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Our week

We had the most amazing start to the Summer Term! OPAL, Outdoor Play & Learning, has officially launched - and I think it's fair to say has taken off smashing all our expectations. A huge thank you again to you for your support with your donation of 'loose parts' and to those of you who came into help over the holiday. This is just the beginning! Please put in your diaries an OPAL Parent Workshop, presented by Georgie McCluskie, our OPAL mentor for the next two years, on **Tuesday 30th April, 3:15pm - 4:00pm** - children welcome. Here you'll learn more about our aims and how you can help develop the school's site and more importantly the children's play experience. The success of OPAL depends

on the contribution of staff, pupils and parents. We'll be staging more 'Come & Build' afternoons over the coming weeks.



A huge thank you to FoWCPS, in particular Suze Hollander who has been the kingpin in getting things off the ground. Please keep the 'loose parts' coming in! This week has also seen Reception handling the most amazing mini-beasts from Minimonsters and Year 1 had a great time at Strangers Hall in Norwich. It's also been wonderful welcoming you all to our PPTCs this week and next. Please take some time looking at the *Forthcoming Events* pages as there's a lot going on this term - as always.

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FLEXI BOARDING IN UNDERWOOD HALL

NOW ONLY £75 PER NIGHT
(£30 ADMIN FEE ON YOUR FIRST BOOKING ONLY)

We are now offering 'flexi-boarding' to day pupils in Years 5 or Year 6 allowing them the opportunity to board on a flexible basis. The cost of flexi-boarding is **£75 per night** and will include the cost of dinner, breakfast, accommodation and all activities in Underwood Hall.



If you wish to book for your child to flexi board then please click on the link below. Alternatively you can email the school office or Mr. Timmins who will then be in touch with you with further information which will include drop off / collection arrangements, afternoon and evening schedules, and instructions on how payment is to be made.



Please note that there is an annual limit of 45 nights' accommodation per pupil per academic year. If you would like to enquire further about flexi-boarding then please do not hesitate to email Mr Timmins at j.timmins@wymcolprep.org.



[Flexi Boarding Booking Form](#)



OPAL PLAY PHASE 1

IF YOUR CHILD
CAN PLAY WITH IT...
WE'LL TAKE IT!

HELP US BUILD AN
AMAZING PLAYTIME!

DONATE YOUR "LOOSE PARTS"

Old, unused, or unwanted items can become adventure, imagination & creativity!

Tyres, pallets, crates
Dressing up clothes
Wood, planks, tubes
Pots, pans, kitchen items, buckets
Small toys, Lego, props
Fabric, ropes, nets, pegs
Craft items and stationery
...and so much more!

or shop our [Amazon Wishlist](#) **HERE**



We need more...

- dress up costumes
- tarps & sheets
- unwanted suitcases
- colour pencils / felt tips



Drop off 'loose parts' at school anytime



Let us know if there's a weekend morning / afternoon when you'd like to come in & show off your DIY skills

HOUSE ART COMPETITION 2026



WYMONDHAM
COLLEGE
PREP SCHOOL

*Create a piece in
any medium titled*

CONTRIBUTE

*in honour of our
school value*

*Submit your entry
to the school office
or send a photo via
email if you have
created something
large scale or
fragile.*

*Artwork must be
submitted by:
17th April 2026*

*Ensure that your full
name, house & year
group is clearly
labelled on your
piece (for example,
on the back).*

GROWN UPS: *Thank
you for supporting
your child with this
project. Please
ensure that the final
result is driven by
your child's own
ideas and skills.*

for any further queries, please contact Miss Sharp (Year 1)

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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had a wonderful first few days back. Our new topic is minibeasts and there have certainly been lots of living creatures around - our tadpoles are growing fast, we now have caterpillars too, and Curly and Wurlly the guinea pigs are now weekly boarders in Reception! We also had a fantastic visit from Ed at Minimonsters with his bearded dragon, millipede, giant African snail, corn snake and tarantula! Robin Class enjoyed their first forest school session. We have started a new English unit based on the book 'Katie and the Sunflowers' and in Maths we have been learning all about 3D shapes. We have now started Phase 4 in Phonics which doesn't introduce any new sounds, but continues blending harder words and introduces new 'tricky' words.



Year 1 Otters & Seals

We've had a great first week back here in Year 1, with lots of excitement around Thursday's trip to Strangers' Hall. This was a fantastic way to kick start our new topic about toys from the past. Everyone enjoyed the workshop activities and exploring historic toys in the museum collection... we're looking forward to learning more in our history lessons over the coming weeks. In PSHE we started to think about ways to keep ourselves healthy and discussed the importance of eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, moving your body and keeping hydrated. In maths we have explored counting by 2s, 5s and 10s which would be great to practise at home. In Computing we have started a new unit about programming and enjoying having a go at getting the BeeBots to move.



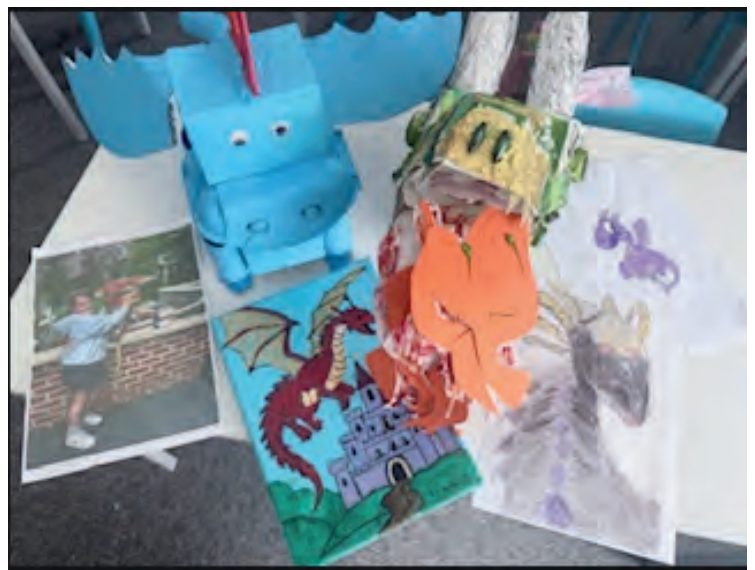
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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week in Year 2, we loved welcoming the children back after their Easter holiday. It was wonderful to see how much they have grown and matured over the break, returning ready to learn. We began our enquiry-based learning with lots of practical activities, including measuring classroom objects (and each other!) in Maths. In Science, English and Geography, we explored plants, nature, farming and where our food comes from, sparking lots of curiosity and wonder. It was also lovely to meet with families during our first round of PPTCs and share the children's incredible progress so far this year. Enjoy your weekend!



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

This week, Year 3 has fully embraced the summer term, making the most of our OPAL play equipment and approaching learning with enthusiasm. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions and exploring the concept of the whole. In English, dragons have taken over—thank you for the fantastic creations over the holidays, which launched our unit brilliantly. Excitement is building as we explore their characters, features and personalities. In reading, we are enjoying Flat Stanley, while in Humanities we are learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. Rehearsals for our upcoming performance are progressing well, and the children are showing great dedication.



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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

What a super first week we have had in Year 4! In English, we started our new unit which is a poetry unit, where we will be writing our own poem about rivers at the end. In Mathematics, we completed our work on fractions and have started our new unit of decimals. In Science, we investigated and acted out the different states of matter to show how the particles move differently. And in DT, we created our plan for our castle which we will create out of cardboard with a working drawbridge. Please remember to send your child in with a cardboard box such as a cereal box.



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been a wonderful first week back in Year 5! In English, we have started our new unit 'The zoo' we have been debating and conversing the topic 'is it right to have zoos?' In science we played guess who with our baby photos! It was a wonderful activity- some were difficult to guess! It was a great way to introduce our new topic of Animals including humans. In Art we have started our topic of landscapes focusing on two key artists: The Shoreditch Sketcher and Vanessa Gardiner. We cannot wait to see what their final piece looks like at the end of this term!



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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

It has been so lovely to see Year 6 back to school this week feeling relaxed and ready to hit the ground running with what is going to be such an exciting and busy term for them! We started our new science unit - all about living things - by looking at different leaves in the Woodland Wonder area of the school site and classifying them into different categories! In DT, we have been enjoying finishing our board game design project from last term which we can't wait to exhibit soon. We have also been continuing with our SPAG revision in the run up to SATs. This week, every child has been issued with a revision book to use at home over the next few weeks. Thank you for supporting your child with this.



Underwood Hall

And it's here. The best term for boarding is upon us! We will be doing all that we can to be taking advantage of lighter, warmer evenings and we will be packing in so much in the evenings and the weekends over the coming weeks. It was so lovely to see all of the boarders returning in such high spirits after the Easter break. We had the first game of a firm summer favourite that is Danish Longball on Tuesday. I hope it is the first of many. The Underwood garden has been a busy place this week too - basketball, football, netball, den building, outdoor table tennis, getting muddy in the mud kitchen and volleyball soon to be added to the list. We have the first of our weekend trips on Sunday when we will be going paintballing. Have a great weekend everyone.



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Heads of School

Hi every one. It's Rosie again! Every one has been confused since we started on Tuesday and not Monday. Year 6, Reception and Year 2 have done some woodland wonder [forest school]. Year 6 are also really exited about the school trip to Thornbridge in the Peak District! Also year 6 have been given SPAG [spelling ,punctuation, and grammar] books. That's all for this week.
From Rosie (HoS)



Heads of Underwood

Hi everyone, Bea here with your Weekly Roundup. After the term all the year sixes are buzzing for SATS. Everyone also cashed in their special credits for a prize! All the Year 6s in Underwood have also started walking to school by themselves. Some of the girls are very excited that the mud kitchen is back in action! (we have all gotten a bit messy!) We are also all very excited for ECAs to start. Some great news is, in the playground we have started OPAL (outdoor play and learning), we have a digging pit, a disco stage and much more. Shout out to the school's FoWCP for making this happen. Thats all for today. Bea (HoUH)





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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

Friends of the School Update

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time over the Easter holidays, as well as those who kindly donated items for the OPAL project. Your generosity and enthusiasm are already making a real difference to the children's play experiences, and we couldn't do it without you!

We're also so excited about the upcoming school disco – it's shaping up to be a brilliant event, and we can't wait to see the children having fun, dancing, and making memories together!

We are excited to soon launch our summer raffle – and would love your support. If you're able to donate a prize – whether it's a gift, voucher, experience, or something unique – we would be incredibly grateful. Every contribution helps us raise valuable funds for the school.

We'd love to hear from you!

Do you have any great ideas for fundraising events or ways we can support our school community? Whether it's a new event, a partnership with a local business, or something fun and creative, please get in touch – we're always open to fresh ideas and new faces getting involved!



Thank you, as always, for your continued support, energy, and kindness!

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NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK: A

Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	AM Session: Jaguars & Rabbits PM Session: Foxes
Tuesday	AM Session: Lions & Robins PM Session: Badgers

**WCPS
ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK
96.8%**



A polite reminder to families NOT to play on any equipment on school premises after school this includes all OPAL equipment, trim trail and forest school areas.

ECAs begin for the Summer Term on Monday. Please ensure any external providers have been paid ahead of sessions beginning otherwise your child may not be able to participate. We also kindly ask families to donate toward any internal ECAs via the ECA contribution Fund which can be found under the clubs section of your MCAS app.

**Thank
you!**

Red Nose Day for
Comic Relief raised
£187.00



We have been inundated with lost property this week. Please do remember to name ALL personal belongings so we can return these to their owners. If you are missing any items of unnamed clothing, please do come and have a look in the main school foyer.



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Forthcoming Events

APRIL

Monday 20 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Term ECAs begin • Y5/6 Football @ The Nest 10am - 2:00pm ●
Tuesday 21 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPTCs in hall 3:30pm - 7:00pm ★ • No ECAs tonight due to PPTCs • Y6 Bee Netball Event @ The UEA ●
NEW - Wednesday 22 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seals PPTCs 2:30pm - 5:00pm ★ • Bookings for Y3/4 Production to open on MCAS - Further information on how to book to follow
Thursday 23 rd April	<p>Class Photos with Tempest Photography - <i>Please can all pupils come into school in their Full School Uniform (not PE kit), any classes with PE on this day will have an adapted lesson to suit wearing uniform. We thank you for your understanding</i></p>
NEW - Friday 24 th April	<p>Purple Up Day - come to school wearing your normal uniform along with something purple to celebrate Military children.</p>



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event



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APRIL/MAY

Wednesday 29th April

- YR Vision & Hearing Screening
- Y1 Phonics Screening parent information meeting 2:40pm in hall - further information to follow ★

NEW - Thursday 30th April

OPAL parent workshop 3:15pm - 4:00pm - children welcome ★

NEW - Friday 1st May

- **EXEAT weekend - no ECAs tonight**
- YR Vision & Hearing Screening follow up session
- Y5 Cakes 4 Coaches
- Reception intake 2026 admissions tour 09:00am - 09:30am (for families who have not yet visited the prep school)
- Bluey family Coffee Club - Further information to follow ★
- Bookings for Y3/4 Production close on MCAS



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MAY

Tuesdays 5 th May	Y3/4 production 09:00am in hall ★
Wednesday 6 th May	Y3/4 production 2:20pm in hall ★
Thursday 7 th May	Y4 Hautbois Residential Parents Information Meeting in hall - 4:15pm - 4:45pm - children welcome ★
11 th May- 14 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATS week • Mental Health Week
NEW - Friday 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 London Residential evening in hall - time TBC ★ • YR Marvellous Minibeast show 9am in hall - further information to follow ★ • KS2 Personal Growth Celebration - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time? ★
NEW - Saturday 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FoWCPS Summer Disco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ YR/1/2 - 3:30pm - 4:15pm ◦ Y3/4/5/6 - 4:45pm - 5:45pm



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MAY

NEW - Monday 18th May

Y6 Thornbridge Residential 2026

NEW - Tuesday 19th May

Y4/5 Rounders event @ WCPS ●

NEW - Thursday 21st May

- Last day of ECAs for Summer 1
- EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time? ★

NEW - Friday 22nd May

- No ECAs tonight - WAC open as usual
- YR Cakes4Coaches
- Y6 Thornbridge Residential return

NEW - Monday 25th -
Friday 29th May

May Half Term



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JUNE/JULY

Monday 8 th - Wednesday 10 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Residential to Hautbois • Y5 Residential to London
Friday 12 th June	House Clockwork Sports Day 2026 9:00am - 12:00pm ★
Friday 3 rd July	Last day of Summer Term ECAs
Tuesday 14 th July	WCPS Sports Day 2026 9:00am - 3:00pm - further information to follow ★
Wednesday 15 th July	WCPS Sports Day Reserve Date
Friday 17 th July	Last day of Summer Term



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