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Our week

It's been wonderful seeing all of you for the Parent Pupil Teacher Consultation meetings this week. The academic standards across the school are continuing to improve at pace. That doesn't happen without the support of parents being heavily involved in their child's learning. OPAL this week has continued to have the most incredibly impact on the school. There are measurably less conflicts at lunchtime and the children are ready for learning when they go into their afternoon lessons. Feedback from the children has been amazing! We hope to see lots of you this week on **Thursday 30th April 3:15pm - 4:00pm in the Hall** for a workshop all about OPAL and how parents can help play such a vital role in its development. The school's UKS2 Football Team and Netball Team played in tournaments this week, doing the school proud. We won our season's Football league cup without conceding a goal and the girls won most of their netball matches!



Our amazing children of military families were recognised yesterday on Purple Up Day with our Bluey Club working on creating a beautiful display board all about them and then presenting in whole school assembly yesterday.

I hope you can help spread the word about our new Flexi Boarding offer. Please send people our way to find out more.

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OCCASSIONAL 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.



[Occasional Boarding Booking Form](#)

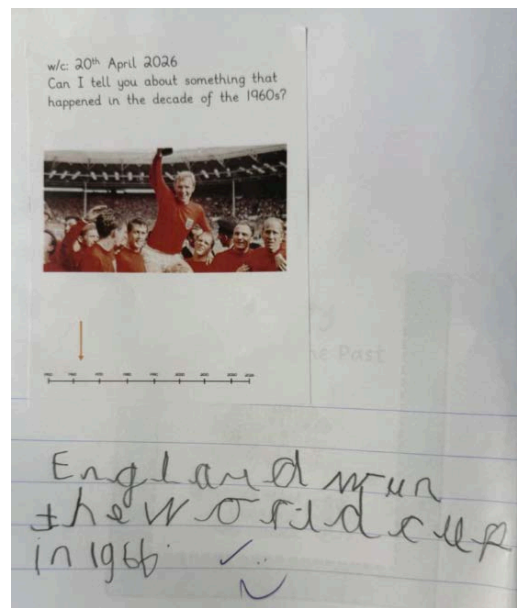
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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have enjoyed learning all about the butterfly life cycle this week and there has been much excitement as the caterpillars have grown really big and hairy! Our tadpoles are also growing fast with a few little legs starting to appear. Curly and Wurly are getting lots of daily cuddles! In English we have continued to gain more independence in writing our sentences in books at tables. In Maths we have continued learning about 3D shapes and also ABB and AAB patterns. Please do look out for the new tricky words in your child's bag each week. In PSHE we have been thinking about what might make people feel lonely and how we can help ourselves and others with this. We have seen a huge improvement in lunchtime engagement and enjoyment thanks to the OPAL project. Please also look out for our email about our little Minibeast show on Friday 15th May.



Year 1 Otters & Seals

This week we have been busy writing a recount of our trip to Strangers' Hall. We have thought about how to make our writing interesting for the reader and the sort of language we can use to help them imagine the things we saw and heard. In phonics we have been recapping sounds we know and practising our spelling of tricky words. We have been looking at counting equal groups in maths (using our knowledge of 2s, 5s and 10s) as well as doubling numbers. In History we learned a bit about what life was like in the 1960s. We heard about England's win at the World Cup in 1966, Neil Armstrong's visit to the moon in 1969 and listened to some tunes by the Beatles!



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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week in Year 2, we continued learning about units of measure by focusing on mass. The children explored grams and kilograms, discovered that 1 kilogram equals 1000 grams and enjoyed using balance scales to weigh classroom objects. In English, we have been learning about the structure of a non-chronological report, understanding how writing starts with general information before becoming more detailed to inform the reader. Our learning this term continues to centre around things that grow and we are especially enjoying learning about plants and food. Thank you to all adults who attended Tuesday's PPTCs.



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

This week in Year 3, we have been busy rehearsing for our production. It has been hard work, but everything is coming along nicely. We are excited for our dress rehearsals next week, when we can really bring our roles to life. In maths, we have been learning about unit fractions and non-unit fractions of an amount. In English, we have been writing fact files about the Razorwhip dragon to prepare for our independent dragon writing next week. In Geography, we have been studying earthquakes and how they affect the world. We are proud of our effort and teamwork together.

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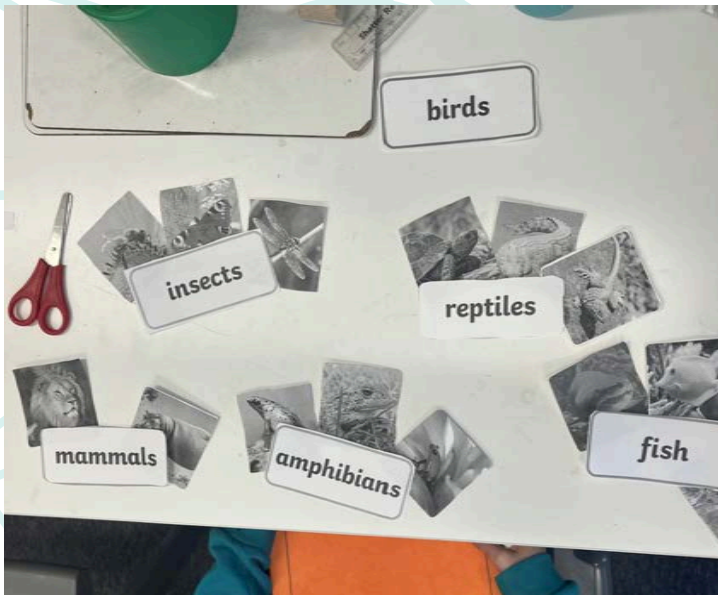
Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Year 4 have had a busy first full week back at school! In English, we have continued our new unit on poetry. We have looked at the structure of poetry and different parts of a poem. In Maths we are continuing with decimals, focusing on dividing a 1 and 2 digit number by 10. And not only have we been doing lots of hard work in the classroom, we have also been in the full swing of rehearsals for our production too.



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been another busy week for Year 5! In English we have continued with our fiction topic 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne. In Art we have been using different mediums to practice key skills ready for our final landscape design. In science we have been busy classifying animals into different categories based on their particular features. In Geography we have been focusing on climate zones and what the weather is like within each area. We were using maps and atlases to support our learning and understanding!



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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

Another busy week in Year 6! The children have absolutely loved spending time in Woodland Wonder so far this term, especially having the opportunity to share the space with their Reception buddies. They have been such wonderful role models to the younger children, it has been a joy to watch! During the rest of the week, we have continued with our unit of Ancient Greece in History, considering 'What, Why and Who might leave a lasting legacy?' which has sparked some fantastic curiosity and discussion. In English, the story of Macbeth has been our focus, particularly writing character descriptions of Lady Macbeth at the beginning of the play. We have absolutely loved the high level vocabulary and punctuation used to add suspense and drama! Also, well done to the Year 6 Netball team who represented WCPS at a tournament this week.



Underwood Hall

It's been busy and bustling in boarding this week. The weekend trip to paintballing was a big success. On Monday we all took part in the April dorm competition which was a cookie bake off. The results were consumed the following evening! The most recent addition to our garden went up on Tuesday which was our volleyball net. On Thursday we welcomed students from the college to help with activities as part of their D of E volunteering. Well done yesterday to a number of borders who took part in our Month of the Military Child assembly. You were all awesome. It is another amazing trip to look forward to this weekend as we head back to the Thetford Forest for Go Ape.



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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the OPAL initiative. Your contributions have made a real difference, and we are confident that the children have come home full of stories about their wonderful and imaginative playtimes.

It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and creativity that this initiative has inspired in the playground.

We are still looking to expand our resources and would greatly appreciate any donations of shovels and trowels. If you happen to have any spare, please feel free to drop them off at reception.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



BEE SWEET... BUY A TREAT!

Cakes for Coaches

Friday 1st May 2026
Outside Main Reception
3:15 whilst stocks last
Cash and Card payments available

ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS THE YEAR 5 DAY TRIP!

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NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK: B

Woodland Wonder Next Week

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



All unnamed lost property will be donated, taken for spares or disposed of by the end of next week. If you are missing any personal belongings, please come and check lost property as soon as possible.

A polite reminder to families that payment deadlines for residentials are as follows.
Payments can be made via your child's MCAS app.

Year 4 Hautbois - Friday 24th April
Year 5 London - Friday 22nd May
Year 6 Thornbridge - Saturday 30th May

If you would like longer to arrange for full payment to be made please contact the school office who will be able to help you.



We remind families again NOT to wait at the reception gate when it is locked due to Woodland Wonder. This creates a serious tailback onto the main road. There was an incident on Monday where an Ambulance could not get through Golf Links Road because Prep School families were blocking access by waiting at the gate for the Reception area carpark.
We thank you for your cooperation



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Forthcoming Events

APRIL/MAY

Wednesday 29th April

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

Thursday 30th April

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

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 2:30pm ★
- Bookings for Y3/4 Production close on MCAS



Signifies Parent invited event



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Forthcoming Events

MAY

Tuesday 5th May

Y3/4 production 09:00am in hall - bookings now open on MCAS ★

Wednesday 6th May

Y3/4 production 2:20pm in hall - bookings now open on MCAS ★

Thursday 7th May

Y4 Hautbois Residential Parents Information Meeting in hall - 4:15pm - 4:45pm - children welcome ★

NEW - Friday 8th May

Y6 Boys/Girls Football Event @ St Josephs 10am - 4:30pm ●

11th May- 14th May

- SATS week
- Mental Health Week

Friday 15th May

- Y5 London Residential evening in hall - time TBC ★
- YR Marvellous Minibeast show 9am in hall - bookings now open on MCAS ★
- KS2 Personal Growth Celebration - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time? ★



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MAY

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
Monday 18 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Thornbridge Residential 2026 • Y5 Netball Bee Festival @ UEA ●
Tuesday 19 th May	Y4/5 Rounders event @ WCPS ●
Thursday 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of ECAs for Summer 1 • EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration - Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time? ★
Friday 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ECAs tonight - WAC open as usual • YR Cakes4Coaches • Y6 Thornbridge Residential return
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th 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

Please note dates are subject to change without notice.



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