



West Byfleet Junior School

17 July 2026



Headteacher's Message

Our Amazing West Byfleet Community!

We've enjoyed a couple of great events in West Byfleet over the last two weekends. Firstly, we opened our school field for West Byfleet Together to show 'Mamma Mia' on a giant portable cinema screen. I believe there were 500 plus people there, including my own family, lots of you from school and other West Byfleet residents. The weather was lovely, the atmosphere was fun and friendly, and it was lovely to see lots of people singing and dancing at the end!

Last weekend it was the 10th anniversary of the West Byfleet Community Choir, started by our very own Mr Broadbent. Our school choir joined the adults at the church for a concert to mark the occasion and were also joined by the Y7 choir from Fullbrook, a superb pianist from St George's and the saxophone ensemble from Heathside. It was a wonderful evening in a packed out church, and it was really special to see all the choirs and musicians together at the end and sing and perform so beautifully. The community choir is open to all, there are no auditions, you just need to be willing to join in. Lots of our parents are already part of it - contact Mr B if you're interested in joining!

Both events left me feeling really privileged to be a part of this community - it's friendly, welcoming, inclusive, talented and knows how to have a good time!

Goodbyes and Thank Yous!

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. It's very bittersweet for us all - we feel the children are ready for secondary school and we're so proud of the progress they've made, but of course we'll miss them and everything they add to our school! We'll be sorry to see our Year 6 families move on too. Whilst lots of you have younger children still coming through the school, for some this marks the end of their time with us. Thank you for all of your support over the years, and for being part of our story, as much as we have been a part of yours.

We hope to see many of you at the celebration concert on Wednesday next week at 9.30. We'll entertain you with some songs and poetry, whilst we have lots of awards to celebrate the children's achievements. Please bring a chair if you'd like to be seated as we only have 90 chairs and are expecting many more than that to attend. The concert should finish around 10.30 - 10.45. Later on, Year 6 children will finish at 12.00 and be dismissed through the gate on to the rec. The whole school will be out to say goodbye! Then it's a 1.25 collection for all other year groups. Splitting it this way allows us to really focus on the Year 6 children leaving and for us all to be there, but a couple of parents have said it causes some issues for them. Whilst it's too late for this year, I will consult with parents for next year to see if this needs re-thinking, and apologies to those it's inconvenienced this year.

Finally, a thank you to you all! We really value your support, expertise and indeed your challenge as we look to make our school the very best it can be. I hope all the children have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing our Year 3 to Year 5 children back again in September, and wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they begin life at their new schools.

Thank you
Ben Wasserberg

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 17 July 2026

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Mon 20 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	09:00-10:00
Wed 22 July	End of Year Concert and Awards	09:30-10.45
Wed 22 July	School Ends for Year 6	12:00
Wed 22 July	School Ends for Years 3, 4 & 5 at 13:25	13:25

AUTUMN TERM 2026

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September

START OF TERM: Thursday 3rd September 2026

HALF TERM: Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2026

END OF TERM: Friday 18th December 2026 (**Early Finish – 1.25pm**)

SPRING TERM 2027

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January 2027

START OF TERM: Tuesday 5th January 2027

HALF TERM: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

END OF TERM: Thursday 25th March 2027 (**Early Finish – 1.25pm**)

SUMMER TERM 2027

START OF TERM: Monday 12th April 2027

INSET DAY: Friday 28th May 2027

HALF TERM: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

END OF TERM: Tuesday 27th July 2027 (**Early Finish – 1.25pm**)

INSET DAY: Wednesday 28th July 2027

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.

Congratulations to our House Point Champions!

Tim Peake House (blue) are our champions this year!

They won 12 weeks out of the 37, just beating David Attenborough House (green) in the final week to win by one. Rosa Parks House (red) and Stephen Hawking House (yellow) tie for third place this year.



BRIAN CONLEY

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

THE GREATEST PANTO ON EARTH

Thursday 10th December 7pm
New Victoria Theatre Woking
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS £30
FAMILY OF FOUR £115

Fantastic price seats in the stalls- Doors open 17.30pm
LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE SO DONT MISS OUT!

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WESTBYFLEETJUNIORSCHOOLPTA

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!




Panto Tickets!

Oh yes they are... Panto tickets are on sale tomorrow (Saturday 4th July at 9am)!

We are delighted to announce that this year's school pantomime trip will be to see Goldilocks and the Three Bears on Thursday 10th December at 7:00pm.

Ticket prices:

- * £30 per person
- * £115 for a family of four

Please note that tickets will only be available until the end of September, so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

Get ready for an evening filled with laughter, music, spectacular performances, and plenty of panto fun. It promises to be a fantastic festive treat for the whole family!

Don't leave it until it's too late—secure your seats and join us for a magical night at the theatre!

★ Don't Forget 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
- ★ Summer Golden Draw
 £10,000 Cash Bonanza

Proceeds go straight to the school!
 This is 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

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FAMILY LEARNING



First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

This FREE three-week course (2-hour sessions) will help you explore the early signs of school-related difficulties and understand the common reasons behind non-attendance.

What you'll learn:

- Understand the range of reasons why your child may struggle to attend school or take part in certain lessons
- Learn about reasonable adjustments that can be agreed with the school to support your child
- Feel more confident advocating for your child

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

When: Wed 16th Sept - 30th Sept 2026

Time: 09:30 - 11:30

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



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Wednesday 7th October 2026

Access and advice to Autism support

Wednesday 7th October 2026, 9.30-11am, Woking

This session is for parents, carers and wider family members to hear about what is available to support families of Autistic children.

We are able to support pre and post diagnosis.

During this session you will:

- Learn about the help and support available from the Surrey Family Support Service
- Find out how you can access our support
- Learn more about the Mindworks partnership
- Be signposted to other local support
- Have the opportunity to join a Q&A session for information and advice
- For any questions, please email: Surrey.Family.Support@surreycc.gov.uk

How to attend:

- You can just turn up on the day, however if you are able to let us know you are coming it would be helpful for our planning. Please complete the following form to register your place: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning/autism-support>

The session will be held at:
**Woking Family Centre,
The Bungalow, Sythwood Primary School, Horsell,
GU21 3AX**



Summer Lunch Project

FREE packed lunch for any child (regardless of circumstances)

27th July to 28th August

Monday to Friday 12 noon to 12.45pm

St Paul's Church



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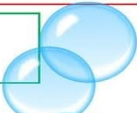
**Longden Avenue
Off Strawberry Fields**

Sun Shining? Enjoy a Picnic Lunch!

Why not enjoy your free lunch on the front lawn at St Paul's Church. Bring a picnic blanket or use our tables and chairs. Parents/Carers must supervise their children at all times.

Contact us at hebrews@stpaulscofe.org or on 07743 243008 with any queries

Watch out for a Bubble Friday!







Teen Life Program

Join the National Autistic Society's Teen Life program for parents and carers of young autistic people aged 10 to 18.

Starting on 4th November 9.30 – 12pm
**Woking Family Centre
Sythwood
GU21 3AX**

The six-session program covers:

- understanding autism
- understanding autistic identity
- stress and anxiety/understanding behaviour
- health and wellbeing
- puberty
- education/planning for the future.

"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing."
Parent

The Teen Life program aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic teenagers.

For more information contact:
Name: Surrey Family Support Services
Contact: Surrey.Family.Support@nas.org.uk
or wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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



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