

# WCPS

## News Roundup

Week 8 Autumn Term 2025

### Our week

We've had a brilliant first week back after the Half Term break. The children have come back with a spring in their step and Christmas is already in the air.

It was wonderful welcoming all of you into the school for our Autumn Term Parent Pupil Teacher Consultations (PPTCs). We hope the face to face meeting was helpful in gaining a snapshot of your child's learning journey.

On Wednesday it was a privilege to welcome 130 Norfolk Headteacher's into our hall for a talk by the Ofsted Regional Director of East Anglia, Mike Sheridan. It was extremely useful learning how we can ride the wave of the momentous changes coming.

Year 2 had some very special visitors in school on Thursday... the 'awe and wonder' on their faces seeing the owls was such a magical moment!

On Thursday, Wymondham Rugby



Club hosted a brilliant schools' rugby tournament. The children did so well and loved the experience to play in such an incredible facility.

In celebration of National Science Day, the children had a brilliant Fossils & Fireworks workshop this week.

And finally, we are so grateful to our community in supporting the Friends of WCPS who have got us an amazing 'Book Returns' box for the library! Thank you everyone!

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## FLEXI BOARDING IN UNDERWOOD HALL

SPECIAL  
OFFER

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR FLEXI  
BOARDING OFFER - STAY FOR ONE NIGHT  
AND GET YOUR SECOND NIGHT FOR  
HALF PRICE (NO ADMIN FEE APPLIES)

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 £100 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](mailto:j.timmins@wymcolprep.org).

**[Flexi Boarding Booking Form](#)**



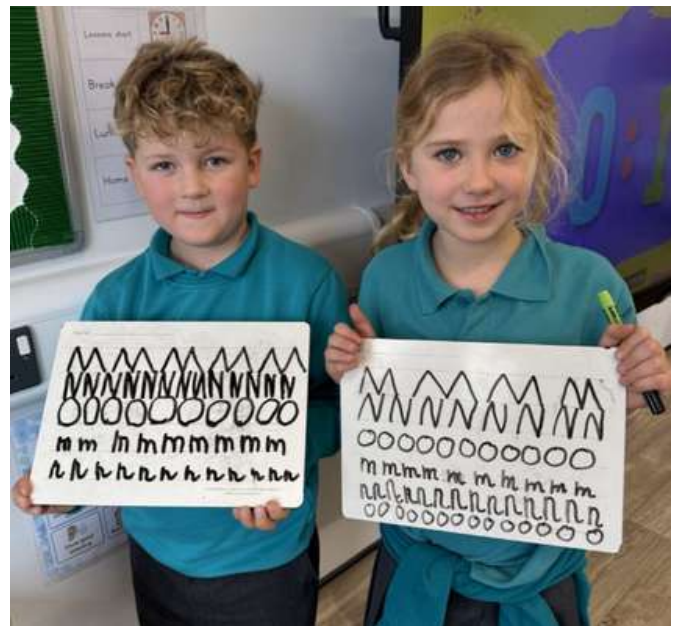
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## Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had a fantastic first week back in Reception this week. The children have been really keen to get stuck into our new learning and to tell us all about their busy half terms. This half term we will be thinking about what we celebrate. This week Rabbits and Robins have engaged with lots of Bonfire Night fun and enjoyed hearing about why we commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup> of November each year. In maths we have been focusing on numbers 1, 2 & 3 with lots of discussion about 'more' and 'less'. Can your child quiz you with some one more or one less questions? We have begun our English unit of 'Poppies' - we will explore the concept of Remembrance with the children over the next week. In Phonics our new sounds are ff, ll, ss, j and four new tricky words (put, pull, full, as). Please take a few minutes every day to practice recognition and blending with your child. We are looking forward to seeing lots of families on Monday afternoon at the phonics workshop - thank you for all of your continued support!



## Year 1 Otters & Seals

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and also to meet with their grown ups during PPTCs to share the successes of each child's Autumn Term learning and development. We have gotten stuck back in to all of our topics, learning more new sounds in phonics and enjoying our first ever D&T lesson where we looked at famous structures around the world. In PSHE we had some good discussions about how big or small a problem may be, using a numbered scale from 1 (a small problem) to 5 (an emergency). In English we have been writing a list poem about firework night and have created some wonderful artwork to display with our finished written work. We had fun in science, matching childhood photos of staff to their current self, thinking about how humans grow and change!



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## Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

In Year 2 this week, we were delighted to welcome the children back after the half-term break. We began our new writing focus (a narrative inspired by *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*) and the children are already full of imaginative ideas. In Mathematics, we have continued to practise adding and subtracting using base ten, building on our understanding from last half-term. The highlight of the week was meeting a range of incredible owls on Thursday morning!



## Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

We have had a great start back to the half term in Year 3. We received a very important letter from the British Time Museum inviting us to be part of their time division to find out about history before any written evidence. In maths we are becoming so good at using the formal column methods and are now ready to try with exchanging! We finished writing our humorous story where characters ate some strange items such as video games, buildings and vehicles!



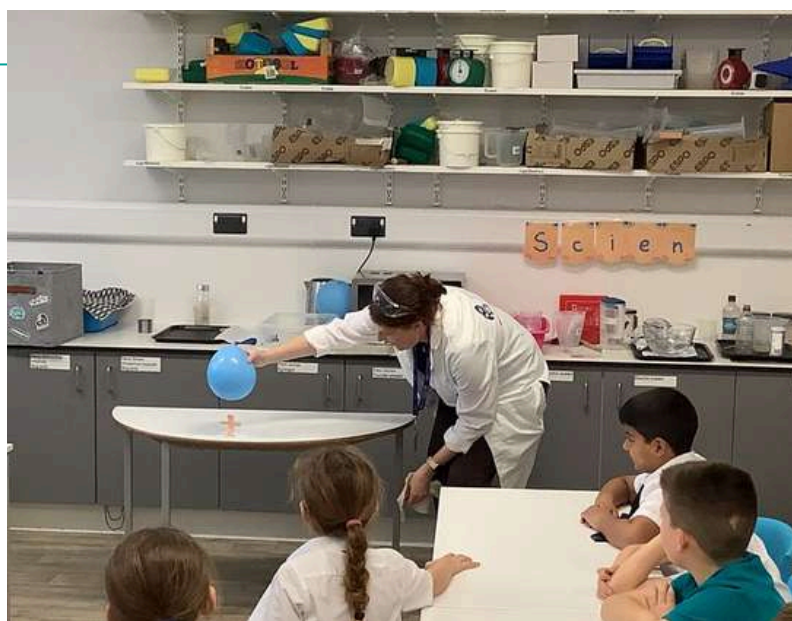
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### Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Year 4 have returned after the half-term break with a fantastic attitude towards learning! We've hit the ground running with our new learning for this half term. In English, we've begun a new writing unit based on The Iron Man, while in Maths we're learning how to calculate the area of 2D shapes. During our Reading lessons, we're continuing to enjoy The Secret Wild. Our DT, Science, and Geography learning this half term are all connected through our topic of electricity, which will spark plenty of curiosity and creativity!



### Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been a great start back for Year 5! We have started our new topic Earth and Space and have been investigating the different conspiracy theories that surround Neil Armstrong's mission to the moon! During English we have started our new fiction story 'one small step'. We loved looking at all of our special objects that have inspired you. Year 5 also were lucky enough to have a science visitor that showed us all things wonder! The experiments really did look like magic!



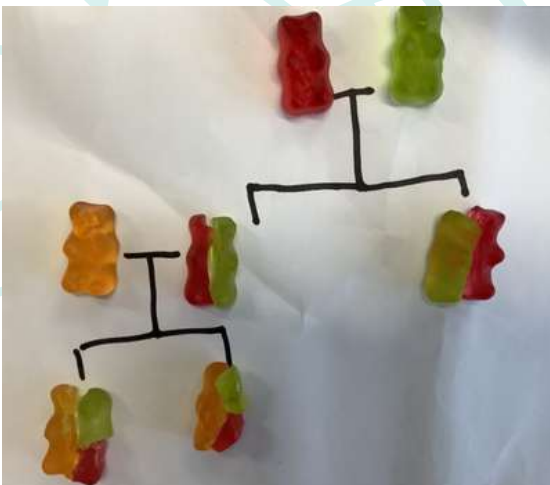
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### Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

We have loved starting many of our new learning units in Year 6 this week! We kick started our Science learning about Inheritance and Evolution by showing how DNA and genes are shared within family trees using (and cutting up!) gummy bears! We also started our new DT project which will see us making our own charitable soft toys using sewing techniques by the end of the term. It was interesting researching different animal charities we could use as inspiration. In Humanities, we learned about education inequalities across the world, including how many children can't read, and how the United Nations aim to provide education to all children across the world. This week also involved a Rugby trip for chosen children and they were a real credit to the school - well done rugby players!



### Underwood Hall

Well a clear highlight of the week has been the mass production of mini Biscoff cheesecakes which happened last night. This means that you will sense me rushing my typing this week as I am told that there are plenty of spares in the fridge and I do not want to miss out! On Sunday evening we welcomed new boarders Freddie and Sybil into Year 6. Well done to you two on fabulous first weeks. In other news, on Monday we played a new game called 'Undercover' and on Tuesday we went to the astro for some footie. This weekend we will be joining the college for remembrance on Sunday and then after that we are off to Pottery Painting as our weekend trip. Have a great weekend everyone!

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### Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

REMINDER



**BAG 2  
SCHOOL  
COLLECTION**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November  
9am**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING  
US FUNDRAISE** ❤️

**TEDDY  
BEAR  
TOMBOLA**

Last call for any unwanted  
teddies/plushies for the  
Winter Fayre Teddy Bear  
Tombola.

Where:  
Main Foyer  
Closing Date:  
14 November



Next Committee Meeting:  
**Date:** Tuesday 11 November 2025  
**Time:** 19:30 for 19:45 start  
**Where:** White Hart, Wymondham



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**NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK: B**

### Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	AM Sessions - Otters PM Sessions - Dragonflies
Tuesday	AM Sessions - Seals PM Sessions - Bumblebees

**WCPS  
ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK  
98%**



We will be celebrating Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week next Friday. Come to school wearing your best odd socks.



The FoWCPs are still collecting Teddies for the WC Winter Fayre, if you have any unwanted teddy donations, please bring them bagged up to the main school foyer.



We have a huge amount of lost property in school. We unfortunately do not have the space to keep it all. Please remember to name ALL belongings that come into school so we can re-unite any lost items with their owners. Any unnamed lost property left at the end of term will unfortunately be disposed of or given to charity.



All families should have received their child's link for their individual and sibling photos. If you have not yet received your unique link, please email the school office who will be able to assist you.



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## Forthcoming Events

### NOVEMBER

**NEW** - Monday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November

- FoWCPS Bag2School collection day
- Parents Workshop - Reception Phonics 2:40pm - 3:10pm ★
- Y5/6 Mixed Football Event @ The Nest ●

**NEW** - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
November

- Y4-6 Football event @ WCPS ●
- Y5/6 FoWCPS Movie Night

**NEW** - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
November

Odd Socks Day - Wear your best odd socks to school for anti-bullying week

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Wymondham College Winter Fayre 10am - 2pm

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Wymondham College Winter Concert 7:00pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

EYFS Nativity bookings open 12:00pm - Further information to follow



Signifies Parent invited event



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### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Term ECA Brochure published</li> <li>• <b>EXEAT weekend - No ECAs or WAC</b></li> <li>• Y2 Cakes 4 Coaches 3:15pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3-6 Mixed Cross Country @ the Showground ●
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception intake 2026 Open Morning - Please contact the school office to enquire on availability</li> <li>• Spring Term ECA sign up opens 12:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Term ECA Sign up closes 6:00pm</li> <li>• Y5 Space Day with Mike Culley</li> </ul>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring ECA results published to families</li> <li>• LAMDA Examinations</li> </ul>



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### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- Percussion & Drums ECA mini performance 3:40pm - 4:00pm ★
- WCPS Choir performing at The Forum - More information to follow ●

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration - Await invitation - is your child being celebrated this time? ★
- Y4-6 Tag Rugby event @ WCPS ●

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day 2025
- Last day of Autumn Term ECAs
- Bookings for EYFS Nativity Close 12:00pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- FoWCPS Christmas Disco & Non-uniform Day
  - Reception - 2:30pm - 3:00pm
  - KS1 - 3:15pm - 4:00pm
  - KS2 - 4:15pm - 5:00pm



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## Forthcoming Events

### CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch (Pupils only)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	FoWCPS Christmas Disco & Non-uniform Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EYFS 2:30pm - 3:00pm</li> <li>• KS1 3:15pm - 4:00pm</li> <li>• KS2 4:15pm - 5:00pm</li> </ul>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity Performance 9:30am ★
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity Performance 2:15pm ★
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Decoration Day 9:00am - 10:00am (exact times TBC) ★</li> <li>• WCPS Christingle 2:15pm - 3:15pm (Parents to arrive from 1:00pm) ★</li> </ul>



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**In Case You Missed It**

**Communications you might have missed in  
your inbox this week**



**WYMONDHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Conductor Theo Vinden

Leader Judith Jenks

## **Celebrating Ravel**

**Johann Strauss II Die Fledermaus Overture**

**Dvořák Slavonic Dance 3 op 72**

**Ravel Pavane pour une infante défunte**

**Mussorgsky/Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition**

**Saturday**

**29 November 2025**

**7:00pm**

**Wymondham  
Abbey**



Tickets available online (scan the QR code) or from the  
Wymondham Abbey shop

£15

£13 WSO Friends Under 18s free

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# 4 WEEK INTRO

♥ rugby

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up for grabs..

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completing all 4  
weeks.

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for more info and  
to sign up...



For Girls in Yr3-6

Thursday 5-6pm

20/11, 27/11, 4/12,  
11/12.



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Rugby

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## **Family Action NWAASS November Newsletter**

As well as including information about workshops, drop-ins and courses we are also sharing with you this month an interview with a grandparent who has attended our courses.

We hope you will find his insights about the journey he has been on interesting and thought provoking.

### [Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service](#)

In this month's newsletter, we feature an interview with a grandparent who recently attended both our Plan Bee and Puffins courses alongside his wife, daughter and daughter's partner.

[Go to this Sway](#)

Warmest regards.

Family Action's Norfolk and Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service



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# Holiday clubs



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during the winter Holidays!



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**Premier**  
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# your nearest multi-activity club

Venue: Wymondham College Prep School

Dates: 22nd & 23rd December

Times: 08:00-17:30 + 10:00-14:00

Price: £42.01, £20.00

Ages: 4-11

Additional info: Childcare vouchers accepted



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!

## clubs are better with friends!



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to 20% off...and get  
20% off too!

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**WINTER  
HOLIDAY CLUB  
EARLY BIRD**



**use code **EARLYWINTER10** for 10% off.**

Offer ends 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

SATURDAY 13 DEC 2025

UEA CHRISTMAS LECTURES FOR CHILDREN

**UEA** University of  
East Anglia  
Norwich

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## SEEING IS BELIEVING?

There's a reason why Santa makes a list and checks it twice! Join two jolly academics from UEA's School of Psychology to explore how your brain interprets memory, illusions and puzzles through a festive Christmas lens.

**TICKETS:** Book online at [uea.ac.uk/search/events](https://uea.ac.uk/search/events)  
**MORE INFO:** [events@uea.ac.uk](mailto:events@uea.ac.uk)

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