



West Byfleet Junior School

5 June 2026



Headteacher's Message

New School Logo – Uniform Information

Our logo change is ready to fully launch in September, with the website, school signage, letterheads and all things logoed due to be updated. The trickier part is school uniform, where our keenness not to waste any old uniform means a slower transition from the old logo to the new. The uniform shop (School Uniform Direct) has quite a lot of old stock still to sell, and will only sell uniform with the new logo once old stock in each respective size is sold out. This means the new uniform will become available at different times, depending on the sizes you are buying.

The uniform shop have sewed patches over the old logo for any jumpers, cardigans and thicker polo shirts. The first one has shown up in school already! There is no additional cost to parents for the items with the patches. The PE technical T-shirts and polos are too thin for a patch, so will have the old logo until the current stock is sold out.

I expect this transition from the old to new logo will take a number of years. If you have saved old uniform from older siblings, please do still use it. If you buy new uniform with the old logo, that is perfectly fine. Eventually, we may recycle any second hand uniform with the old logo that is left over, but we'll continue to keep the current stock for now. Please do not feel any pressure to buy new uniform with the new logo unless you were ready to buy new uniform anyway. We are perfectly comfortable with a mix of logos on uniform for the foreseeable future.



Staffing Changes

At the end of this academic year, we'll be saying a fond farewell to some of our staff:

Mrs Watts will be trying a different career that fits better around her growing family. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Collard, who has secured a promotion to maths leader at St Cuthbert's school. Mrs Jones will also be leaving WBSJ, and moving into the secondary sector in a specialist teaching role. We wish all three well and look forward to hearing how they're getting on in their new roles!

Mrs Suddaby and Mrs Kipping will be leaving our LSA team, both having seen the respective children they support through to the end of year 6. Mrs Kipping is embarking on a new career in phlebotomy but is available to come back and do the occasional day with us, whilst Mrs Suddaby is also starting a new career in the health industry. A huge thank you to all our staff leavers, who have all made a real contribution to our school.

We will be interviewing prospective candidates for our LSA positions next week, but have already filled our teaching positions. Miss Varney, who has been working in Tate class this term, will join us in a permanent position, and another new teacher, Mr Hague, will join us in September. Miss Stiff, who completed a long maternity cover in Year 5 this year so knows the school well, has also been appointed as a permanent member of the team. We look forward to welcoming all three of our new teachers to the staff and are really excited by the skills and energy they'll bring!

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Class Changes

Our policy is to mix classes at the end of year 4, giving children the chance to mix with other peers in their year group, widen their social circle and get used to change and making new relationships. We do of course aim to keep children with good relationships together too, and will be looking at the classes very carefully. This year we will also be mixing our year 5 classes as they move to year 6. We didn't mix them last year as we hadn't settled on a policy, but due to various children leaving and joining, the classes have become somewhat uneven.

I know for some parents and children, that this can be an anxious time. Please rest assured that we'll be taking all of the children's needs into account as we work the new classes out. We'll share classes with the children on our transition day on the 30 June, and write to you that same day. For some children, we will do extra transition work, so they may meet their new teacher and see their new classroom a little earlier, even if they don't know the make-up of the whole class.

Year 6 Residential Fun!

Our year 6 children had a wonderful time at Brenscombe this week, and although they did endure some of the worst of the British summer weather, they also had some great sunshine! Most importantly, they returned to school with some great memories having experienced archery, rifle shooting, giant canoeing and raft building, as well as orienteering their way through the countryside to Corfe Castle. They were a lovely group to take away and I loved visiting them on Tuesday and seeing the fun they were having. The children who remained in school did some fabulous work, including using AI to design their own island!

Our school aim long term is to get all children attending the residentials. They are a great chance for children to grow in independence and offer some amazing opportunities for fun, bonding and memory-making! This year we've found more local residential trips so it's not so daunting for some children and parents (as well as cheaper in terms of the coach hire). We've also reduced the number of nights to make them less expensive and accessible to more children. We have had increased attendance compared to previous years, however, I'd love to hear from parents about the barriers that stop children from attending, and if there's anything we can do about them. I'll therefore be sending out a short questionnaire to all parents in the coming weeks – please do let me know your thoughts if you can spare the time when the questionnaire comes out.



Kind regards
Ben Wasserberg
Headteacher

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 5 June 2026

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Mon 8 June	PTA Mufti Day	
Mon 8 June	Y4 Residential Trip Launch meeting (current Y3)	18:00-18:20
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	08:00-15:20
Thur 11 June	Y3 Forest School Taster Experience (in school)	
Wed 17 June	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 7)	10:15-12:00
Thur 18 June	Y4 Darwin & Shakespeare Forest Schools (session 1)	
Mon 22 - Fri 26 June	Y6 Bikeability Training	
Wed 24 June	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 8)	10:15-12:00
Thur 25 June	Y4 Darwin & Shakespeare Forest Schools (session 2)	
Mon 29 June	Y6 Ancient Islamic Civilisation Workshop	
Tue 30 June	Transition Morning	
Wed 1 July	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 9)	10:15-12:00
Thur 2 July	Y4 Darwin & Shakespeare Forest Schools (session 3)	
Thur 2 July	Y6 Windermere—DT Burger Making	
Thur 2 July	PTA Disco's Y3 & Y4 - 15.20-16:30 / Y5 & Y6 - 16:50-18:00	
Fri 3 July	Y6 Aviemore—DT Burger Making	
Mon 6 July	Y6 Snowdon—DT Burger Making	
Wed 8 July	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 10)	10:15-12:00
Thur 9 July	Y4 Darwin & Shakespeare Forest Schools (session 4)	
Fri 10 July	Full Governing Body Meeting	08:00-10:00
Fri 10 July	The PTA Great Summer Mystery Bag Bonanza!	15:20
Tue 14 July	Y6 Production Evening Performance	18:30-19:30
Wed 15 July	Y6 Production Matinee Performance	13:45-14:45
Thur 16 July	Y6 Leavers Party	13:00-15:15
Thur 17 July	Y4 Darwin & Shakespeare Forest Schools (session 5)	
Thur 17 July	Y6 Production Evening Performance	18:30-19:30
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	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.

WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL
2026 CHALLENGE SUPERSTARS!
 THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING FUNDRAISERS!

TOP 3 FUNDRAISERS!

- ★ 1ST Stanley Amazon Tablet
- ★ 2ND Franklin Lego Voucher
- ★ 3RD Zack Cinema Voucher

TOGETHER, YOU RAISED AN INCREDIBLE **£5600!** This will go towards improving our **SCHOOL GARDEN!**

CLASS WINNERS!
 Congratulations to **EDEN'S CLASS** who raised the highest amount with the greatest number of participants!

You're all stars!

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EVERY LITTLE EFFORT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR GARDEN GROW!

***Summer Disco Alert! ***

Get ready to groove at our Summer Disco on Thursday 2nd July

Year 3 & 4: 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Year 5 & 6: 4.50pm - 6.00pm

🕺 Dancing, games and a tasty tuck shop await! 🎵🍷

Tickets: £6.50

Available to buy NOW over at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/westbyfleetjuniorschoolpta

Don't miss out on the fun – remember this is year 6's final farewell disco! grab your ticket now! 🌟

Summer Disco

THURSDAY 2nd JULY

YEAR 3 & 4: 3.20 – 4.30pm

YEAR 5 & 6: 4.50-6PM

£6.50 per Child

Year 6 LAST school disco!

Year 3&4 come straight from class, and can go to Wingbats or Discovery after
 Year 5&6 come from home or from Discovery Club,

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WESTBYFLEETJUNIORSCHOOLPTA

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



West Byfleet Junior School Parent Teacher Association



***☎️ 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 will 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.

Your support and generosity help make these events really special and enjoyable for all the children thank you so much!

Enjoy the rest of the half term with this glorious, sunny weather ✨☎️... PTA team.

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

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.

Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!

JOIN
WEST BYFLEET TOGETHER

ON THE 4TH OF JULY 2026

FOR A SUN-SOAKED SCREENING
OF THE ULTIMATE FEEL-GOOD CLASSIC –
MAMMA MIA!
At West Byfleet Junior School

OUTDOOR SCREENING OF MAMMA MIA!
BAR AVAILABLE
FOOD STALLS ON-SITE
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC BLANKETS
SUMMER EVENING VIBES GUARANTEED

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM, WITH THE FILM STARTING AT 7PM.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING THE WEST BYFLEET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON, HELPING US CONTINUE BRINGING FESTIVE CHEER TO THE VILLAGE EACH YEAR.

TICKETS: £5 CHILDREN 0-16 £10 ADULTS

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS ONLINE!
OR VISIT:
<https://west-byfleet-cinema.eventbrite.com/>

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY **New Haweli**
INDIAN RESTAURANT & BAR

Outdoor Cinema Night – Mamma Mia! at West Byfleet Junior School

Parents, families and local residents are invited to enjoy a special Outdoor Cinema Night this summer, organised by West Byfleet Together.

The event will take place on **Saturday 4 July** on the **West Byfleet Junior School playing fields**, featuring a screening of the popular musical film **Mamma Mia!** in a relaxed, family-friendly setting.

Event details:

- **Date:** Saturday 4 July
- **Venue:** West Byfleet Junior School Playing Fields
 - **Gates open:** 6.00pm
 - **Film starts:** 7.00pm

Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and folding chairs to make themselves comfortable while enjoying the film under the summer sky. Food stalls and refreshments, including a bar, will be available throughout the evening.

As well as providing a fun community event, all proceeds will support the annual **West Byfleet Christmas Lights Switch-On**, helping to ensure this much-loved festive tradition can continue for years to come.

Tickets need to be booked in advance:

Book online: <https://west-byfleet-cinema.eventbrite.com>