

# Wraysbury Primary School Whole School Newsletter



## May/June 2025

Welcome back to the last half term of the school year! We wanted to reflect on and share everything that we have been learning during the last half term! So much has happened and we are looking forward to seven weeks of warm summer weather and to taking our learning outside as much as we can over the rest of this year!

Over the last week we have welcomed a new member of staff, Mrs Murray who joins us as a Teaching Assistant in EYFS and we welcome back Ms Henderson and Ms Robson as our swimming teachers. At the end of the Half Term we said farewell to Mr Emadi who has left us to undertake a more specialist Teaching Assistant role.

### Spring Fayre:

What an amazing turn out we had a few Saturdays ago! The weather was perfect and there was such a great array of fun stalls and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. It was wonderful to see the playground and field alive and buzzing with children and adults, young and old. The PTFA Spring Fayre organising team worked so hard to organise this event, so thank you for supporting them, and the school, in raising over £4000. Thank you to all who helped, but in particular to;

Frosts Estate Agents - this really wouldn't have happened if you hadn't put so much effort in!

Did you come to the Fayre and think that you would have liked to have been involved or perhaps you have some ideas for future events? It would be great to see you at our next meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm in the school hall. The PTFA team work hard to support the school, and are also a sociable bunch who like a laugh whilst raising funds for our children.

### Sports:

In our last newsletter we shared with you the hard work some of the Upper Junior children had put in to be selected for the WPS Football Squad, since then, the squad have been involved in 2 tournaments - one for the Boys and one for the Girls. We were so proud as a school to host the PSD Football Tournaments this year, with 4 other schools joining us, ensuring that there was plenty of competition. Although our teams did not make it onto the podium this time, Coach Olly and the other staff were so proud of the determination, courage and resilience our children showed. They worked hard as a team,

encouraging and supporting each other to be the best they could be!

### Intra House Competitions

At the end of the half term some of our year groups took part in their Intra House Competitions. The current standings are

Air	Earth	Fire	Water
305 points	318 points	303 points	304 points

Year 1 have been having some fantastic gymnastic coaching from Nikki this half term. Nikki comes to us as part of our subscription to The Windsor School Sport Partnership (WSSP). Each year group from Y1-6 have had coaching from a variety of WSSP's coaches throughout the year and this coming half term it is the turn of Year 6 - have you asked your child what they did in their sessions?

### No Limits to Learning

#### **All Learning together**

It is not only the children who are learning in school! In fact, all members of staff receive training and development throughout the year in order to ensure we are delivering the

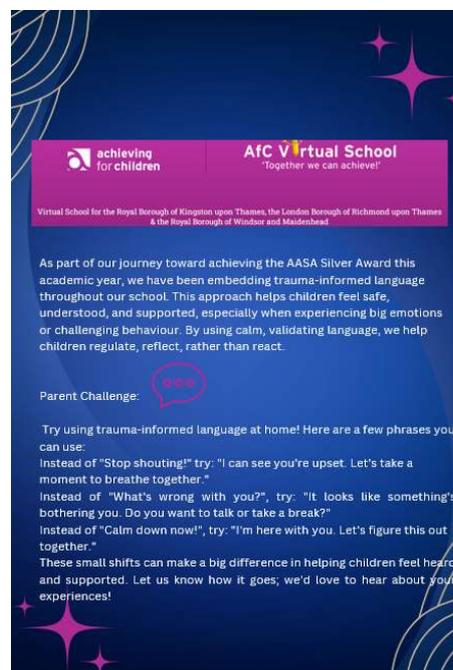
best strategies, approaches and techniques. The training also ensures that all adults are using a consistent approach across the school - this benefits all children, but especially our neurodiverse children, for whom consistency is key. This term, we have been revisiting our behaviour and regulation policy, developing our knowledge of using "Show Me Boards", looking at History, English and Science books across the school and last week, our subject leaders have been to network meetings at other schools across the borough in order to share the good practice. Two members of the Senior Leadership Team have also completed the National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) in Leading Behaviour and Culture, and Leading Teacher Development, and other members of the SLT are most of the way through NPQs in Early Years Leadership, Senior Leadership, and SENDCo.

**Premises:**

Work on the swimming pool is complete - our contractors have had to deal with such varying weather conditions, it has been challenging for them to predict how long the different adhesives, cements and grouts would take to cure and the hot weather made it challenging to fill the pool because there was a chance that the tiles might have cracked due to the heat and the sudden cold water.

Another area that has moved forward in the past few weeks is our fantastic Eco Area. Thanks to a small team of staff and volunteers, overgrown areas have been cut back, logs have been placed around the story telling chair, and it is ready for children to use. This is an area that constantly needs time given to it, and we still have great plans to develop it, so if you can give any time, please do contact the office.

**SEND Update**



The poster features the AFC Virtual School logo with the tagline 'Together we can achieve'. It includes the text: 'Virtual School for the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames & the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead'. The main text reads: 'As part of our journey toward achieving the AASA Silver Award this academic year, we have been embedding trauma-informed language throughout our school. This approach helps children feel safe, understood, and supported, especially when experiencing big emotions or challenging behaviour. By using calm, validating language, we help children regulate, reflect, rather than react.' A 'Parent Challenge' section is highlighted with a speech bubble icon, containing phrases like 'Instead of "Stop shouting!" try: "I can see you're upset. Let's take a moment to breathe together."' and 'Instead of "What's wrong with you?" try: "It looks like something's bothering you. Do you want to talk or take a break?"'.

**EYFS**

There has been great excitement in Reception (and the rest of the school) when over 20 chicks hatched this week. The children have been counting down and checking the incubator daily. Reception would like to thank Miss Warrell for kindly providing all the equipment and eggs.



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for 'Stay and Play' and we hope you enjoyed watching one of our 'Drawing Club' lesson. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' particularly finishing the week by making our own jam sandwiches.



## **Reception Cohort 25-26**

It is that time of year again where we start to prepare for our new cohort of children starting at Wraysbury Primary School. We are in the process of contacting all the nurseries so that we can visit each child in their present setting. This gives the practitioners an insight into each child's educational experience and allows a discussion with the keyworker. It also enables the child to meet an adult before starting in September, thereby helping the transition process.

### **Dates for your diary:**

New Children Stay and Play - 4/7/25

New Parents Induction Meeting 3/7/25 – 7pm

Teddy Bears' Picnic 11/7/25

Details to follow

We look forward to welcoming all our new children and parents.

## **KS1**

Thank you to the amazing parents of Year 1 pupils! So many of you came to see what they were doing in our Design Technology (DT) – we were in fact making puppets! Thank you for joining in the fun.

What a fantastic first half of the Summer Term we have had in KS1. Badgers Class impressed us all with their fantastic class assembly, which they wrote themselves! They shared everything they've learned in Geography this term

with such confidence and enthusiasm and spent time talking about their wonderful learning with parents afterwards too.

Year 1 enjoyed a special sewing workshop with their parents. It was heart-warming to see children and adults working together so creatively, in such a fantastically set up space. There were plenty of proud smiles all round, and it was clear how much everyone enjoyed the experience. In Year 2, children have been busy in DT exploring healthy eating. They tried a variety of vegetables, tasted new flavours, and put their learning into practice by designing and making their own healthy wraps.

A reminder that Phonics Screening week, which a statutory KS1 assessment, takes place the week commencing 9th June 2025. Children in Year 1 will be taking these, alongside children in Year 2 resitting.

## **Lower Juniors – Years 3 & 4**

### **Year 3**

Year 3 have taken a trip back in time to Ancient Egypt to launch their new history topic. To kick things off, the children "flew" to Cairo to visit the awe-inspiring Great Pyramids of Egypt. Since then, they've been exploring the vital role of the River Nile in ancient Egyptian civilization, learning about hieroglyphics, and discovering the fascinating world of Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. This engaging unit

culminated in an exciting Ancient Egyptian Day last Thursday, where children and parents participated in a variety of hands-on activities, including mummifying a tomato!

A huge well done to Robins Class for their fantastic class assembly earlier this term! The children confidently shared their learning about rocks, Ancient Egypt, and the challenge of equivalent fractions. It was a pleasure to see their knowledge and enthusiasm on display.

### **Year 4**

Year 4 have had a very exciting few weeks, particularly for those who attended the recent residential trip. The children were exceptionally well-behaved and a joy to take away for three days. They embraced a wide range of adventurous activities, including fencing, canoeing, and the zip wire. Be sure to check out our school Instagram page for more photos and highlights from the trip.

In Science, the children have been exploring how sound is made and how it travels. In History, they have been investigating the fierce Vikings. They've also had the chance to design and create impressive models of Viking longships. This unit concluded with a hands-on workshop delivered by Chertsey Museum, which was educational and great fun. Year 4 have also been off site to a Jewish Synagogue this term in order to consolidate their learning about Judaism.

They found it extremely insightful and the Rabbi at the Synagogue was very impressed that our children knew so much!

## Upper Juniors – Years 5 & 6

### Year 5

Year 5 have shown great focus this term as they dived into their topics on Ancient Greece and geometry in Maths. They've been actively exploring their classroom and school grounds to identify angles, using geoboards and elastic bands to support their understanding. They have also created treasure maps to help reinforce their knowledge of coordinates.

In History, the children have been learning about the legacy of Alexander the Great and the origins of the Olympic Games. To bring history to life, they are planning their own mini-Olympics to recreate some of the events the ancient Greeks would have enjoyed.

### Year 6

Huge congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs a couple of weeks ago! The children approached the tests with determination and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. To celebrate, they enjoyed a well-earned trip to the park on the Friday, complete with sunshine and ice-cream.

In English, the children have written powerful and well-researched biographies on Rosa Parks, showcasing their ability to craft engaging and thoughtful pieces of writing.

## Welcoming Parents In!

Thank you for coming and joining us for the many events that we have put on. The Y3 Egyptian day was great fun at the end of the half term and we are looking forward to the Year 5 parents joining us on Wednesday for Greek Pottery making! The assemblies have been so well received this term as have the activities we have invited parents in for. We have many more opportunities planned across the summer term but we would also like to hear suggestions from you of workshops we can put on to support you or perhaps to answer questions on a topic. We're going to call these workshops "Wraysbury Wonders" so do please feed through to us any topics you would like us to fit in this half term.

## Communication

Do please keep an eye on our website. It will be updated regularly with useful information including letters, useful links and details of what the children are currently learning. Why not install the eschools app so that you are updated when something new is uploaded. We will also be continuing to use Twitter and Instagram to celebrate the wonderful work and achievements of our children. Follow us on @wraysburyschool

## Lunch Boxes

A reminder that lunchboxes should be as healthy as possible and **should not** contain sweets or chocolate bars. Please also remember

that we are a nut free school so no nut products please.

## Warm Weather and Water Bottles

Please ensure that you child has a water bottle in school each day. A reminder that they should have water in them **not squash** please. Also please ensure that your child has sun-cream applied before they come to school and that they bring a hat.

## Parking and the Gates!

A reminder that we have 3 gates. The gates are open from 8.30-8.40 and from 3.05 each afternoon. Any child arriving after the gates have closed should be accompanied to the office by an adult please and signed in. At the moment we seem to have a high number of late children. Please set your alarms 10 minutes earlier and ensure that your child is in school on time so that it does not disadvantage their learning, interrupt the learning of the class or take up the time of the Office Team.

Please **do not park** on the grass verges, the white zig-zags or yellow zig-zags outside the front of the school or on yellow lines. Our gateway is also not a lay by and **should not be used as somewhere to pull in and drop off**. Please park elsewhere, especially as cameras have now been installed to monitor the parking and to issue fixed penalty notices as appropriate.

The George has given permission for parking in the

pub car park but for mornings only. A good place to park is the Village Hall Car Park which is along The Green and then walk.

### **Scooter/Cycle Pods**

We hope the children will use the scooter and cycle pods! Please be aware that we cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to them. Please consider locking your child's bike/scooter.

### **Attendance**

Please remember to ring the school office if your child is not going to be at school because they are ill. If we don't hear from you, we will send a text followed by a phone call to your named contacts in order to check that everything is OK and it is vital we know the reason for absence in order to monitor and report to the borough and other authorities. If we are concerned that we cannot contact you we may contact the Borough or do home visits to check you are safe.

**All term time absence** needs to be requested on a term time absence form, available from the office or the website. A reminder that holidays cannot be authorised in term time and exceptional absence can only be authorised in extreme circumstances. Please ensure that you ring in every day if your child is off in order to update us on the reason.

### **Seeds!**

Many of our classes are covering aspects of plants as their Science this term. If you have any spare seeds we could have please can you drop them at the school office or send them in with your child. Many thanks in advance 😊



**Our Year 1 Puppet making workshop was well attended by parents**



**Our Year 4 Children attending the Synagogue**



**Year 2 Badgers Class Assembly**