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Our week

It's been a very warm week but despite the heat, we've flourished in lots of ways. Our amazing Year 6 cricket team won all of their matches at a South Norfolk tournament resulting in us being overall winners! We now get the chance next week to play in the Norfolk County finals! The children are SO proud of their achievement, as are we!

We heard this week that for a second year running we have achieved the School Games GOLD award! To get this we had to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs as well as prove our engagement with competitions. We aim to try and take part in as many sporting events as possible.



On Wednesday, we took part in National Sing Up day, joining schools from around the world from as far away as New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, in performing In Me I Trust. The children can't wait to see their performance in the International Digi Choir recording some time soon.

It was lovely too see lots of parents see so many children celebrated up on the stage this week for the last Personal Growth Celebration of the academic year.











2024/25

This term, we sat down with Dan, the outgoing Chair of the Friends of Wymondham College Prep to reflect on his time in the role, what it involves, and why getting involved as a parent volunteer is so rewarding.

Why did you volunteer to be the chair?

"I first got involved when my eldest child was in Year 5 and my youngest was hoping to join the school. I'd previously helped at events like the Easter Fair, and when the opportunity came up to take on the Chair role, I thought it was something I could contribute to—to help bring people together and get things done. Despite not having prior experience on a committee, it was a chance to work with a really friendly and dedicated group of people who wanted to make a positive difference—for the school, the children, and the wider community."

What does the Chair Role Involve?

"The Chair's role is wide-ranging but manageable with the right support. We have a monthly meeting with Mr. Underhill—just 45 minutes—to stay aligned with the school's needs. Then, every two months, we meet as a committee in the evening for around an hour and a half to plan events, review finances, and discuss fundraising priorities. There's also a termly meeting with trustees, where the Chair reports on the health of the charity, and an AGM once a year.

In total, I probably spend about two hours a week on Friends-related work. It's a challenge, and it's fun—but very rewarding, and I get to meet loads of parents"

What would you say at the greatest challenges—and, conversely, the joys?

"One of the biggest challenges is finding enough volunteers. We're fortunate to have an enthusiastic team, but we need to keep renewing that group—especially from parents of younger children. When more people help, no one ends up doing too much.

Still, with the right systems in place, the job doesn't have to be overwhelming. It's all manageable with a bit of organisation. The key is supporting one another and making space for people to contribute in ways that work for them. - be that dipping in and out or taking a leading

So, what's next for you?

"I plan to step down as Chair this December, as both of my children will have moved on to the College. However, I'll continue to serve as a trustee, helping to provide oversight and supporting the new Chair as they settle into the role. Ideally, someone with a child in Year 2 or 3 will step forward to take on the position and shape it over the coming years."



Dan Orsborne **Chair of FOWCP**



This is one of the school's three 'Good Choice Mantras/

Looking ahead, there's a lot to be excited about. We're now £5,000 into our £20,000 target for a new long-term project—an Adventure Garden for the school. We'll also be welcoming a new cohort of Reception starters in September, we have a donation of £1400 to give to the school to support trips for the 25/26 school year and begin the cycle again of fundraising efforts for Year 6 to help create truly memorable leavers' celebrations in July 2026. In the lead-up to Christmas, we have a packed calendar of magical community events including the Pumpkin Trail, discos, film nights, and our much-loved Christingle.

How You Can Help - we really do need YOU!

Thinking about getting involved? The role can be as big or as small as you like. Even just coming to a committee meeting to give your thoughts on how to spend funds or helping to support events like a disco or serving hot drinks at an event makes a big difference.

If you don't have time to commit regularly, you can still help. We have a volunteer WhatsApp group. We use it to ask for ad hoc help—10-15 minute jobs like delivering something for the garden or helping out at an event. It all adds up.

Want to Help?

Whether you have an hour a month or 10 minutes now and then, your time is truly valued. <u>Click here to join the volunteer WhatsApp group</u> and be part of something that makes a big difference. Together, we can keep making Wymondham College Prep a fun, enriching, and inspiring place for all our children.



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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

Adventure Play Garden Update: £4,000 Raised So Far-Thank You!

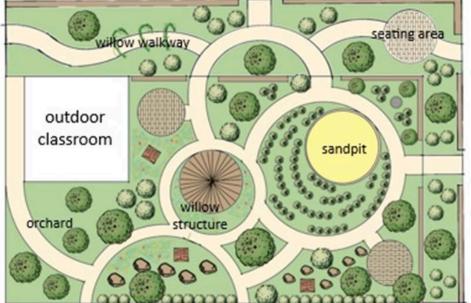
We're thrilled to share that thanks to your generosity and support, we've raised £4,000 towards our £20,000 goal for the Adventure Play Garden!

This is an incredible start, and we're so grateful to everyone who has contributed so far. With your help, we're one step closer to creating a magical space filled with willow tunnels, sandpits, cozy seating, and endless opportunities for joy.

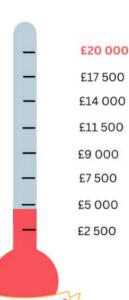
But we're not there yet! To bring this dream to life, we still need your help. Every contribution—big or small—makes a huge difference and brings us closer to our target. Remember, just £50 per child will help us create this incredible play area for all our students.

Let's keep the momentum going! Watch the thermometer on our newsletter as it rises toward the £20,000 mark, and let's work together to make the Adventure Play Garden a reality.

Thank you for your ongoing support!







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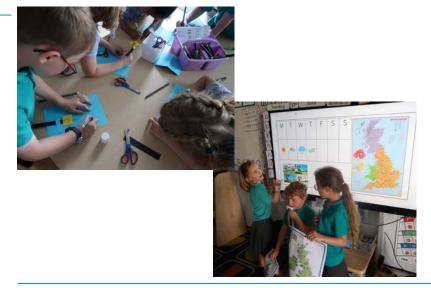
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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have started a new unit in English this week based on the Snail and the Whale. We are writing postcards from the Snail and the Whale and learning about places that they visit around the world. In Maths we have continued to learn about sharing and grouping as well as looking at whether we can share odd and even numbers. In Phonics we continue to revise all of our sounds and tricky words from this year and we are blending and segmenting longer words. The children have all done some super independent writing about animals under the sea for our writing assessments. We all loved taking part in the 'Sing up Day' song on Wednesday as well as our forest school sessions.





Year 1 Otters & Seals

We have had a busy, hot week in Year One. The children have produced some AMAZING independent writing about The Queen's Hat story. We are so proud of all of them for checking their sentences for the basics! In maths we have started our place value to 100 unit. We have been partitioning by tens and ones, finding one more and less and comparing numbers with the same number of tens. In science we talked about habitats for animals and how we can provide the best condition for our pets to keep them happy and healthy. Seals and Otters enjoyed creating the next mage of their mini-book about weather with a sun flying through the sky on a slider.





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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week in Year 2, we've been full of creativity and curiosity! In Woodland Wonder, the children had a fantastic time exploring natural materials and using clay to create imaginative woodland creatures and objects. Back in the classroom, we've been busy planning our own poems thinking carefully about word choices and structure. The children are now ready and excited to begin their independent poetry writing next week. We can't wait to see their ideas come to life!





Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

This week in Year 3 it has been full of exciting learning! In maths, we've been exploring time, focusing on the 24-hour clock, understanding duration, and learning to use AM and PM correctly. In English, we began our independent writing based on The True Story of Little Red Riding Hood, applying all the writing techniques we've developed this term—there are some very creative twists appearing! Science has seen the start of our flowering plant experiment, where we've made predictions and begun planning and recording our observations. A particular highlight this week was using our brand-new reading books during our reading fluency lessons—it was a real treat to read together as a whole class with matching books. Looking ahead, we're very excited to see all the Dragon creations next week from our latest home learning task. Thank you for your continued support at home—it really brings our learning to life!









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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Year 4 have continued to wow this week with their determination to work hard and be kind, even when it's hot, hot, hot! We have been really proud of the mature and sensible approach the pupils have taken during our PSHE lessons on puberty where we have been helping the class understand the changes their body will go through. Our History lesson this week allowed us to explore what a monument is, before deciding why they are built and why there were so many built during the Bronze Age. In art, the children got creative with chalk on the MUGA and drew ancient patterns inspired by historical designs ready to get crafty on our t shirts soon Maths this week has been all about shape and angles where the children applied what they have learnt about obtuse, acute and right angles to a range of questions. Finally, in English, we have been planning our own narratives based on the adventure tory 'The whale'.





Year 5 Emperors & Royals

It has been another awesome week for Year 5! In Geography we have been investigating the negative effects of climate change and the preventative measures we can take as a society. During English we continue to develop our understanding of how to write a non chronological report and have found out some fascinating facts about Emperor penguins along the way! In DT we have began to create our carousels in small groups, we will be making the pulleys and circuit boards next week! We are very much looking forward to Sports Day next week toobring it on!











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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

Year 6 have had a great week! Our Y5/6 Production is also really starting to take shape with the children putting so much effort into learning their lines, songs and dance moves. Both classes also took part in a social action project with some Year 10 students from the College who gave us lots of ideas on how to work on our mental health. We look forward to next week's visit to the Norfolk show.





Underwood Hall

My goodness it is getting warm now and we are doing all that we can to enjoy the sunshine but keep cool at the same time. On Monday evening we all went outside to learn a new game called Danish Longball. Lots of fun, lots of running, lots of teamwork. We will definitely play again next week. We experimented with some different methods to make big tubs of slushies to keep in the freezer. One method definitely worked but the other just resulted in a huge block of ice forming! It has been great to welcome 2 prospective boarders for a taster this week bringing our total number at one point to an all time high of 22 in the house. I hope that you all enjoy a restful exeat weekend. See you Sunday!











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Heads of School

Sports day can be a bit frightening for participants, especially for those who are not very confident in their athletic abilities or who are new to the event. Sports day is one of the most anticipated events in any school or community, and the excitement surrounding it is truly contagious. When you're really excited for sports day, it means you're looking forward to a day filled with energy, competition, and fun activities that bring everyone together. The anticipation builds up as students, teachers, and parents prepare for a day of athletic challenges, teamwork, and celebration of physical fitness. Why Sports Day excites everyone:

- Competitive Spirit: Sports day offers a platform for students to showcase their athletic skills, whether it's running, jumping, or team sports like soccer and relay races. The thrill of competing and striving to do their best motivates participants and spectators alike.
- Teamwork and Friendship: Many events require collaboration, fostering a sense of camaraderie among students. It's a chance to build friendships and learn the importance of working together towards a common goal. Rainbow (Head of School)



Heads of Underwood

This week, two children had a border taster that brought a lot of joy and fun to their day. These border tasters provided an excellent opportunity for the children to socialize, learn new skills, and enjoy each other's company. During these boarder tasters, they engaged in various activities such as playing. The children's happiness and excitement made the days memorable. Overall, the border trials were a wonderful experience, filled with fun and happiness. We made cold slushes using, smashed ice and flavourful syrups to create a refreshing and icy treat, for the boiling hot summer. Rosa (Head of Underwood Hall)









Week 7 Summer Term 2025

WEEKLY PUZZLE PAGE

Think you have what it takes to win the PRESTIGIOUS and VERY official bragging rights to the FOWCP weekly riddle PLUS a mystery prize?

What is the word?
What do you need to do?

Find the answer to either puzzle 1 or puzzle 2 (or both!)

Email your answer to alexplatt89@gmail.com

All correct answers will be entered into a random draw and the winners will be announced in the next RoundUp!

Puzzle 1:

RIDDLE

Nobody empties me, but I never stay full for long.

What am !?

Puzzle 2:

If you find the correct letter for each clue, you'll spell a word that should make you happy!

1. Find a letter that is in but not in

2. Find a letter that is in but not in

3. Find a letter that is in but not in

4. Find the letter that is in but not in but not in

5. Find a letter that is in but not in

Last week's riddle answer: The alphabet

The winner is Millie Y6

Image Answer: Easy Peasy

The winner is Tavian Goldsmith Y2

Congratulations!

Please collect your winnings from reception on Monday afternoon!







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Woodland Wonder Next Week				
Wednesday	 Y6 Jaguars & Rabbits: 8:55am - 10:40am Y2 Badgers: 11:10am - 2:30pm (break for lunch normal time) 			
Thursday	Y2 Foxes: 8:55am - 10:40amY6 Lions & Robins: 11:10am -			

2:30pm

We are still waiting on a number of families to complete the Panto consent form and help fund this fantastic trip by making a contribution via Wisepay. We kindly ask that you complete the MS consent form regardless of whether your child is attending or not. https://forms.office.com/e/MmWmz78 kqQ



A polite reminder that you are still able to contribute to our internal ECA fund to help fund the variety of ECAs we are able to put on for our pupils. Should you wish to make a contribution, please do so via Wisepay in the usual way.

Please do come and check through our Lost Property before end of year. Anything left after the 22nd July will unfortunately have be disposed of



Polite request from Reception:

We are in need of large cable drums that we use as tables in our outside area.

We would also appreciate any rosemary or lavender plants for our sensory area.

> We would be grateful for any kind donations. thank you











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Forthcoming Events

JUNE/JULY 2025			
Monday 23rd June	No Cookery ECA tonight		
NEW - Tuesday 24th June	WCPS Sports Day - • Further communication will be sent this weekend		
Wednesday 25th - Thursday 26th June	Y6 pupils to Royal Norfolk Show • Wednesday 25 th - Lions • Thursday 26 th - Jaguars		
NEW - Friday 27 th June	Y6 Cricket finals event - Comms will be sent on Monday		
Monday 30th June	 Percussion & Drums ECA Performance 3:45pm New reception intake parents information evening 6:00pm - 7:00pm 		
Tuesday 1st July	Y5/6 Production 6:00pm 🛨		



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Forthcoming Events

	JULY 2025
Wednesday 2nd July	 Y5/6 Production 6:00pm Autumn Term ECA programme published
Thursday 3 rd July	Y5/6 New Boarder induction Welcome in Underwood Hall 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 4th July	 Last day of summer term ECAs Transition day for all classes Y5/6 New Boarder Induction Sleepover YR & Choir performance at WC Summer Gala
Monday 7 th July	Autumn Term ECA Sign up opens 6:00pm
Wednesday 9 th July	 Reception - Y1 Parents' transition meeting 2:30pm - 3:00pm LAMDA Examinations



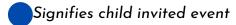
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JULY 2025		
Monday 14 th July	FoWCPS End of Year Disco • EYFS & KS1 - 3:15pm - 4:00pm • KS2 - 4:15pm - 5:00pm	
Tuesday 15 th July	Prize Giving End of Year Assembly 2:00pm	
NEW - Thursday 17 th July	 Autumn Term ECA sign up closes 6:00pm WCPS Summer Concert 3:30pm - 4:30pm Robins export of year celebration 	
NEW - Friday 18 th July	 Autumn Term ECAs published to families Prep Cup Winners non-uniform day & afternoon of treats Y6 Leaver's Formal Dinner & Disco 6:00pm - 8:30pm Rabbits end of year celebration 	





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JULY 2025		
Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2:00pm - all Y6 parents invited	
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day SUMMERS	











YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Wymondham College Prep School

Dates: W/c 23rd, 28th July, 4th,11th,18th, 26th August

Times: Extended Day 08:0017:30 & Half Day 10:0014:00

Price: Extended Day £4.42 per hour & Half Day £5 per hour

Ages: 411

Additional info: HAF Places Available, Via Played Website



Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities – from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket, plus much more!

Book now for a Summer full of fun!

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A packed lunch Plenty of water Suitable clothing Loads of energy!



