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Week 5 Spring Term 2025

Our week

It's been an epic week - especially Year 5 and Year 6 who embarked on their Young Voices 2025' expedition to the O2 in London on Tuesday. It is a very long day but as confirmed by all the children the day after, "It's so worth it!" The children did WCPS proud, singing their hearts out and bopping their way through song after song in a packed O2. It is the largest children's choir in the world, just short of 9000 children! It's an experience that for the overwhelming majority of us will never be replicated and an unforgettable experience. Thank you parents for supporting this trip and a huge thank you to the staff team who went, giving up so much of their own time.

Year 4 this week were full of smiles purple smiles! They had a brilliant time in their 'Healthy Smiles' workshop learning about the best type of oral health.



We ended the week with a school full of numbers, supporting the NSPCC's number day. There were some fantastic one of maths activities buzzing through the corridors. Our five House Captains and friends did a fantastic job this week delivering a House Assembly at the end of yesterday where Reception -Year 6 children got together. It's a close fought race this term for the House Cup! And in the blink of an eye, the half term is nearly over with lots to look forward to next week.









THE FOWCP IS PROUD TO PRESENT
THE 2ND

FAMILY FUN RUN

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025

MEET AT 10:30 AM FOR 11:00 START | OUTSIDE PREP RECEPTION

ENTRY £3 INCLUDES A BACON OR VEGGIE BUTTIE AND HOT OR COLD DRINK AT THE END!



CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO RUN WITH OR WITHOUT PARENTS BUT MUST BE SUPERVISED!

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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had another fun and busy week. We have finished learning all of our new sounds in Phonics! The last few will be coming home in their packs along with this week's tricky words - air, er, are, sure, pure. Please continue to practise these regularly until your child is really secure with them all and it is then worth revisiting them periodically. We had our wonderful Africa morning with Mrs Hindle on Tuesday where the children learnt lots of facts, got to handle lots of interesting objects. learnt some songs and tasted 'mandazi'. On Thursday we walked to the college library for a lovely storytelling session with their librarian. In the afternoon some Year 6s did a fantastic presentation on Africa to to the children. And then we finished the week with Number Day and celebrated all the hard work the children have been putting in on Numbots.





Year 1 Otters & Seals

This week it is 'National Storytelling Week'. To mark the occasion, Year 1 were invited to visit the Wymondham College library and meet Miss Kent, the librarian. We enjoyed a fantastic session, learning about what libraries are for and why they are a special feature of local communities. Miss Kent read us a story (about a mouse author) and was impressed by the children's creativity in the verbal storytelling activity. In art this week we have continued to make progress on our collaborative minibeast collage project. We have worked on subtraction within 20 in maths and learned about the exploring heroine Amy Johnson in our humanities session. The children were interested (and shocked) to learn of how life was different for women in Amy's time and why her achievements therefore made her quite so special.







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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week in Year 2, we have been busy developing our writing skills by learning how to create interesting and effective instructions. We are excited to put this into practice next week when we write our own instructions for making a homemade bird feeder! In maths, we have started our new topic on multiplication and division, exploring how grouping numbers helps us understand multiplication as repeated addition. In art, we have had great fun searching for sticks that resemble people with arms and legs to create our own unique worry dolls. It's been another creative and engaging week of learning!





Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

This week we have been learning about measurements in Maths, converting mm to cm and solving word problems using column addition and subtraction. We enjoyed using tape measures to measure each other and our teachers!

We finalised our designated for our Roman purses, ready to start sewing next week. We discussed who our end user would be and explored the types of stitching we would use to make our purse strong and durable. In English we really loved writing our own version of the 'Marshmallow' and the writing we produced really created suspense and atmosphere! Well done Year 3!



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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School



Bring your sweet tooth to school pick-up on Thursday the 13th of February (just in time for an early Valentine's Day treat).... There are rumours of Malteser Rocky Road, Peppermint Crisp Tartlets, Oreo Truffles, Raspberry and White Chocolate Cake and many more delicacies! 😌

Click the thermometer to donate towards the Adventure Play Garden! Every little bit helps **







Keep Friday the 14th of March, 15:30 open in your calendar for the Bingo and Beetle Drive! More info to follow...









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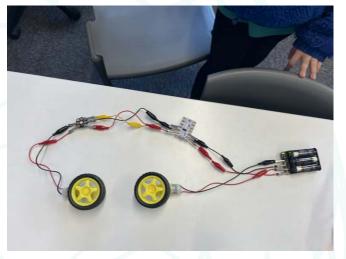


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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Another fun filled week for Year 4! This week started with a very special visit from Happy Smiles Dentist in Norfolk to support us in science learning about teeth. The children learnt a lot from our visitor, Dani, who showed them how to properly look after their teeth and how to brush them correctly. She also shared some top tips on which foods to eat to keep our teeth healthy! The children were very engaged and fascinated all session, particularly when they were given the opportunity to use a disclosing tablet to show where they needed to brush more. This caused all sorts of laughs and giggles when the children realised how blue their mouths had become! During the rest of the week, we have been continuing to learn about the Anglo Saxons, particularly focusing on their farmer heritage this week and why they chose not to move into the Roman cities left behind. In maths, we have started our unit on length and measurement and inreading, we have been following the many adventures of an incredible rabbit in the story The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'.





Year 5 Emperors & Royals

It has been another fantastic week for Year 5! We had the BEST time at the O2 on Tuesday. It really was the best Tuesday night we have ever had! In other areas of learning we have started a new topic in English called the The Malfeasance by Alan Bold. During science we have created our own pictogram and research question which we have then investigated during Woodland Wonder. In computing this week we have used the crumble kits and connected circuits together.







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FREE Taster Lessons for Years 4 to Years 6 Come have a 15 minute 'FREE TRY'

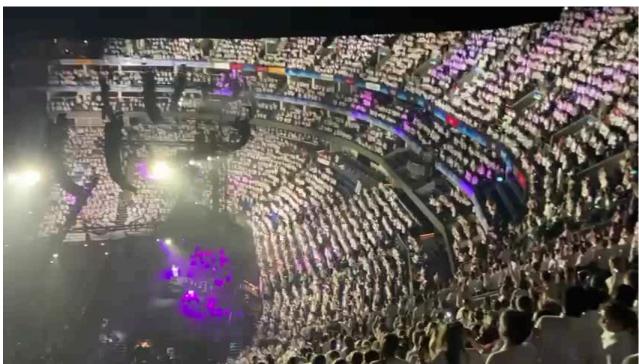
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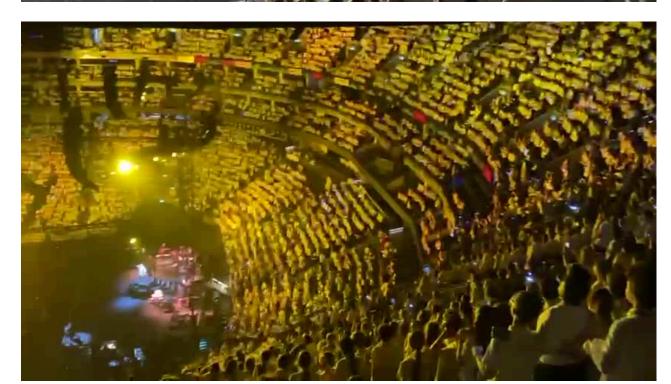


Trumpet French Horn Trombone

Contact the school office









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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

We had the best time at Young Voices the children were so brilliant and represented our school fantastically.

The children have worked really hard at learning the songs and dance moves and we're sad that it's over!
In English, we've finished writing our stories based on the Arrival and are now in the process of writing diary entries.
We're making brilliant progress on our DT stuffed toys and have been very resilient with our sewing skills.





Underwood Hall

It has been something of an unorthodox week this week what with the O2 trip on Tuesday, a lie in and a late start on Wednesday morning and our Spring Term Taster Evening happening tonight for boarders who might be joining our boarding community in the near future. We always look to welcoming visitors and guests to Underwood and the boarders are always such wonderful hosts making them always feel so welcome. After that we have our weekend trip to look forward to at the Start Studio in Wymondham. Enjoy your weekends everyone









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Heads of School

Hello Everybody. This week we went to the O2 to participate in the Young Voices event. I think that everybody did well, and we all had a great time. It was amazing to hear so many children singing together and it was a once in a lifetime event (except for Year 5's who will luckily get to go again next year!). I hope that everyone managed to catch up with their sleep after the late night. This week in school Reception had an African day where they got to experience African food and culture. They also went to the college to visit the library and enjoyed a story and some role play. I hope everyone has an amazing weekend. Hugo - Head of School





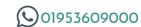
Heads of Underwood

Hello everybody. I hope you had a great week. This week in Underwood Hall we were all happy and excited for the O2 trip but were very tired after it. Everyone had a really great experience, it was great to go to London, see the O2 and perform to a large crowd. After the morning of the O2 we were allowed to sleep in until 9:30 and then watched a movie and had breakfast before going in to school. It was a long day, and we were happy to get an early night. This evening is a boarder taster evening, where children and parents come and explore and experience what its like to be a boarder here. The children that are here on the weekend will be greeting them and showing them around Underwood Hall. I hope that the boarders all enjoyed watched 'Gravity Falls' on Wednesday, we have more to watch next week. This week we have also been making sock monkeys before toast time and they all look amazing. To make them you take a sock, cut it and stuff it and then sew it. We really enjoyed making them. Thanks for listening. Gilbert Head of Underwood.









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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) 		

Thank you for your kind donations towards NSPCC Number Day. We have raised £117, there is still time to donate via Wisepay in the usual way.

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. We kindly ask for a donation of £1 which can be made via Wisepay in the usual way.

As always we are inundated with lost property. Please do come and have a look in the main school fover if your child is missing anything. Please remember to name ALL items that come into school.







Please remember the drop off bay is for that purpose only. Please do not use it as a parking space, if you need to leave your car please find a designated parking space.

Please also be mindful of the Disabled parking space and ensure this is left available for those that need it.



Please find below link below for the Premier Education feedback forum. Should you have any feedback regarding our wraparound provision, please click **HERE**

Please see attached our updated Whole School Attendance letter for 2024-24









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Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2024

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 Y1 Explorers Experience Day **NEW** - Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

No Ballet ECA tonight Wednesday 12th February

Celebration - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time?

 Y3 Residential parent information meeting 5:00pm - 5:45pm 🛨

EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth

• Last day of half term - No ECAs or WAC

 KS2 Personal Growth Celebration -Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time? 🛨

Half Term

Thursday 13th February

Friday 14th February

Saturday 15th February - Sunday 23rd February





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Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 First Day Back to school Monday 24th February ECAs & WAC continue Y4/5 Dodgeball tournament @ UEA Tuesday 25th February WC Chilli & Quiz night Thursday 27th February SEND Coffee Morning 8:45am **NEW** - Tuesday 4th March No LAMDA ECA tonight Thursday 6th March World Book Day Summer Term ECA programme Friday 7th March published House Cross Country @ WCPS PPTCs open to SEN parents Wednesday 12th March



LAMDA Exams

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Forthcoming Events

MARCH 2025			
Thursday 13th March	YR Trip to Gressenhall		
NEW - Friday 14th March	 EXEAT Weekend - No ECAs today Summer Term ECA sign up opens Y6 SATS Parents information evening 2:30pm - 3:00pm Jaguars 3:00pm - 3:30pm Lions 		
Wednesday 19th March	Y3 Residential to Eaton ValePPTC bookings open 6:00pm		
Thursday 20th March	Y3 Residential to Eaton Vale returnSummer Term ECA sign up closes		
Friday 21st March	 Red Nose Day 2025 - Wear something red Summer Term ECA allocations published Y1 Trip to Banham Zoo 		





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MARCH/APRIL 2025		
Wednesday 26th March	Y3/4 Hockey Festival @ Harleston Magpies	
Wednesday 2nd April	KS1 Production in hall 2:15pm - 3:00pm	
Thursday 3rd April	 KS1 Production in hall 9:15am - 10:00am EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - Await invitiation; is your child being celebrated this time? Y4-6 Bee Netball @ UEA 	
NEW - Friday 4th April	 Last day of term - no ECAs or WAC KS2 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - Await invitation; is your child being celebrated this time? 	



Easter Holidays



Forthcoming Events

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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Headteacher: Mr Simon Underhill

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Whole School Attendance

Many of you will know from the Weekly Roundup, we are fortunate that our attendance figures are exceptionally good. Last academic year our average attendance was 96.66%. We thought it might be useful to write to you at the very start of the year just to ensure that you know how we monitor attendance, what we do when attendance drops below a certain level, and what we will do to support and intervene along the way.

It goes without saying that good attendance is crucial to every child's progress within their education and children of school age are legally bound to be in education every day unless ill. As such, we monitor our pupil's attendance regularly. Good school attendance at school is categorised as attending 96% and above, and where a pupil's attendance falls below this level we will work with parents and carers to improve this. This is something that we are required to do by the Department for Education and by Norfolk County Council. We appreciate that there may well be occasions when you have absolutely no other option other than to keep your child off school. Whenever we have cause to work with parents and carers to address issues around attendance, we will make every effort to ensure that it is done in a constructive and meaningful way and it is hoped that any communications that you receive from us about attendance, good or bad, will be taken in this way.

Pupils are considered a *persistent absentee* when they miss 10% or more of schooling across the year (for any reason). Pupils are considered a *serious absentee* when they miss 50% or more of schooling across the year. When a child's attendance falls below 96% we will look in to the reasons why this is in order that we can identify the barriers to their attendance and provide the necessary support. Action taken includes but is not limited to; parents receiving warning and information letters, parents being asked to attend a meeting in school, the involvement of the Norfolk County Council's Attendance and Entitlement Officer, being referred to an Attendance Panel, Fixed Penalty Notices (in line with Norfolk County Council guidance which we have attached below) and eventually things could lead to court proceedings. Please note that when we are deciding whether or not to issue Fixed Penalty Notices, we may require parents to provide us with proof of travel. We will of course also let you know when your child's attendance is exceptionally good, and we consider it just as important to share this information with you!

Our pupils' welfare is of paramount importance to us, and we believe that regular attendance throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment. We want to make sure that we can support every child's education in the best way possible, including looking into how we can help them to address any gaps in learning due to absence. We acknowledge that each family's circumstances are different, and we aim to work with parents to provide the best education for every child.

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Whilst we appreciate that children will be unwell and may sometimes need to stay off school as a result, we are hoping that when we have reason to highlight your child's attendance, this gives you an opportunity to improve their attendance by avoiding any avoidable unauthorised leave (such as holidays or day trips in term time), by minimising/reducing time taken off school for illness, where appropriate, and for any other reason.

Please be reminded that as a school, it is our policy not to authorise holidays in term time, except in exceptional circumstances, due to the impact these absences have on a pupils' social interaction with their peers and their academic achievement. There are 175 non-school days in the school year for holidays to be taken.

In addition to this information, please see below which is taken from the document 'Norfolk County Council: Penalty Notices regarding school absence - Guidance for parents'. This can also be found on the Norfolk County Council website:

Regular school attendance and parent's legal responsibilities

This guidance is to remind all parents about the law that requires them to ensure that their child attends school regularly. The Government is clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

The important legal information – New from August 19th, 2024

The Government have introduced a single national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England. This threshold is **10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period**. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The period of **10** school weeks can span different terms or school years.

In line with national guidance, the Local Authority (LA) retains the discretion to issue a penalty notice before the threshold is met. This might apply for example, where parents have taken several term time holidays below the national threshold. The LA also retains the discretion to consider going straight to prosecution where appropriate.

A maximum of 2 penalty notices per parent, per child can be issued within a rolling 3-year period. This period will start from the issue of the 1st penalty notice. The national framework also sets out the escalation process which applies to such penalty notices. If the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within 3 years, another tool should be used. In Norfolk, where a pupil's attendance has met the national threshold for a third time within 3 years and the parent/s have already been issued with 2 penalty notices within that period, consideration will be given to prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act 1996, which can result in a criminal conviction and fine of up to £2,500.

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A parent includes any person who is not a natural parent but who has parental responsibility for the child <u>or</u> who has care of the child, as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996. Penalty notices will usually be issued to the parent/s with day-to-day responsibility for the child's attendance or the parent/s who have allowed the absence (regardless of which parent has applied for a leave of absence).

The first penalty notice issued to a parent for a child will be charged at £160 to be paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice, the second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the first offence, is charged at a flat rate of £160 and is payable within 28 days. There is no reduced sum available in this instance.

Part payments or payment plans are not acceptable, and fines must be paid in full within 21 or 28 days, at the rate specified within the penalty notice. There is no right of appeal against a penalty notice.

Requests for leave of absence

'Working together to improve school attendance' (Department for Education, August 2024) advises all schools that they should only grant a leave of absence during term time in exceptional circumstances, considering each request on a case-by-case basis. If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the headteacher to determine the length of time the pupil can be away from school. Although we recognise the value and benefits of family holidays, it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for a family holiday as the Government 'does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.' Requests for leave must be made in advance, otherwise schools will be unable to consider your individual circumstances, and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Headteachers are not obligated to reconsider authorising leave if an application was not made in advance.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Simon Underhill Headteacher

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REGISTRATION BETWEEN 10:30AM & 11:30AM
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February Holiday Camp 2025!



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14:30 - 15:00	basketball	tri-golF or Foot golF	gymmastres or yegu	tennis or badminton	Football
15:00 - 15:30	award Ceremony	award Ceremony	award Ceremony	award Ceremony	award Ceremony
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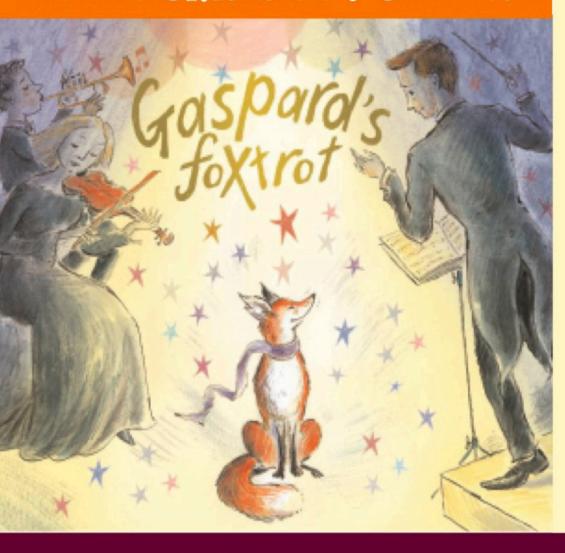
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SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025 2.30 & 4.30pm THE KING'S CENTRE, **NORWICH**

The Phil's Children's Concert



Norwich Philharmonic Orchestra

Matthew Andrews conductor

Zeb Soanes narrator James Mayhew illustrator

Programme includes Gaspard's Foxtrot,

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