West Byfleet Junior School

25 September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Amazing Academic Performance

We received our provisional SATs results just before the summer and are very proud of the children involved! The results can vary slightly when they are made public in December as any marking mistakes are rectified and some children's results are withdrawn under specific circumstances - but I'm pleased to share that, like last year, pupils at West Byfleet Junior School achieved outcomes well above the national average and above the Surrey average, demonstrating attainment that was higher than that of children of the same age both nationally and within the local area. They also made really good progress from their starting points compared to other children in order to get there – a huge well done to the children, and to the teachers, support staff and parents who worked together to give them the platform for their success! You can see our 2024-25 results through this link: 2024-25 outcomes or find them on our website under school information – key policies and strategic documents – academic achievement. Our 2025-26 results will be added when they are ratified and published in December, and we look forward to sharing them with you!

A Great Start to the Year!

We continue to enjoy a wonderful start to the year at school and there's a great sense of purpose around the building. The children are working really hard and making the most of their learning opportunities. It's been lovely to walk the school and see so many enthusiastic and engaged children in their lessons. Our Year 6 children are really embracing their role at the top of the school, and our Year 3 are settling in to the routines in their new school – they are doing so well! Our Year 4 and Year 5 children have really impressed their new teachers with both their attitude and their high standards of work!

Promotional Photography Day

On Thursday next week (1st October) we have Edupic visiting us to take new photos and video for the website. Children may therefore be involved in some one-off activities on that day as we look to showcase our grounds and resources, and we'll be asking a small number of children to change in to PE kit at lunchtime. Please do send your child in on Thursday looking extra smart! Our website is overdue a refresh and we look forward to launching an improved version, complete with new images, as soon as everything is ready.

Sports Day Date

Sports Day will be on Thursday May 27th this year, which is the last day of school for children before the May half term. Y5 and 6 will be doing their events on the field in the morning between 9.30 and 11.30. Y3 and 4 will be doing theirs in the afternoon between 1.00 and 3.00. Parents and families are warmly invited to come and watch and cheer the children on. We'll be approaching sports day slightly differently this year, trying to make time for some more competitive events whilst still retaining the inclusive element that works so well for our children who can find sports day a source of anxiety. I know it's some way off, but it's a good date to get in the diary early!

Thank you
Ben Wasserberg

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 25 September 2026

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Tue 29 Sept	Y6 Hindu Workshops	13:30-15:00
Wed 30 Sept	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 3)	10:15-12:00
Thur 1 Oct	NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations	
Mon 5 Oct	Y3 Tate First Feet Walking Activity	09:30-12:00
Mon 5 Oct	Y4 Nightingale Visit to the Synagogue	13:00-15:00
Tue 6 Oct	Y3 Eden Feet First Walking Activity	09:30-12:00
Tue 6 Oct	School Tours for Y2 parents (for Y3 entry Sept 27)	13:30-15:00 & 18:15-19:30
Tue 6 Oct	Y4 Darwin Visit to the Synagogue	13:00-15:00
Wed 7 Oct	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 4)	10:15-12:00
Thur 8 Oct	Y3 Kew Feet First Walking Activity	09:30-12:00
Thur 8 Oct	Y5 Trip to Hampton Court	
Mon 12 Oct	Individual and Internal Sibling Photographs	
Tue 13 Oct	Y6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum	
Tue 13 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Visit to the Synagogue	13:00-15:00
Wed 14 Oct	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 5)	10:15-12:00
Thur 15 Oct	Cross Site Sibling Photographs (at Infants—sign up essential)	08:00
Mon 19 – Fri 30 Oct	Half Term (two weeks)	
Wed 4 Nov	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 6)	10:15-12:00
Thur 5 Nov	Outdoor Classroom Day	
Fri 6 Nov	PTA Fireworks event	
Mon 9 Nov	Y4 Bikeability Training (optional)	
Mon 9 Nov	Parent Consultations (face to face)	16:00-19:00
Tue 10 Nov	Y4 Bikeability Training (optional)	
Wed 11 Nov	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 7)	10:15-12:00
Wed 11 Nov	Parent Consultations (face to face)	15:40-18:00
Thur 12 Nov	Y4 Bikeability Training (optional)	
Mon 16 Nov	Y4 Bikeability Training (optional)	
Mon 16 Nov	Y5 Fire Safety Education Workshops	
Tue 17 Nov	Y4 Visit to Butser Ancient Farm	
Wed 18 Nov	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 8)	10:15-12:00
Thur 19 Nov	Y3 Tate Visit to the Lightbox, Woking	
Fri 20 Nov	Y3 Kew Visit to the Lightbox, Woking	
Wed 25 Nov	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 9)	10:15-12:00
Wed 2 Dec	Y4 Darwin Swimming (session 10)	10:15-12:00
Thur 3 Dec	Y3 Eden Visit to the Lightbox, Woking	
Fri 4 Dec	Y3 Tate Nativity Performance for parents	14:00-14:45
Mon 7 Dec	Y3 Kew Nativity Performance for parents	14:00-14:45
Thur 10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
Fri 11 Dec	Y3 Eden Nativity Performance for parents	14:00-14:45
Tue 15 Dec	Y3/Y4 Christmas Singing Service at St John's Church – all welcome	09:30-10:15
Tue 15 Dec	Y5/Y6 Christmas Singing Service at St John's Church – all welcome	11:00-11:45
Fri 18 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term, school closes 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.

Community and School Notices

🎭 *PANTO TICKETS – LAST CHANCE!* 🎭

Don't miss Goldilocks and the Three Bears, starring Brian Conley! 🐻

📅 Thursday 10th December

🕖 7pm show

💷 Seats in the stalls Tickets must be booked by this *Sunday 27th September*. After this date, no further tickets will be available through the PTA.

☞ Book here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/westbyfleetjuniorschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=120114

Hope to see you there! 🎅🐻✨





🌴 FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA – TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! 🌴

🎇We're so excited to announce that tickets for West Byfleet Junior School's Firework Extravaganza are officially on sale now! 🎇✨
Join us on Friday 6th November for an amazing evening packed with:

🌴 Spectacular fireworks
🎵 Live music
🍔 Food Court
🍹 Bar
🎡 Rides
✨ Glow items
🎪 Stalls
🧠 Sensory viewing area
🚪 Gates open 5.30pm
🌴 Fireworks 7pm
💷 EARLY BIRD TICKETS:
Adults – £8
Children – £5
Pre-schoolers – FREE
Tickets purchased on the gate will be £1 extra each, so grab your early bird tickets NOW!
Book here: ☞ pta-events.co.uk/westbyfleetjuniorschoolpta

Please share with family, friends and our wider West Byfleet community — everyone is welcome! 🎉We can't wait to make this year's Firework Extravaganza another fantastic night for our school and community! 🎉🎉
West Byfleet Junior School PTA 🎉



Yom Kippur – A Time for Reflection



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

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, and was observed last weekend, September 20 – 21, 2026. It is a deeply significant time when Jewish people reflect on their actions, seek forgiveness and consider how they can make positive choices in the year ahead. Many attend synagogue services, fast and spend time in prayer and reflection.



Yom Kippur also connects Jewish people with their history and faith. It recalls Moses, who led their ancestors to freedom from slavery in Egypt, and was given of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. Moses brought the commandments down twice, following the Israelites' worship of the golden calf. These teachings remain important in Jewish life, guiding people in how they live and treat others.



As we approach this important occasion, we also remember the Jewish worshippers gathered at Heaton Park Synagogue in Manchester on Yom Kippur last year, when a terrorist attack brought profound sadness and sorrow to the Jewish community. We hold in our thoughts all those affected, recognising the importance of compassion, remembrance and standing together during difficult times.



At West Byfleet Junior School, we encourage everyone to get along, respect all faiths and worldviews, and show kindness, especially when others are experiencing sadness or hardship. By learning about different beliefs and traditions, we strengthen our understanding of one another and celebrate the values that unite us as a school community.



Runnymede Family Centre Drop-in

Parenting advice and support available from the Runnymede Family Centre team.
Just drop in and ask for a confidential chat with one of our family support workers.

- **Mondays 10:00 - 12:00** at the Revive Coffee Shop 99, Guildford Street Chertsey, KT16 9AS
- **2nd Tuesday of the month 10:00 - 12:00** at The Village Centre Cafe, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0QX
- **Fridays 9:00 - 10:00** at Runnymede Family Centre, The Poplars, Queen Mary Drive, New Haw, Addlestone, KT15 3TT

Please scan the QR code or visit our website to register your interest.

www.barnardosfamilycentressurrey.org.uk

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WOKING FAMILY CENTRE AND SURREY MINORITY ETHNIC FORUM (in partnership)

Online 4 week course
1st - 22nd October 2026
10.00am - 11.30am

The Nurturing Programme
(formerly The Parenting Puzzle)

This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

A laptop is required to access Teams link or a device that enables the chat function

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 310419

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

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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.

Lunchtime Supervisor Role

We are looking for an additional lunchtime supervisor to join our team, to assist caring for children during their lunch break.

This role will involve you accompanying the children throughout the lunchtime period both in the dining hall and to play outside in the playground. You will support and encourage play activities with the other children. You will also attend to minor first aid incidents.

You will play a key role in influencing our children's social skills therefore it is essential you enjoy working with children, are a good role model and have an empathetic nature.

Days required: Monday – Friday (term time only), duty time: 11.45am – 1.15pm

Hours: 11.45 am – 1.15pm (7.5 hours per week)

Salary: Surrey PS1/2 £24,092 (pro rata)

Start Date: As soon as possible

Closing date: 2 October 2026 9.00am

To apply, please contact the school office for either an electronic or paper application form, or apply using the Eteach form: https://www.eteach.com/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1574867 CVs are not acceptable.

West Byfleet Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers (references sought prior to interview) and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). We follow the statutory guidance from the Department for Education on Keeping Children Safe in Education and adhere to our school's safeguarding policy. As part of our safer recruitment process, we will also conduct online checks on shortlisted candidates, including social media, to identify any incidents or issues that may affect their suitability to work with children. Candidates will be informed of this in advance and will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with us at the interview stage.

