sports & movement sessions
- Games and Scalextric
- Crafts & creative zones
- Quiet breakout spaces
- Small animals for calm engagement

A space to feel included | A space to play, explore and connect |
A space to discover what movement can mean for your family

While booking isn't required, register for your free tickets in advance to receive an event pack by email before the day, including everything you need to know and details on how to claim your free goodie bag. Simply scan the QR code.



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.

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

YOU'RE INVITED



Woking Community Grocery is opening soon—packed with great products and huge savings. Shop from just £5 and save £20+ every visit.

Join us at one of our exclusive pre-launch events to explore the Grocery, sign up, and complete your first shop.

Tue 14 April or Tue 21 April
9:30am-1:00pm



STORIES FROM COMMUNITY GROCERIES:

'My family and I wouldn't have been able to survive over the last year without the Community Grocery.'

'The Community Grocery helps make my money go further, so now I can feed my family. I love coming – the food is fantastic; there's so much choice and it's run by such lovely people.'

HOW TO FIND US?

Woking Community Grocery,
1-5 Church Street West,
Woking,
GU21 6DJ

Tue 14 April or Tue 21 April
9:30am-1:00pm

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COMMUNITY GROCERY

A new Community Grocery is being opened in Woking to support those who are struggling financially with the high cost of living. It will offer long-term, reliable, affordable food from just £5 a visit.

Anyone in need can become a member of Woking Community Grocery. I have been invited to attend a pre-launch event with any interested families from our school, next Tuesday 21 April from 9.30am.

If anybody is interested and would like to attend with me next Tuesday, please let me know:

claire.clark@west-byfleet-junior.surrey.sch.uk

and I will meet you at the Welcome Church 1-5 Church Street West, Woking GU21 6DJ at 9.30am.

If you are unable to make Tuesday, there is also a pre-launch date on Saturday 18 April from 9.30am to 1pm, which you are welcome to attend. Here's an idea of how it will work...

The Community Grocery will be open 4 days a week-Mon, Tues, Thurs & Sat

Annual membership is £5 per family

A wide stock range is available across fruit & veg, fresh, frozen, ambient and toiletries.

A member can shop every week, saving between £20 to £50 per shop off supermarket prices.

I look forward to seeing some of you next Tuesday to find out more!



Darren Bird, the dad of Ava, Maisie and Hugo (in Kew), is running the London Marathon for a brilliant cause! Rays of Sunshine is a charity that grants any wish imagined for terminally ill children, from driving in a pink Lamborghini (that's not been made) to playing in a playground for an hour. Rays of Sunshine does it all and Darren has decided to run the London Marathon to raise money for the children's wishes. It's the 26 of April so for anyone willing to sponsor him or wanting to give him a little help before then, scan the QR code below to see his page!

