



West Byfleet Junior School

15 May 2026



Headteacher's Message

Congratulation to our brilliant Y6 children!

Alongside Year 6 children across the country, our Year 6 children completed their SATs this week, a set of tests designed to measure their attainment in English and Maths. We are so proud of the children, who worked hard and did their very best – which is all we asked of them. Well done to our year 6 children, there is still a lot of learning to do this year but it's also time to focus on enjoying your last two months with us, and marking it with a fantastic leavers' show!

Another great residential trip...

It was Year 4 children's turn to go on a residential trip last week, and they had a wonderful two days at Marchant's Hill. There were some real challenges, including an enormous zip-wire, and the children had a great time overcoming them. The children who did not attend had a lovely two days in school taking on a board game challenge, and the two groups enjoyed swapping their stories when they were all back in school together again!

Fund raising success!

A huge thank you to all of the children who got involved with the 2026 challenge, and of course to their families as well! We are very grateful to everyone involved, and we raised a fantastic £5,600! It was lovely to see a range of activities, from sponsored room tidies to backwards walkover-a-thons! This money will be used to improve the school garden, including refreshing the poly-tunnel and buying great new tools and equipment for our young gardeners. We can also now reveal the total raised by our Wear it Wild Day! We raised £527 through donations and our animal biscuit sale, all of which has been donated to the WWF. Well done everybody!



Sports Day weather reminder...

I very much look forward to seeing many of you at sports day next week. The weather forecast is currently good—cloudy and 22 degrees, but we'll keep an eye on that. If it does get hot next week, please remember to send your child in for sports days already wearing sun cream, and with a hat and bottle of water. Refreshments will be available for adults from the PTA.

Walk to School challenge

We are excited to share that our upcoming Walk to School challenge has been featured in the local news this week! The article highlights the children's enthusiasm for taking part and the importance of encouraging healthy, active travel to school.

We are looking forward to seeing as many pupils as possible joining in next week and would like to thank families in advance for supporting the initiative. You can read the full article in the Woking News & Mail here: [WBJs Walk to School Article](#)

Kind regards
Ben Wasserberg
Headteacher

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 15 May 2026

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Mon 18 May	Class Photographs	
Mon 18 - Fri 22 May	Walk to School Week	
Tue 19 May	Launch of Y4 Residential Trip for May 2027 (current Y3)	15:30-16:00
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
Wed 20 May	Launch of Y6 Residential Trip for May 2027 (current Y5)	15:30-16:00
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.	
Thur 21 May	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Mon 25 - Fri 29 May	Half Term	
Mon 1- Wed 3 June	Y6 Residential Trip to Brenscombe Outdoor Centre (<i>arrive at school at 06:45</i>)	
Wed 3 June	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 5)	10:15-12:00
Wed 3 June	Launch of Y5 Residential Trip for April 2027 (current Y4)	15:30-16:00
Thur 4 June	Y3 Trip to Fishbourne Palace	
Mon 8 June	PTA Mufti Day	
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	
Thur 11 June	Y3 Forest School Taster Experience	
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	

Absence Reporting

Absence must be reported before 9:00am - via the absence line **01932 348961(option 1)**

Please **do not** report absences via email (as these may not be immediately picked up)

Please state full name of child, child's class, reason for being absent (i.e. vomiting/diarrhoea/cold/cough/temp)

A call must be made each day your child is absent before 9:00am

Please note that for vomiting and diarrhoea - your child should not return to school until 48 hours from their last episode.

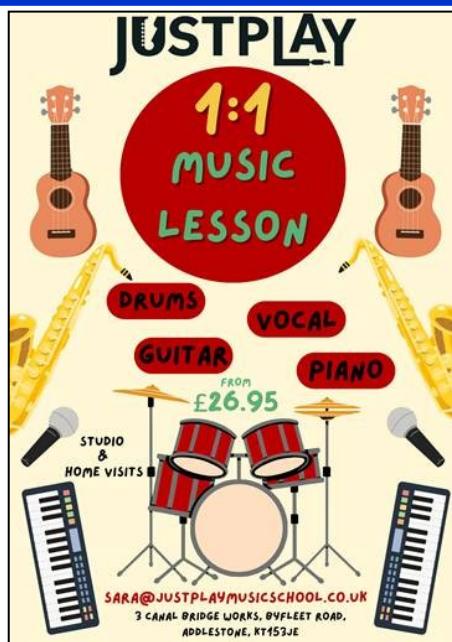
Community and School Notices

Lost property

We are somewhat struggling with the amount of lost property in school at the moment! We do expect the children to become more responsible for their own things, have reminded them to take a moment to check at the end of play and lunchtimes, and always send them back to check if they realise something is missing. We have systems in place to return named items and do spend a considerable amount of time trying to make sure lost uniform makes its way back to its owner. However, we still have far too much and it's very frustrating, as I'm very aware it is for parents too. To help, please ensure every item of clothing is named. Some parents have been putting coloured ribbon, or spots on the label etc – this is fine if your child is the one going through all of the uniform, but unfortunately does not help the school council or the adults who do this regularly. Lots of uniform is not named, and it's almost impossible to return it in that case. Some labels have names in but over time the writing has become illegible – please check your child's uniform to see if this is the case – the sewn in names are the best.

Below is a reminder of how lost property is managed at West Byfleet Junior School:

1. Children are encouraged to revisit the last area they were in and retrace their steps.
2. If the item is not found, they should check the Lost Property pegs at the end of the Year 3 corridor. Please note that items may take a few days to be handed in.
3. If the item is still missing, families can complete the Lost Property form here: [Lost Property Form](#) (or on our website in the pupils-school council 2025-26 section) and School Council will do their best to help.



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



🌴 Summer Mufti Day – Monday 8th June! 🌴

We'll be holding a Summer Mufti Day on Monday 8th June in return for donations towards our summer event - The Great Summer Mystery Bag 🌴 (more details to follow)

Each year group has a different donation theme to help us collect a fun variety of prizes:

- 🌴 Year 3 & 4 – Sweets (please no nuts or chocolate)
- 🌴 Year 5 & 6 – Small gadgets, fidgets or toys

All donations should be suitable for children to win and enjoy. 🌴

Please drop donations into the box on your way into school.

Christian World Leaders United!



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



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, met and prayed with Pope Leo XIV on Monday, April 27 2026, at the Apostolic Palace in Vatican City. This historic private meeting took place during Dame Sarah's four-day pilgrimage to Rome from April 25–28, 2026, where discussions focused on strengthening Anglican–Roman Catholic relations and encouraging greater unity between Christians around the world.



Their meeting symbolised hope, peace and cooperation at a time when many people are searching for reassurance and guidance during the many trials and tribulations facing our world today.



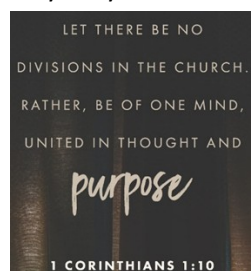
Together, these Christian leaders showed that Catholics and Protestants can stand side by side in faith, compassion and mutual respect. Their prayers and conversations reflected a shared commitment to promoting Christian values such as kindness, justice, reconciliation and service to others. Through their example, they inspire all of us to become leaders in our own communities by showing courage, humility and care for those around us.



On 8th May 2026, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the first anniversary of his leadership of the Roman Catholic Church, marking a year of faithful service and spiritual guidance. Following her Rome pilgrimage, Archbishop Sarah is continuing her 2026 pastoral schedule with upcoming visits to the dioceses of Diocese of Peterborough, Diocese of Rochester, Diocese of Leicester and Diocese of Hereford.



We send both leaders our deepest respect, understanding and support as they continue their ministries of faith, hope and unity. May they lead Christianity in God's grace.



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.