West Byfleet Junior School

9 October 2026

Headteacher's Message

Bring a Bear Day!

Thank you everyone for supporting Bring a Bear Day today. We've had a lovely day in school today and it's been fun to meet all of the children's bears! There have been some prizes to be won in each class for the best dressed bear, most loved bear, most unique bear and best bear name—not easy decisions for our teachers and learning support assistants with such a great range of bears!
You have been really generous in donating and it's really appreciated. At the time of writing we've raised over £750 which is a really amazing donation to be able to make to the Woking and Sam Beare Hospice—thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!
I know there will have been some members of our school community who haven't been able to donate this time and that's completely understandable given how tough times are. Through no fault of their own, many people at the moment are in situations where they really have to focus on looking after themselves and their families first, and that's absolutely what they should do.
We'll still have some donations coming in today, and some cash was handed in which we'll convert to donations on the donations page so I'll send out a final total next week, but again, thank you so much! I've already had a message from the charity to say they've seen the donations flooding in and they are really delighted.





Thank you to all involved in Open Evening

Another thank you is owed to our parents and children involved in our open evening for prospective parents. Thank you school council children for being brave enough to speak about your experience here at WBJS, and for all the lovely things you said, and to the choir who sang beautifully as they always do. Thanks to the children who took part in the activities, to those who ran the tours in the afternoon and of course to the parents who dropped their children off and collected them, giving up time in their evenings so their children could be present. We had so many wonderful comments about our school, especially about how confident, friendly and eloquent our children are!

Safety Reminder

I'd once again like to remind everyone that the short road that leads to the church car park is not a safe place to walk in the mornings or at collection time. When cars turn in to it, there's no room for pedestrians and an accident is a very real possibility. Please take the extra minute to walk through the area by the front of the church—a far more pleasant and much safer route.

Thank you
Ben Wasserberg

Diary Reminders & Updates

Friday 9 October 2026

Please check each newsletter as dates are occasionally subject to change

Mon 12 Oct	Individual and Internal Sibling Photographs	
Tue 13 Oct	Y6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum	08:30
Tue 13 Oct	Y4 Shakespeare Visit to the Synagogue	13:00-15:00
Tue 13 Oct	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale—Playground	19:45-20:30
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 at Infants
Fri 16 Oct	Lonsdale Class Bake Sale	
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
Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Dinner	
Fri 18 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term, school closes at 13:25	13:25

Autumn term Parent Consultations will take place in the school hall on:

Monday 9 November 4:00pm - 7:00pm and Wednesday 11 November 3.40pm - 6:00pm

Please be aware that these times provided above are the only times available for your Autumn term parental consultations. We will not be able to provide additional times outside of these.

We are offering the opportunity for you to sign up online for your child's appointment. This will be available on Scopay from **Monday 12 October at 6pm**, and will go offline on Friday 30 October. If you find you are unable to book an appointment via Scopay, please contact the school office who can help you book an appointment.

Community and School Notices

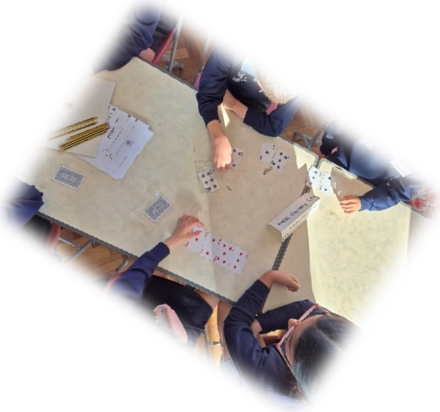
AIM High Maths Day

Last Thursday, a group of selected children attended the AIM High Maths Day at St George's School. The day was filled with mathematical fun, games, puzzles and even a little magic, all led by **Andrew Jeffrey**, a mathematician and magician.

Throughout the day, the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and were enthusiastic participants in every activity. They developed their teamwork skills, embraced opportunities to wonder and explore, tackled challenging problems and showed resilience by experimenting, learning from mistakes and trying different approaches. It was a fantastic day that inspired mathematical thinking and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.









✨ *FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA – FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER!* ✨

Tickets are ON SALE NOW!

Get ready for one of the biggest nights in the West Byfleet calendar!

Join us on *Friday 6th November* for an unforgettable family night packed with:

- An amazing fireworks display
- Music
- Delicious food and drinks
- Glow items to light up the night
- Our tuck shop packed with treats
- And plenty of fun for the whole family!

Whether you come with the friends, family or your whole street, it's going to be a night to remember!

***FIREWORKS RAFFLE**!* For just £2 a ticket, you could win some incredible prizes -

Our Star Prize this year is a NINJA AIR-FRYER and then Brooklands Spa voucher, Sony headphones, Bocketts Farm tickets, Mr Mulligan's Pirate Golf tickets, restaurant vouchers and much MORE!

You don't need to attend the fireworks or be a school family to enter the raffle, please share with friends and family!

All event information, fireworks tickets, raffle tickets and the full prize list can be found on the PTA events website. : https://www.pta-events.co.uk/westbyfleetjuniorschoolpta



WEST BYFLEET JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



LOGO'D JUMPERS | CARDIGANS | POLO TOPS
SHIRTS | TROUSERS | SKIRTS | SHORTS | TIES
PE JUMPERS | PE TOPS | PE SHORTS

TUES 13TH OCT | 7.45 - 8.30PM

JUNIOR PLAYGROUND

CARD ONLY PLEASE

Please bring your own carrier bags

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.

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.

Harvest Collection

Thank you very much for the contributions you made to our harvest collection. Our School Council worked hard to sort them, with a little help from a few other children, and Byfleet United Charities collected them earlier today. These will go towards making some fantastic Christmas hampers for those that need them this year.



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 November 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/careers/westbyfleetjunior/job/lunchtime-supervisor-1578042 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