



West Byfleet Junior School

1 May 2026



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Sunshine and the School Grounds

It has been a joy to see the children enjoying the improved weather and playtimes and lunchtimes have been wonderful in the sunshine! Our lovely grounds really come into their own in the summer. The PTA have new picnic benches on order for the astroturf space in front of the school pond and garden so that will soon be a lovely place for our children to eat their packed lunches. We have a number of playground companies in for site visits over the next couple of weeks so the PTA hope to soon be able to add a new outdoor classroom and shade sail, and possibly even a stage and seating area. Thank you as ever to the PTA for their fundraising efforts, and well done and thank you to everyone who got involved in our most recent events, the 2026 challenge.

Y5 Residential Fun!

Our Y5 children were the first year group to enjoy a residential visit this year. They had an amazing time at Sayers Croft and we were so proud of how they supported each other in the most challenging activities, including the high ropes and abseiling! The teachers all commented on what a great group they were to take away, and I certainly enjoyed visiting them for a morning and seeing them fully commit to the activities. The Y5 children who remained in school had a series of fun challenges themselves, and had a great couple of days with Mrs Creighton.



Wear it Wild Day 2026

We had a truly wonderful Wear it Wild day on Monday. A huge thank you to all our lovely families for supporting this much loved WBJs annual event. The children looked amazing in their costumes and themed outfits, and we are very grateful for the generous donations and kind messages shared on our JustGiving page, as well as the 50p contributions for our traditional animal biscuits. We would also like to thank our PTA, who gifted the children an unforgettable experience from 'The Animal Guyz'. The show was fantastically entertaining and packed with learning, and we hope the children came away with memories that will stay with them for a long time. We'll be sharing the exciting news about how much we raised in our next newsletter, and we look forward to letting you know the impact your generosity has made. Thank you once again for your kind support!



I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

Ben Wasserberg
Headteacher

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 1 May 2026

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday	
Tue 5-Wed 6 May	Y4 Residential trip to Marchants Hill	
Thur 7 May	Ms C Vantor (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 21 May	Sports Day Morning Events (9:30am - 11:30am): Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in events held on the school field , and parents are warmly invited to attend. Afternoon Events (1:00pm - 3:00pm): Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in events held on the school field , and parents are warmly invited to attend.	
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	

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.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Sayers Croft

From 20th–22nd April 2026, many of our Year 5 pupils took part in an exciting residential visit to Sayers Croft, where they demonstrated enthusiasm, teamwork and growing independence. Throughout the trip, the children embraced and completed a wide range of challenging outdoor activities, including high ropes, axe throwing, woods adventure and search and rescue. Many of these experiences pushed them beyond their comfort zones, encouraging them to face fears with courage and determination.

It was wonderful to see pupils supporting one another, cheering on their groups and celebrating each other's successes.

The residential provided valuable opportunities for children to develop resilience and perseverance, as well as the ability to work collaboratively and complete tasks within set timeframes. Their confidence grew noticeably over the three days and they showed increasing independence in both practical and social situations.

Back at school, those who remained also enjoyed enriching experiences, taking part in orienteering challenges and building creative models using i-brick kits. These activities allowed them to explore problem-solving and teamwork in different ways.

Time away from the usual timetable enabled all pupils to embody our school values of aspiration, resilience, opportunity, creativity and kindness.

Year 5 are truly developing into responsible, supportive and capable young leaders.

TUCK SHOP

Last week, it was the turn of Shakespeare class to take on the responsibility of running the tuck shop for the day. Fittingly, it also fell on William Shakespeare's birthday! A big thank you and well done to Sophie, Maddie, Mason and Matty for representing Shakespeare class so wonderfully.



This week, Nightingale class took their turn running the tuck shop and did a fantastic job. A big well done to Sarah, Charlie, Eli and Cece for their efficiency, enthusiasm and excellent teamwork. They represented their class beautifully and are already excited about applying for school council when they get to Year 6.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the School Council Tuck Shop and the stationery shop will not be open during SATs week (11-15 May) while Year 6 children sit their tests.

During this time, we kindly ask parent to send children into school with a healthy snack for breaktime.

Thank you for your understanding and best of luck to our amazing Year 6s!

JOIN THE

West Byfleet
Junior School
Parent Teacher
Association

Charity Reg Number: 272757

PTA



TOGETHER, WE CAN

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our PTA is a friendly group of parents and carers who work together to enrich school life and create amazing opportunities for our children. **Everyone is welcome** – no experience needed, just a willingness to help!

WHY JOIN?



BE PART OF A COMMUNITY

Meet other parents and make lasting connections.



SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN

Help fund fun resources, events and experiences for all pupils.



HAVE FUN!

From events to fundraisers, there's always something exciting going on.



EVERY LITTLE HELPS

You don't need a lot of time – every bit of help makes a big difference.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Be part of something that makes our school even better.

We'd love to have you on board. ♥

TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO CREATE WONDERFUL MEMORIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN.



INTERESTED?

We'd love to hear from you!

Get in touch or come along to our next PTA meeting.



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West Byfleet Junior School PTA

Many hands make light work – and every hand makes a difference! ♥

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



FAMILY LEARNING



Empower Your Child: Supportive Approaches to Manage Anxiety

Join our FREE workshop designed for parents and carers! In this 2-hour session, you'll work with the tutor and other parents to deepen your understanding of anxiety and learn practical ways to support your child.



What you'll learn:

- Gain a deeper understanding of childhood anxiety
- Practical ways to help your child manage anxious feelings
- Opportunities to connect with other parents in a safe, supportive environment

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



When: Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Time: 12:45 -14:45



To book your place please click on this link or scan the QR code

Web : www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
Email : family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk
Tel : 0300 200 1044



COMMUNITY GROCERY

A new Community Grocery is open 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. 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.

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