

WCPS

News Roundup

Week 3 Autumn Term 2026

Friends of Wymondham College Prep School



🍀 Could you win a new iPhone? 🍀

For just £1 a week, you can support our school through the Your School Lottery and be in with the chance to win cash prizes every week, including the £25,000 jackpot! 💰

And right now, every ticket also gives you a chance to win a brand-new iPhone 18 Pro Max 512GB in the Autumn Super Draw on 31 October! 📱
Best of all, at least 40p from every £1 ticket goes directly towards supporting our school, helping us raise funds for our children. ❤️👉 Sign up here:

The fundraising and fun-filled calendar is coming together! 🎉
We've just had our meeting to finalise our calendar for the year, and there are lots of exciting things planned for the children and our school community! We have some fantastic ideas in the pipeline, including fun events and activities for the children, as well as fundraising opportunities to support the school. There's lots to look forward to, but these plans will only be possible if we have enough volunteers to help make them happen.

We'll be sharing more details very soon, but if you'd like to get the inside scoop, help bring these ideas to life and create special experiences for the children, come and join our FOWCP Volunteer WhatsApp Group. 👉

📱 Come and be part of it! Every helping hand makes a difference – together, we can make this a fantastic year for the children. ❤️



 **OPAL PLAYGROUND**



PHASE 2

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES

DIY Volunteers Needed!

Our vision is BIG, but we need helping hands to make it happen. Watch this space for our next Community Build Day! Together, we can create an incredible outdoor play space for every child. Join the WhatsApp group to hear about upcoming DIY projects and build days. Simply scan the QR code or click the image!

We are also looking out for:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| ★ Tarps | ★ Dress Up Items |
| ★ Spades & trowels | ★ Old suitcases |
| ★ Bikes & trikes | ★ Mud kitchen items |
| ★ Parachute Sheets | ★ Pallets & Cable Drums |



SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE
SAFEGUARDING TEAM



MISS MELTON

DSL



MR TIMMINS

DDSL



MR UNDERHILL

DDSL

THINGS NOT RIGHT AT HOME?
DOWN? U NSAFE? SAD?
WORRIED?
WORRIED ABOUT A FRIEND?



YOU CAN OF COURSE SPEAK TO ANY MEMBER OF STAFF

WE WANT YOU TO BE **HAPPY** AND TO FEEL **SAFE**

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Our week

Monday was a hubub of activity as we navigated the logistics of School Photos. The children were made to feel like movie stars sitting under the hot spotlights for their big shot.

A huge thank you to Ms. Willett, a parent volunteer who does SO much supporting our Gardening ECA, who is now coming in during some lunch times to garden with any children who would like to get involved. If anyone is interested in Volunteering in any capacity in school, we are always so very grateful. There will never be too many adults in the building supporting staff and the children.

I'm thrilled to tell everyone that for the third year running, we have been awarded our School Games GOLD award. This means that we can now aim for our Platinum status. A huge thank you to



Mr. Keeler for all his incredible work year on year, improving our sporting offer. Ms. Broderick is taking over the reigns this year and had an amazing time on Thursday taking a girls team of Y5/6s to Norwich City's *The Nest* to compete as part a new league. We'll update you soon on all things Sport for this term.

Hopefully, we'll see our new school gate in action next week! Thank you for your patience as we wrap up the summer works to our developing site.

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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had a great first full week of full days! The children have all done incredibly well. They were slightly shocked by how many cards there were to get through on our visual timetables! Our focus this week has been 'Who do we live with' as part of our topic 'What makes me special?'. They have all made a lovely family tree craft. We have finished off our English unit 'We're Going on a Bear hunt', which was also our story of the week. Our words of the week are 'hunt', 'relationship' and 'family'. In Maths we have been learning how to match, sort and compare objects and pictures. We have learnt 4 new sounds in Phonics which are in your packs. And we have also been learning about the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Can your child make a portrait out of fruit and vegetables this weekend?



Year 1 Otters & Seals

We've had a busy week in Year 1, learning lots of brilliant things and working hard. In maths we have been looking at comparing numbers, using provision time to create our own very hungry crocodiles, looking to eat the greater amount! We've been thinking about using accurate mathematical terminology such as 'fewer, less, more, greater, equal'. In science we thought about how our ears help us to hear and played a game of sound bingo. During art we thought about drawing from observation, using our looking eyes rather than our imagining brains. We enjoyed drawing what we could see through the viewfinders we made. We've all shown some enthusiasm for learning the classic harvest song 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' in both music and assembly!



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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week, Year 2 have continued writing diary entries about the Great Fire of London. We have been encouraging the children to bring their writing to life by describing the sights, sounds and feelings around them as vividly as possible. The children have worked hard to help their readers imagine what it would have been like to experience the fire firsthand.

In Maths, we are coming to the end of our Place Value unit. We have been exploring two-digit numbers and thinking carefully about how many tens and ones each number contains. Why not challenge your child at home to identify the tens and ones in numbers up to 99? Understanding this helps children compare, order and accurately place numbers on a number line. Well done, Year 2!



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of number lines up to 1,000, using our place value knowledge to spot patterns and work out missing numbers. In Geography, we have enjoyed looking at sketch maps of our local area and school site, identifying key features and thinking about how familiar places can be represented from above.

We have also been really enjoying Charlotte's Web in Reading. The children have been practising reading aloud fluently, using expression and paying close attention to punctuation. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing and their enthusiasm for the story developing. Another super week in Year 3!



Thursday 16th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Free School Meal Eligibility changes 2026-27

Doyourealisetheimpactsigning upforFreeSchoolMealshasona school's budget?

Every 10 eligible primary pupils who receive Targeted Free School Meals who have a hot meal on the 1st October 2026, will bring in the school £15,500 of funding to help provide extra support staff, resources, and interventions for our children.

Free school meals can save families up to £500 per year per child. Even if your child brings a packed lunch, registering is still really important. It ensures your child receives any support they are entitled to, and it helps the school provide the best possible education for all pupils.

Who can apply?

The rules have recently changed, and more families are now eligible. If you receive Universal Credit, there is a strong chance your child may now qualify.

From the start of the 2026-27 academic year, the government will be implementing important changes to benefits-based Free School Meals (FSM). There will be two categories of FSM eligibility. This will be broken down into Targeted FSM and Expanded FSM;

Targeted FSM

- This is based on the existing eligibility threshold
- For pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less
- All households who receive other qualifying benefits will also receive Targeted FSM. A full list of qualifying benefits can be found on the following website:
<http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Expanded FSM

- This is a new eligibility criteria
- For pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM but who are in households receiving universal credit.

Try Hard, Be Kind, Be You



How to apply

Applying is quick, easy and confidential:

- Visit your local authority's online application portal by following the QR code above or via paper application (see attached) which needs to be returned to the school office for processing or via this link: [Free School Meals](#)
- The system checks eligibility straight away
- School staff are very happy to help if you would like support completing the application

What if I am already in receipt of benefits related to FSM?

Parents already in receipt of benefits related FSM do not need to reapply. Your eligibility will be rechecked and confirmation of this will be sent to you before the end of the summer holiday.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

Families with children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are still encouraged to apply for benefits-based FSM, although children in these year groups are entitled to free school meals under the UIFSM scheme, families who are eligible for FSM could attract additional funding for the school.

Following checks of eligibility over the summer holidays, families will be informed by NCC to confirm eligibility. NCC will also inform schools of any new entitlements so you will not need to notify us separately.

Help with living costs

Families who are eligible for FSM, may have received Edenred vouchers in the past to help with the cost of living. These vouchers were part of a national scheme that ended in March 2026. For families struggling with food, energy or other essential costs, you can apply for support through Norfolk's Crisis and Resilience fund.

This fund can provide help with urgent costs such as food or energy, offer practical support for those facing financial difficulties and to help you manage your money and plan ahead. Support is based on need, so families can apply even if they haven't had help before. To find out more and apply please visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41957/What-the-Crisis-and-Resilience-Service-is> or call 0344 8008020

Kind regards,

Mr. Simon Underhill

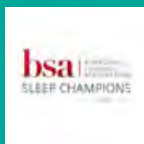
Headteacher

'Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.' Samuel Beckett, playwright

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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

What a week we have had in Year 4! We finished writing our stories about a child who loves exploring, and ended them with a myserty. And have since started our new unit which is a balanced argument, we had a first try by making lists to form a paragraph on a topic of our choice. In maths, we have continued with place value, focusing more on comparing and ordering numbers. In science, we looked at how to make sounds quieter and louder. And in geography, we compared the National Parks in the UK to the ones in the USA.



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

We've had a lovely time in Year 5 this week ending up with our 'Meet the Teacher' event which was a chance to welcome parents into the Year 5 classrooms, talk about what lies in store this year (both in and out of the classroom) and for parents to take part in some activities with their children. It was a lovely reminder of the exciting, vibrant and busy school that we are! Our writing, on the theme of Rose Blanche, has come to a wonderful end this week with our independent write and in maths we have been grappling with the concept of rounding large numbers. Other highlights have included learning about migrants and fefugees in PSHE, about systems in computing, and about wartime recipes in D&T. Well done Year 5!



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Year 6 Lions, Tigers & Jaguars

What a fun week it has been in Year 6 with so many highlights to choose from! We started the week meeting our reception buddies which was a huge hit - it was so special seeing the Year 6 children bonding with the newest and youngest members of the school and asking those all important 'get to know me' questions! We can't wait to meet up with our buddies regularly and keep up this wonderful bond throughout the year. This week also involved our Pupil Leadership Team interviews - huge well done to all the children who have applied and have had their interview already, we are so proud of your efforts and confidence with this! We will continue with this process next week. In art, we had a very creative lesson this week taking part in 'portrait club' where we had to draw our friends using wacky and quirky rules like drawing with your eyes closed or with your least dominant hand - it was a great laugh! Thank you to all those who came to Meet the Teacher - we hope it was useful!



Pupil Leadership Team

We have carried out all 59 interviews over the last week and a bit in Year 6. The children were incredibly impressive in the way they had prepared and how they presented themselves and answered the questions we asked. Selecting this years Pupil Leadership team is going to be incredibly difficult. We will be announcing things next week! For those not successful, be proud of your efforts and know your contribution to helping and supporting your school by living and breathing our values will go a long way to helping us thrive.



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Underwood Hall

Well just like that it is exeat proving that age old saying in boarding that says 'the days are long but the weeks are short'. Last week's trip to Hollywood Bowl was a roaring success and on Tuesday night the new boarders had their first experience of the all time classic game of Danish Longball which, year in year out, is a firm favourite. Wednesday night was all about our second Big Midweeker of the term. We didn't venture offsite for this but instead the fine double act of Quiz Masters Greenwood and Timmins compiled a quiz consisting of a crisp tasting round, a logo round, an anagram round and a music round. Well done to runners up The Dorito Queens and congratulations to winners The Curious Clever Children. Watch this space for plans of our next Big Midweeker. As we headed into the exeat weekend we welcomed parents and carers of boarders into Underwood Hall for our 'Meet My Boarding Community' event. It was a lovely opportunity to chat with parents, for parents to meet other parents and for boarders and their sibblings to play outside in the garden, socialise and eat biscuits!



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NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK: B

Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	AM Session: Otters PM Session: Bumblebees
Tuesday	AM Session: Seals PM Session: Dragonflies

**WCPS
ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK
98.4%**

We politely remind families not to park at the front of the school (reception car park) if running late and please vacate the school grounds asap after drop off for reception car park gates to be closed

Think you might be eligible for Free School Meals? Please see letter below in the attachments which gives further information on eligibility and how to apply.

A polite reminder to email all absences to office@wymcolprep.org, not individual staff/teachers or call and/or leave a message on 01953 609000

A HUGE Thank you to those families who have donated library books over the years, your contribution has given the children an amazing choice of books to choose from. For now we are at capacity with books and can no longer take any donations.

We do still have the book swap box under the bike shed should you wish to donate any books to that. When the time comes for future book donations we will be in touch.

We're still looking for a Woodland Wonder Volunteer for Tuesdays both during the day and during ECA time. If you are able to volunteer your time to any sessions, please do let us know.



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Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Monday 28 th September	• Wraparound option opens for Reception pupils • Flu Vaccination catch up session - <i>if you gave consent for your child to receive the vaccination and they missed the last session, they will receive this time</i>
Wednesday 30 th September	• YR & Sibling individual photos - <i>Further information on this will be sent next week</i> • PPTC bookings for SEN pupils opens
Tuesday 6 th October	PPTC bookings for SEN pupils closes
Wednesday 7 th October	PPTC bookings open to all families
Friday 9 th October	Y6 Author Visit

Please note dates are subject to change without notice



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event

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Forthcoming Events

OCTOBER

NEW - Monday 12th
October

Y5/6 Boys Football Event @ The Nest ●

Wednesday 14th October

- EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - *Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time?* ★
- Y6 Movie Night - *further information will follow* ●

NEW - Thursday 15th
October

- PPTC Bookings close
- FoWCPS Pumpkin Competition - *Further information to follow*
- LKS2 (Year 3&4) Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - *Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time?* ★

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

NEW - Friday 16th October

- Last day of term, no ECAs.
- UKS2 (Years 5&6) Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - *Await invitation, is your child being celebrated this time?* ★
- YR & Y6 Vision & Hearing screening 9:30am - *further communications will be sent regarding this*
- Residential Deposits Deadline - *payments can be made via your child's MCAS account*

Monday 19th October -
Friday 30th October



October Half Term



NEW - Monday 2nd
November

Year 5 to Time & Tide Museum

NEW - Tuesday 3rd
November

Y5 Active Leaders event @ UEA ●

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Forthcoming Events

NOVEMBER

NEW - Thursday 5th
November



PPTCS 3:30pm - 7:00pm - *Please remember there are NO ECAs tonight. Please collect your child at 3:15pm or book them into Premier Education WAC*

NEW - Monday 9th
November

Y5/6 Boys Football Event ●

NEW - Tuesday 10th
November

- PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm - *Please remember there are NO ECAs tonight. Please collect your child at 3:15pm or book them into Premier Education WAC* ★
- Odd Socks day for Anti-bullying week - come into school in your best off socks!

NEW - Monday 16th
November

Parent Workshop - Reception phonics - 2:40pm in school hall ★

NEW - Tuesday 17th
November

Y3/4 Mixed football event ●

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20 th November	Children in Need - Wear something spotty with your uniform and donate to BBC Children in Need
Friday 4 th December	Last day of Autumn Term ECAs - <i>From Monday 7th December, please collect your child at 3:15pm or book them into Premier Education wraparound care</i>
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and WCPS Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Decoration Day & WCPS Christingle - <i>Please note this is a provisional date and date is subject to change without notice.</i>
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term - No ECA or WAC

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Signifies child invited event



october



Loads of activities. Tonnes of fun.

For children aged 4–11.



**BOOK
TODAY!**



october



Sports may include:

Football n Dodgeball Capture-the-flag Cricket n Archery n Benchball
Athletics n Gymnastics n Dance n Tennis ... and more!!



arts & crafts

Monday - Paper Lanterns
Tuesday - Trick or Treat Basket
Wednesday - Mummy Game
Our Most Exciting Activity of the Week
Thursday - Pumpkin Paper Plates
Friday - Monster Mask Plates

fancy dress thursday!!

Dress up in your craziest costume
- most creative costumes may win
a prize. If not, comfortable sports
attire is absolutely fine.

star of the week



**BOOK
TODAY!**



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Dates:

Times:

Price:

Ages:

Additional info:



Looking for something exciting this October half-term? Our multi-activity holiday clubs are packed with fun, energy, and variety for children of all ages!

Each day brings something new – from archery and fencing to dodgeball, cricket, and loads more. With a mix of sports, team games, and seasonal crafts, there's never a dull moment.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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20% off too!

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Every
School
Holiday



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Holiday Clubs

For children aged 4–11.



Full Day

08:00 - 17:30

£42.50

Half Day

10:00 - 14:00

£24



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Wymondham, NR18 9SX

Book via
the app...



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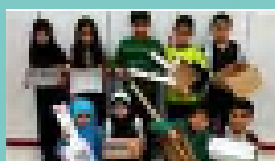


THIS WEEK'S ENRICHING OFFER ACTIVITIES



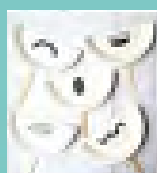
MONDAY

**CURIOSITY
LAB**
Sound
investigators



TUESDAY

**CREATIVE
PERFORMERS**
Emotion masks



WEDNESDAY

**MIND
MASTERS**
My amazing heart



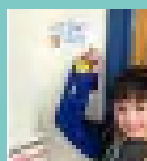
THURSDAY

**INNOVATION
ACADEMY**
NextGen creators



FRIDAY

**PLANET
PROTECTORS**
Energy detectives



FRIDAY

**YOUNG
ENTREPRENEURS**
Friends first
mission



BOOK A PLACE
TODAY





Wymondham Youth **MUSIC SOCIETY**



THURSDAYS
6 - 7 JUNIOR STRINGS
FOUR THURSDAYS PER
TERM 7.15 - 8.45
SENIOR ENSEMBLE

WYMONDHAM
METHODIST CHURCH
NR18 0PN
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



<https://wymms.org.uk>

[Email enquiries@wymms.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wymms.org.uk)

Or find us on Instagram: [wymondhamyouthmusicsociety](#)



Wymondham
Youth Music
Society

JUNIOR STRINGS

wyms.org.uk

Did you know that the Wymondham Youth Music Society, which meets on Thursday evenings, has a Junior Strings group? This is for any children who play the violin, viola, cello or double bass, from those who have been learning just a short while (pre Grade 1) through to those of Grade 3+ standard.

FREE TASTER SESSION

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10th, 6:00-7:00

(or on a different day by arrangement)

Any children who are learning are welcome to come along and either join in, or just watch and listen if preferred. No one needs to worry about playing all the right notes, and help is always nearby! Music will be provided, including some very easy parts using mainly open strings. Several of our players are moving away this summer, so we are very keen to welcome lots of new members at the start of this school year! We meet every Thursday in term time at Wymondham Methodist Church, Town Green, NR18 OPW.

Please let me know in advance if you hope to come - phone 01379 677279, or email - chris@jaggard.org.uk or do ask if there is anything else you would like to know.

Chris Jaggard, Junior Strings director





Junior Choir

Does your child love to sing?

If so, the Wymondham Abbey Junior Choir might be the place for them!

Junior choristers have the opportunity to sing with a fantastic choir, learn to read music, sing regularly in a beautiful building, make friends and have fun!

We take children aged 7 and up.

Rehearsals are 6.30-7.30pm on Fridays at Wymondham Abbey and are free to attend.

If you are interested or want to find out more, get in touch by contacting Lorna at:

parentandchild@wymondhamabbey.org.uk





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JOIN US FOR AN ISLAND OF FUN!

SCHOOL YEARS 3-6

SEPTEMBER 25TH

6.30 - 8PM



SONGS



FAITH



GAMES



PRIZES



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New Term, New Opportunities!

Welcome to the new academic year!

It was lovely to see so many regular clients and new faces over the summer.
Thank you to everyone who took part in the 3-Day Summer Maths Challenge!



SMALL GROUP TUITION

Maximum 4 students
Focused, supportive
and effective learning



CURRENT TUITION AVAILABLE

- ✓ KS2 Maths
- ✓ KS3 Maths
- ✓ GCSE Foundation Maths
- ✓ GCSE Foundation Maths (November Resits)
- ✓ Daytime sessions available



SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Don't leave it too late!
Some sessions are already full.

**Book now to secure
your place.**

Keep an eye out for our
Autumn Maths Challenge
coming soon!

*Helping children
grow in confidence,
one step
at a time.*