

# WCPS

# News Roundup

Week 2 Spring Term 2025

## Our week

Do the *fight* thing

Make a *difference*

Value every *voice*

We've continued this week to re-establish routines and try and put into practice some of the New Year's Resolutions the children have come back to school with. Classes have been reviewing their *Class Charters* and we've reflected on what our *Good Choice Mantras* of 'Do the right thing', 'Value every voice' and 'Make a difference' looks like in the classroom and out on the playground. It's been wonderful for me this week hearing children from all corners of the saying these mantras to each other in their interactions with each other.

Our ECA programme has got off to a brilliant start this week! The children have been so excited to get to their ECA and see what it is all about. A huge thank you to Mrs. Milk and Mr. Timmins for their incredible work in putting together such a rich a varied programme for the children to experience. With the near completion of our new WCPS Allotment Garden, we are looking for an adult volunteer from our community who has particularly green fingers and would like to assist in the running of a gardening ECA. If interested, please get in touch.

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### Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

#### Grow Garden Update

The Grow Garden is coming along beautifully! The gate will be installed soon, and the shed will soon be going up, with hopes of it being fully functional by next half term so the kids can start digging beds. Mr. Gould will also be building a composting area soon. A few purchases are still outstanding, but progress is well underway!



**Vinted**

The second-hand fashion app

#### "Are you a "Vinted" Expert?"

We're looking for volunteers to help sell our spare donated uniforms on Vinted to clear out extras and raise funds. If you're up for the challenge, please contact Hannah Wain on Classlist!



#### SHAPE THE FUTURE- BECOME VICE CHAIR!

Calling All Year 2/3 Parents!

Are you ready to help shape the future of FOWCP?

Passionate about creating amazing opportunities for our school? Looking to make a lasting impact? We're searching for a dedicated Vice-Chair to bring fresh ideas and continuity to the team. Could this be you?



#### Join Us as a Trustee!

Just 2 hours a quarter can make a big difference.

Support the running of our charity and have your name on the Charity Commission's list of trustees. Interested?

Get in touch with Dan Osbourne on Classlist!

# Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

## NOW LAUNCHING: WCPS ADVENTURE PLAY GARDEN

Help Us Create a Magical Play Garden for Our School!



We're thrilled to announce an exciting project that will transform our outdoor space and spark the imaginations of our students—a brand-new Adventure Play Garden!

This vibrant space will feature willow tunnels, a large sandpit, cozy seating, and areas to explore, learn, and play, all centered around our Nature Nest Outdoor Classroom. It will be a haven where children can connect with nature, support their wellbeing, nurture creativity, and make lasting memories.

To bring this vision to life, we need your support. Our goal is to raise £20,000, which equates to just £50 per child in our school. However, every contribution—big or small—brings us closer to making this dream a reality. You can donate as much or as little as you'd like, whenever you're able, and watch the thermometer on our newsletter rise as we get closer to our target!

We want to be transparent: work on the Adventure Play Garden concept will only begin once we've reached our fundraising goal. This ensures we have the resources needed to create the magical space our children deserve.

Join us on this incredible journey to build this new space that will inspire and benefit all the students at WCPS. Together, we can make it happen!

GOAL

Every donation counts—thank you for your support!

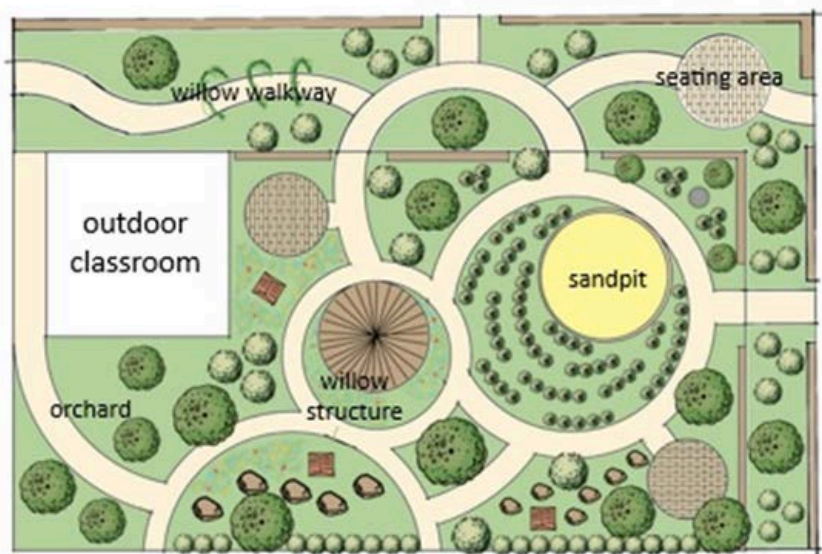
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### Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had a fantastic start to our new term. The children were excited to go on a 'plane journey' to Africa to start off our topic 'What is it like in Africa?'. We have been looking at world maps to learn where we live in relation to Africa and have also been locating countries that some of our children visited over Christmas eg New Zealand, India and France. We have learnt about the countries which make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities, as well as some of the countries in Africa. In Phonics we have started 'Phase 3' and this week we are learning the new digraphs *ai*, *ee*, *igh*, *oa*. In English we have started the book 'Handa's Surprise' which is set in Kenya. We have introduced writing frames for the children to write on during some of our English lessons and they have done so well with that.



### Year 1 Otters & Seals

Year 1 pupils have made a brilliant start to 2025 and thrown themselves into all of our new learning topics. This week began thinking about 'Great Explorers' and brainstorming what might be packed in an explorer's bag. We did some dressing up and role play with real explorer clothing and objects! In English we have begun to write a travel journal entry about a safari adventure. It has been wonderful to see the children writing some amazing alliteration phrases this week as part of this. In PSHE we have talked about caring for others and considered how we know that someone cares for us. The children shared many personal examples of people in their lives who care for them at home and at school. In Maths we have looked at the teen numbers and explored how they are made with tens and ones. We have learned some new sounds and tricky words in phonics too - please see the sheet in your child's reading record.





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### Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week in Year 2, we've had a wonderful mix of learning and creativity! In maths, we wrapped up our topic on shapes and began exploring money. The children have been identifying and counting pounds and pence, both coins and notes. Our nature walks have been a highlight, as we observed different habitats and discussed the wildlife that thrives in each. Back in the classroom, we created our own habitats in a box, bringing our observations to life. Inspired by artist Chris Kenny, we also made stunning artwork using thin twigs and sticks. It's been a busy and exciting week!



### Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

We started the week with a PSHE lesson learning about 'The rule of law.' We had some fantastic discussions talking about the differences between laws and rules! It was wonderful to hear the views of the Dragonflies and Bumblebees!

In Maths, we are starting our second unit of multiplication. To begin this learning we have been exploring related facts such as:  $2 \times 4 = 8$  then  $2 \times 40 = 80$ . We realised that although the answer looks like it just has a '0' on the end, we are adding a zero because we are in fact multiplying the number by 10.

In English and History this week we have had a huge focus on the Romans! We learnt why the Romans invaded Britain, what gladiators were and we even made our own gladiator spears!!



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### Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Year 4's week began quite dramatically with an invasion in Eagle's classroom by Owls! This led on to us discussing our new History topic of invading and settling focusing on the Anglo-Saxons. In English, we have been looking at the story *The Invisible*, ready to plan our independent writes next week.

In Mathematics, we have been practicing multiplying a 2 or 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. And in Computing, we have enjoyed starting our programming unit using FMS Logo to write and execute a sequence of commands.



### Year 5 Emperors & Royals

It has been another great week in Year 5 with lots of exciting new learning taking place. Our focus this half term is all about nature and rainforests so this week we have been planting seeds to observe life cycles in science and exploring the work of Henri Rousseau in art. In English, we are writing biographies about the amazing David Attenborough and we have started reading *Journey to the River Sea*. In other exciting news, we are continuing to prepare for our Young Voices performance later this half term - watch this space...





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### Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

Year 6 have started the new year with a renewed focused mindset. In English we have been channeling our inner Greta Thunberg's to help us write powerful speeches on topics that matter. The children even had a go at protesting for climate change! In DT we have made a start on designing our own animal soft toys. Over the next few weeks we look forward to putting our sewing skills to practice. We have also enjoyed our first swimming lessons!



### Underwood Hall

It has been a fabulous start to the new term and indeed the new year. All of the boarders returned last week full of smiles and excitement. We welcomed our newest boarder too - a warm welcome to you Rafi and well done on making such an impressive start to your boarding career! The evenings and the weekends have been mega busy. Last weekend the boarders went to Hollywood Bowl and this weekend they are heading to the High Altitude Trampoline Park. Evenings have been very art-and crafty with boarders making sock monkeys and memory cushions. They all look fantastic. I hope that you all enjoy a lovely relaxing weekend!

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### Heads of School

In school this week ECAs have started which everyone is really enjoying. I am glad to see that most people at least have one ECA. This week Year sixes have started going swimming which everybody liked which is at the Wymondham College's swimming pool which they very kindly let us use for our swimming. Swimming is great for the Year sixes because it helps them learn to be safe and water.

Year fives did forest school this week which is really good for their wellbeing. They are also really in joying being out in nature.

By Rainbow



### Heads of Underwood

In Underwood Hall this week we have been making sock monkeys which to sew together to make a monkey, we have also been making memory cushions which have a picture of a loved one or a friend. On series night we watched the show called Mr Iglesias. He's a really really funny man we also had really good snacks. At toast time we have sleepy tea which makes you have a better sleep. This weekend we are going to latitude which the boarding house has never been everybody is really excited how does really cool things as such as slides foam pits and on Saturday as usual we go swimming. Have an amazing weekend. By Rosa





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### Woodland Wonder Next Week

Wednesday	Y5 Emperors: 8:55am - 10:40am Y4 Eagles: 11:10am - 2:30pm (break for lunch normal time)
Thursday	Y4 Owls: 8:55am - 10:40am Y5 Royals: 11:10am - 2:30pm (break for lunch normal time)



We politely remind parents/carers to park only in designated parking bays.

Please do not park on the grass verge between the trees.

Not parking in a designated space in the carpark adjacent to the hall/field makes it very difficult for families to see traffic around them and causes people to have to walk on the main road.

Please continue to drive further along the carpark closer to the Cavell building to find available spaces.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Residential are fast approaching. We kindly ask you to keep up with instalment payments ahead of payment deadlines below:

**Y3 Eaton Vale - 28.02.2025**

**Y4 Hautbois - 02.05.2025**

**Y5 London - 23.05.2025**

**Y6 Thornbridge - 30.04.2024**

**WCPS  
ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK  
97.56%**



Tickets for the Y5/6 Young Voices Concert at WCPS can still be purchased from 3:15pm - 4:15pm on Friday 24th January via Wisepay.

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## Forthcoming Events

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 20th January	Girls Football Festival @ The Nest - <b>Cancelled</b>
Wednesday 22nd January	Dodgeball Festival with Active Education @ WCPS for Y6 9:00am - 11:45am ●
Friday 24th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EXEAT weekend - No ECAs tonight</b></li> <li>• Y5/6 Young Voices Concert @ WCPS 3:30pm - 4:15pm - Ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased via Wisepay ★</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> - Monday 27th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y4 Boys Football Festival @ The Nest 8:30am - 1:00pm ●</li> <li>• Y3-6 Multiplication &amp; Division Calculation Workshop 8:45am - 10:00am ★</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> - Monday 3rd February	Happy Smile Club visit for Y4



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event



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### FEBRUARY 2025

Tuesday 4th February	Y5/6 Trip to Young Voices @ the O2
Friday 7th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSPCC Number Day 2025</li> <li>• WCPS Boarder Taster Evening</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> - Wednesday 12th February	No Ballet ECA tonight.
Thursday 13th February	EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - 3:00pm - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time? ★
Friday 14th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Last day of half term - No ECAs or WAC</b></li> <li>• KS2 Personal Growth Celebration ★ 2:30pm - 3:00pm - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time?</li> </ul>



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**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025**

Saturday 15th February - Sunday 23rd February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day Back to school</li> <li>• ECAs &amp; WAC continue</li> </ul>
Tuesday 25th February	Y4/5 Dodgeball tournament @ UEA ●
<b>NEW</b> - Thursday 27th February	WC Chilli & Quiz night
<b>NEW</b> - Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
<b>NEW</b> - Wednesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Cross Country @ WCPS</li> <li>• PPTCs open to SEN parents</li> <li>• LAMDA Exams</li> </ul>



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*We publish all confirmed dates on the full calendar of events on our school website. Please make use of this for details of what else is coming up over the rest of the Spring & Summer terms:*

***Calendar - Wymondham College Prep School***

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Dates: 17.02.25-21.02.25

Times: 9.00-15.30 (Standard day) 8.00-17.00 (Extended Day)

Price: from £24.99

Ages: 4-11

Additional info: Please select your relevant time slot!

please  
Bring

A packed lunch

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing

Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

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**SATURDAY 22  
MARCH 2025  
2.30 & 4.30pm  
THE KING'S  
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## *The Phil's Children's Concert*



Norwich Philharmonic  
Orchestra  
Matthew Andrews  
conductor  
Zeb Soanes  
narrator  
James Mayhew  
illustrator

Programme includes  
**Gaspard's Foxtrot**,  
Jonathan Dove's setting of  
the children's book by Zeb  
Soanes. Zeb himself will  
be the narrator and James  
Mayhew will illustrate the  
story live on stage.



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