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Our week

The first full week of the new term has flown by. The children have thrown themselves into everything with determination and a recharged energy. As always, the buzz of excitement at the end of each day as the children find their way to their new ECA is always wonderful to witness. We still have some spaces available in some ECAs - please reach out to the Office to inquire about spaces if your child has a desire to try something new or follow an interest.

It's that time of year again when we ask all parents to please complete our annual feedback survey; please take a few minutes to complete the following: **Parent Views Survey 2026** Feedback from this will help us to continuously improve, building a stronger and better school community.

It's been great this week collaborating



with multiple schools across the Trust. Old Buckenham teachers came to visit us to see how we teach reading comprehension and on Wednesday five schools' teachers came to us to moderate standards in writing. This sort of meaningful collaboration is so beneficial and the powerful thing about being part of a trust. Thank you to the parents who were able to come to the parent workshop on Friday. Look out for our *Maths Cafes* in a couple of week's time!



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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](#)



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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We are really enjoying our Africa topic so far. Last week, after learning about all about new year, the children were all given a ticket and we took a 'plane ride' to Africa! This week we have started the unit Handa's Surprise in English and we felt and smelt the different African fruits that appear in the story. The children have also made some beautiful savannah silhouette paintings of African animals. In Phonics we have learnt 8 sounds already this half-term, as well as 3 more tricky words. Please do keep practising these regularly. In Maths we have been representing numbers to 5, including zero. We have also started handwriting lessons 4 times a week - sitting at the tables! The children are doing very well with this. This week we have been forming 'c' 'a' 'd'.



Year 1 Otters & Seals

This week in Year 1 we have started our topic on Great Explorers. We heard about the world's most famous living explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes and his amazing polar adventures. In English we have been writing a travel journal about a safari trip, thinking carefully about what we would pack in our bag and the sights we would see. In Art we had a look at some artworks that were inspired by nature. In Maths we have been exploring the teen numbers, noticing how many tens and ones they have. We have learnt some new sounds and tricky words in phonics this week - please see the sheet in your child's yellow reading log to find out more and have a practise!



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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week has been full of creativity and curiosity. In Art, the children used their imagination to create sculptures from natural objects, taking inspiration from the work of artist Chris Kenny to design their own stick people. In Maths, we focused on money, building confidence in recognising coins and notes, using different coins to make the same amount, and adding amounts together. In English, we began writing a non-chronological report about habitats, discussing what habitats need to provide for living things. Our Geography learning linked closely with this topic as we explored how animals, such as penguins, have adapted to their environments and how these adaptations help them survive. Finally, in PSHE, the children reflected thoughtfully on their goals for 2026 and the steps they might take to achieve them.



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Dragonfly and Bumblebee Class have had a very exciting and productive week of learning. We were delighted to welcome our new teaching assistant, Miss Hall, who has already settled in wonderfully and is a great addition to our classroom team. In computing, the children enjoyed using Scratch on the iPads to programme characters, learning how commands are used to control actions and bring computer characters to life. In French, we have been learning numbers 1-6 and revisiting our knowledge of colours, which the children remembered well. Our maths learning has focused on related facts. The children explored how if $3 \times 3 = 9$, then $3 \times 30 = 90$, and how $90 \div 3 = 30$, showing excellent reasoning skills. In RE, we discussed what a "miracle" is, exploring real-life stories of recovery and the important role of doctors. In reading, we thoroughly enjoyed Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, which complemented our English work on The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.

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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

What a full first week back! In English we have been writing an explanation text all about how the digestive system works, based on our experiment on Friday (it got very messy!). In mathematics we have been continuing our learning of multiplication, this time focusing on multiply a 1-digit number by a 2-digit number and even a 3-digit number. In history we learnt even more about the Anglo-Saxons, specifically focusing on where they came from and which parts of England they migrated to. And in science, we have been learning about the different organs within the digestive system, and why they are so important.



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been a fantastic week for Year 5! It has been great to get back into the flow of a routine and fully immerse ourselves into our wonderful learning. In English we have started our new topic of writing a Biography all about David Attenborough. This ties in nicely with our Geography topic which is all about the rainforests- did you know that in the Amazon there are 16,000 known species of fish?! In computing we have been looking at data bases using key skills such as ordering and sorting. Art lessons has been focused around the artist Henri Rousseau and his vivid rich paintings. We are all very excited for the O2 on Monday, we are ready to sing our hearts out!



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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

Year 6 have had a very busy and hard-working first full week back and have hit the ground running in 2026! In Science, we have started our learning all about the circulatory system by understanding key vocabulary about the heart. We are very excited about the opportunity to visit the college in a couple of weeks to watch a dissection of a pig's heart! Please see our email about this sent to all parents and carers this week. In Art, we were amazed to hear all about our focus artist Stephen Wiltshire who drew city skylines completely from memory! This links to our learning about megacities in Geography and we are looking forward to drawing our own megacities and skylines in Art. We have also been busy making final preparations for our amazing visit to the O2 on Monday - the songs are sounding amazing! We can't wait! Have a restful weekend everyone!



Underwood Hall

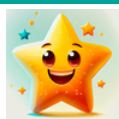
I am hoping it isn't too late to wish you all a very happy new year! We have started the new term as we mean to go on with evenings and weekends packed with so many different things. The snow did not materialise on the first day back which put an end to elaborate snow man building plans. However, we have been doing plenty of other stuff including making overnight oats, bingo, domino tracks, Lego challenges, a trip to the Dinosaur Park and this weekend a trip to Hollywood Bowl. Amongst all of this we have also welcomed 3 new boarders into Underwood Hall - 2 into Year 5 and 1 into Year 6. They have made tremendous starts and have been warmly welcomed by the rest of the boarding community. Have a great weekend everyone!



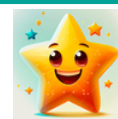
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House Points, Star Badges & PPPs



We are aware that some parents/carers have requested a little bit of clarity about house points, star badges and various other ways that we have of celebrating all of the amazing stuff that our pupils do. Here goes for a quick summary! It is probably worth saying that our Behaviour Policy appears on the school website.

The formal 'everyday' system for rewarding good behaviour is with House Points. House Points can be awarded both in and out of the classroom for good behaviour and good choices. Teachers and TAs keep a record of house points electronically so that we can keep track of each pupil's house points but also so that we can keep track of the house with the most house points. At the end of each term we award the House Championship to the house with the most house points and they are rewarded with cake!

As pupils earn House Points they are awarded various star badges along the way. They receive their 1 star badge once they have 20 House Points. They receive their 2 star badge once they have 40 House Points, their 3 star badge for 60 House Points, 4 star badge for 80 House Points, and their 5 star badge for 100 House Points. This is all good for 20 times table practice! In addition, pupils that reach the dizzy heights of 150 House Points are awarded with a Gold Star Badge. All of these badges can be worn on blazer lapels, sweaters or sweatshirts.

Every now and again, pupils do something that is worthy of something a little bit more than a House Point. When this happens staff will award a Positive Pupil Postcard - a PPP. Staff will write the PPP and then a senior member of staff will drop in to classes and award the PPP to the pupil in front of their peers.

Over the course of the year there are other more formal celebrations that take place to recognise good effort, good attainment, good progress, good character, kindness as well as other areas of personal development and, of course, there is also all of the verbal recognition that staff routinely give to pupils on a daily basis.



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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

🎉 Calling All Generous Legends! 🎉

We are putting together an exciting raffle and we would love your help to make it unforgettable. We are looking for donations of any kind, from amazing experiences and vouchers to products, services, or even a cash contribution.

If you own a business, a cash donation can also be claimed as a tax write off (the Friends are a registered charity), while giving your brand great exposure and supporting a fantastic cause.

Every donation, big or small, helps us create prizes people will be buzzing about and directly supports what we are raising funds for. It is a simple way to give back, be part of something fun, and make a real impact.

If you are able to donate or would like more info, please email Laura.lee@fowcp.onmicrosoft.com. Let's make this raffle one to remember! ✨🎁



Let's bring a little colour to January

Cakes for Coaches

Friday 23 January 2026
Outside Main Reception
3:15 whilst stocks last
Cash and Card payments available
All funds raised go towards the Year 1 Day Trip!

Keep your eye out for some delicious treats for sale outside main reception on Friday the 23rd of January! It's Year 1's Cake for Coaches Bake Sale and you aren't going to want to miss this one!

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NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK: A

Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	AM session - Owls
Tuesday	AM Session - Royals PM Session - Eagles

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ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK
97.9%**

Reminders:

Reminder to families that the drop-off zones at The Prep and in the main College car park are for drop off only and not for waiting. If you need to wait; please move to a designated car parking place.

Reminder that pupils are not to bring toys/fidgets/anything valuable into school - or anything that you wouldn't want to lose. We do our best to re-home all personal belongings but remind families that all personal belongings coming into school must be named.

From Monday we will begin to lock the main school foyer doors between 09:00 and 3:00pm. To enter the school there is a buzzer on the wall to the right of the sliding doors. Please press the buzzer once and wait for the office to open the doors.

Term dates are now on the website for 2026-27 - We apologise for any inconvenience this change in dates may have caused. This was a decision made at Sapientia Education Trust level for all schools in the trust.

Woodland Wonder Volunteers Wanted!

If you have any time to spare to help Miss Roberts in our Woodland Wonder sessions on a Monday or Tuesday, please email Miss Roberts directly on d.roberts@wymcolprep.org





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Forthcoming Events

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Monday 19 th January	Young Voices concert at the O2 - No Cookery or Self Defence ECAs tonight
Wednesday 21 st January	Parent Workshop about Young Carers in association with <i>The Benjamin Foundation</i> 8:45am - 9:45am ★
Friday 23 rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXEAT - no ECAs tonight • Y1 Cakes4Coaches
Monday 26 th January	Y3-6 SEND Pantathlon @Long Stratton Leisure Centre 9.30am - 2:00pm ●
Tuesday 27 th January	Maths Cafe for parents Reception / Year 2 / Year 4 / Year 6 9:00am - 9:45am ★
Wednesday 28 th January	Maths Cafe for parents Year 1 / Year 3 / Year 5 9:00am - 9:45am ★
Monday 2 nd February	Year 5/6 Girls & Boys Football Tournament @The Nest 1:00pm - 4:00pm ●



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event

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FEBRUARY

Tuesday 3 rd February	Postponed Tag Rugby Festival hosted at WCPS 9:30am - 12:00 ●
Thursday 5 th February	Year 1 School Trip to Banham Zoo ●
Friday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSPCC Number Day • Year 3 School Trip to Norwich Castle ●
Wednesday 11 th February	EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time? ★
Thursday 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 Eaton Vale Residential parents meeting • Reception School Trip to <i>Africa Alive</i> ★
Friday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of half term - No ECAs or WAC • KS2 Personal Growth Celebration - await invitation to see if your child is being celebrated this time? ★ • Y3 Cakes4Coaches



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MARCH

Tuesday 3rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Workshop - Online Safety & AI Awareness 08:45am - 09:45am ★
Thursday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day - Dress up & Donate
Wednesday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Cafe - EYFS / Y2 / Y4 / Y6 09:00am - 09:45am ★
Thursday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Cafe - Y1 / Y3 / Y5 09:00am - 09:45am ★
Friday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Parents SATS Information meeting 2:30pm - Jaguars 3:00pm - Lions ★
Friday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Nose Day - Wearing something red & donate
Friday 27th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Thornbridge parents residential information evening ★



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UP & COMING HOUSE EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Monday 9 th February	House Chess
Wednesday 11th March	House Cross Country Event - 1:30pm - 3:15pm
Monday 23rd March	House Art Competition Launches
Tuesday 24 th March	The Big House Egg Drop - 1:30pm - more information to follow



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Paying for Wraparound Care (WAC) with Tax-Free Childcare

Setting Name & Address

Wymondham College
WYMONDHAM
Norfolk
NR18 9SZ

Ofsted Registration Number

2578983

List the provider's that we are registered with and relevant information

HMRC Childcare Choices
Sodexo / Pluxee Eden
Red Computershare
Care4 Bravo Benefits
Childcare Grant Service

Reward Gateway
Kiddivoucher
Fideliti

*For any childcare voucher related queries or if you need us to register with a provider that is not registered at the setting please email our Finance Coordinator, Diane Warner:
dwarner@premier-education.com*



Dear Parent/Carer,

We're pleased to invite you to a short, informative parent webinar where we'll be showcasing our current **wraparound care offer** and how it supports children and families before and after the school day.

This session is designed for our **current customers and potential new customer** and will give you a clear overview of:

- What our wraparound care includes with an overview of our 3 pillars of delivery
- How sessions run and what children can expect
- How our provision supports wellbeing, enjoyment, and routine
- Practical details such as booking, availability, and next steps

There will also be time at the end for questions, so you can hear directly from our team.

Webinar details:

Date: Tuesday 20th January 2026

Time: 18.00-18.30

Location: Online – Teams

🕒 Duration: Approx. 30 minutes

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Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/38134741359469?p=2xmGRn7EulyUNCZPUI>

Meeting ID: 381 347 413 594 69

Passcode: 3Vb3Ti6Z

Whether you're already using wraparound care or simply want to learn more about how it works, we'd love you to join us.

Register here:

[Premier Education - Wymondham College Prep School- Parent webinar information evening – Fill in form](#)

If you have any questions ahead of the session, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Ross Catchpole

Area Manager