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Our week

It's been a busy first week back after the Half Term break. The children have come back refreshed and ready to learn.

The Year 5s on Monday had a great trip to the *Tide & Time Museum* learning more about life during World War 2 in Norfolk. On Tuesday, some children from UKS2 who had shown an interest in leadership went on a Young Sports Leaders training day. They're now hungry to help fun some games at school during lunch times.

Year 2 had some very special visitors this week as part of their learning about nocturnal animals. The most beautiful owls came into school to say hello. The children absolutley loved learning more about these very special creatures.

Thursday evening was the first of our Parent Pupil Teacher Consultations - our PPTCs. I hope it was a useful and you learnt a lot about your child's learning journey. If you have any feedback about how we could enhance this experience, please get in touch.



A huge thank you to the Friends of WCPS for staging our 'Bonfire Discos'. The children are having a such a fantastic time!

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This Christmas, The WCPS community is coming together to support Good Soles, a wonderful charity dedicated to helping families right here in Norwich. Christmas is a time of joy, but it can also be a challenging period for many nearby families who are struggling to make ends meet. We are inviting our amazing parents to join us in making a difference by donating appropriate gift items . Your generosity, no matter the size, will bring warmth, hope, and smiles to local children and families who need it most. Please drop off your donations at WCPS office by Friday 4th December 2026. Thank you so much for your incredible kindness and for teaching our children the true spirit of giving this Christmas! Any questions, please contact Chloe Harrington-Winder on Classlist

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💛 Come and join us for our final Friends Committee Meeting of the year!

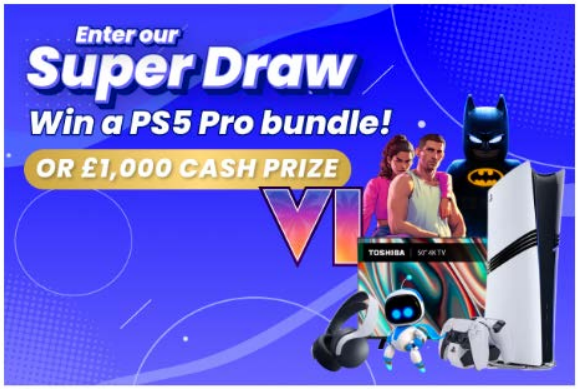
Whether you're a regular face or have been thinking about getting involved, we'd absolutely love to see you there! It's a lovely opportunity to meet other parents, share ideas, hear what we've been up to and, most importantly, find out what's in store for the rest of the school year.

There's always room for new faces, fresh ideas and a little extra helping of enthusiasm! No commitment required, just come along, have a chat and see what we're all about.

We'd love to see you! ✨

Online Link:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3784474991818449?p=u0PuPTOXa6rU7qlGCq





🍀 Fancy a little flutter while supporting our school?

For just £1 a week, you can enter the Friends of WCPS lottery through Your School Lottery! There are weekly cash prizes, the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot, plus exciting monthly bonus prizes. Every ticket also helps raise funds for our school.

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It's easy to join, and you could be our next lucky winner!

🎟️ Visit Your School Lottery and search for Wymondham College Prep School to get started.

Good luck! 🤞

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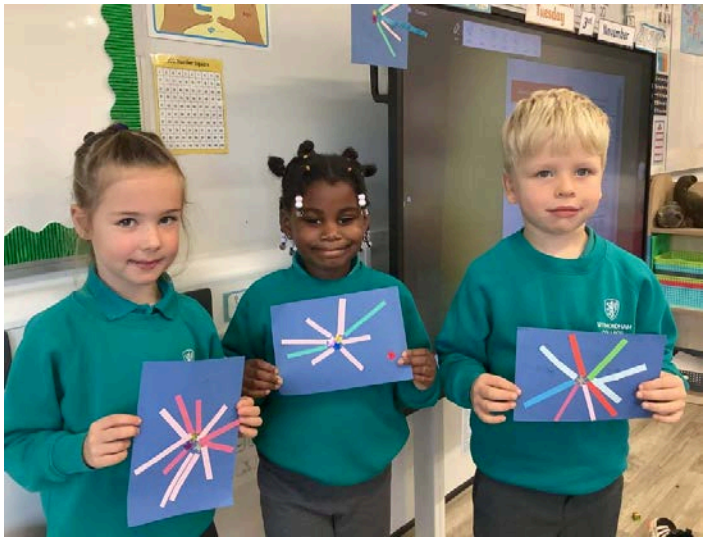
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Reception Rabbits & Robins

This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning all about Bonfire Night and fireworks. We explored the story of Guy Fawkes, discussed how to stay safe around fireworks, and learnt new vocabulary linked to our topic. Our words this week have been: *plot*, *celebrate* and *firework*. In phonics, we have learnt the new sounds ff, ll, ss and j.. We have started working on blending sounds to read sentences, as well as learning the tricky words *put*, *pull*, *full* and *as*. In maths, we have been focusing on recognising, representing and subitising the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children have enjoyed creating colourful firework artwork, construction challenges and number activities within our continuous provision. It has been a wonderful start to the new half term, and we would like to thank you for your continued support with reading and practising phonics at home. All children have come home with their first reading book - this will be changed each week on their reading day.







Year 1 Otters & Seals

We've had a great first week back in Year 1! In English we've been exploring a poem 'On Firework Night' and have started to write our own. During provision time we used our fine motor skills to craft some wonderful firework art to accompany our writing. The children have been very excited to have their first history lesson this week. We thought about what the word 'history' means and will now be exploring a different famous history maker each lesson through this term. In maths we have revisied some of our addition and subtraction knowledge, including the 8 fact families. In science we played a fun game of guessing which baby photo was each member of staff, considering the sequence of growth from baby, to child, to adult to elderly.

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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

What a fantastic first week back we have had! The children have returned to school with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn. We have started writing our own narratives inspired by The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, and an unforgettable owl visit helped bring the story to life. The children were fascinated to see the owl up close and learn more about its habits. We also discovered a mysterious suitcase packed with nursing items, which sparked lots of curiosity and excitement. It has already brought our learning to life, and we are looking forward to discovering what else this term has in store.





Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Wow - What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3! In English, we have been letting our imaginations run wild as we plan and create our very own stories inspired by The Incredible Book Eating Boy. We have already heard some wonderfully creative and imaginative ideas, and we cannot wait to see how these develop into exciting stories. There are certainly some budding authors in Year 3!

In Art, we have begun our charcoal drawings as part of our Stone Age cave art project. The children have enjoyed experimenting with charcoal to create their designs, and we even managed to avoid getting too messy – quite an achievement!

In Maths, we have made a brilliant start to column addition. The children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm, confidence and determination to master this new method. We also had our first recorder lesson this week! The children were excited to begin learning how to play. A big thank you to Mrs Lake for coming in to help us.

Well done, Year 3!

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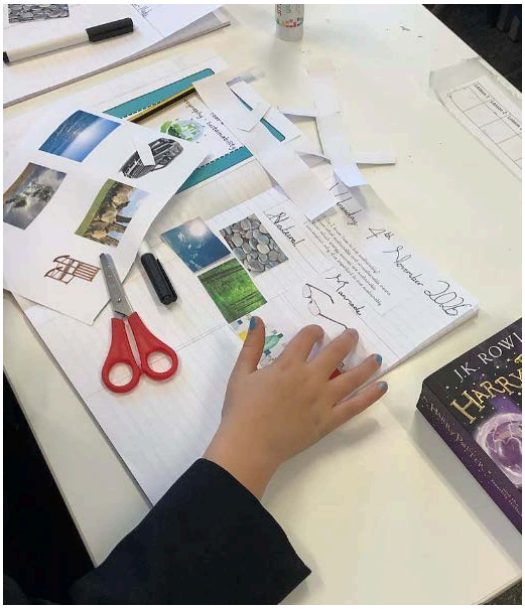
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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

What a first week back! In English, we started our new fiction unit based on the Iron Man book. We have collected some brilliant vocabulary and have written both a setting and character description. In Mathematics, we have just begun our new unit on area and will be continuing this next week. In Geography, we have been learning about both man-made and natural resources. And in both Science and DT, we have begun to look at electricity, which will help us to create our night light casts at the end of the half-term!





Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

We had a fantastic start to Autumn 2 with our trip to the Time and Tide Museum. We enjoyed an immersive WW2 refugee experience, meeting an ARP warden and the Home Guard and learning about life on the homefront. In Maths, we are continuing our work on multiplication, so please keep practising times tables! In English, we have begun writing a narrative about a character who shows perseverance to achieve her dream of being an astronaut. We loved hearing about the special objects Year 5 shared that represent their own dreams and goals. In Science, we are learning about Earth and space and in History we have started our unit on the Space Race.

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Year 6 Lions, Tigers & Jaguars



Year 6 have hit the ground running with lots of new learning this week by starting lots of new units for the half term. In science, our first lesson on Inheritance and DNA sparked lots of fascinating 'I wonder' questions and we discussed how our characteristics are inherited from biological parents. There was some really intriguing and thought-provoking discussions in class about how characteristics can be passed on through families and the pupils were really engrossed by this fascinating science topic. They might have some questions they want to ask at home! In history, we have started preparing for our Model United Nations Conference by assigning each child the country that they will be representing. We can't wait to learn more about our countries and take part in our conference next month!

Well done Year 6 for a great first week back!







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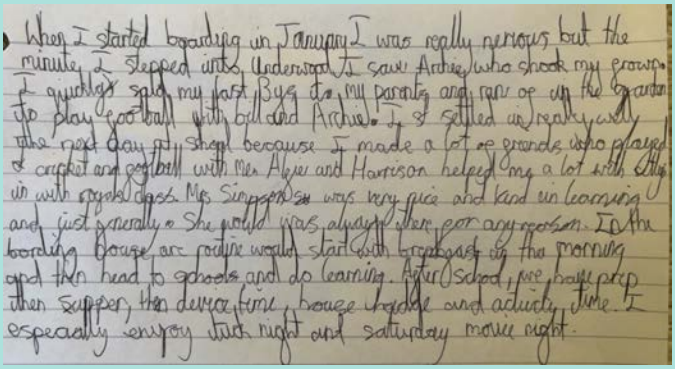
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Underwood Hall

Welcome back everyone! We are definitely feeling rested after our lovely two week half term as we head into our run in towards Christmas when we have so much to look forward to. We welcomed the newest members of our boarding community, Martha and Harrison, on Sunday evening. Well done to both of them on an amazing first week. It has been hard at times to recognise that they have only been here for a matter of a few days as they have taken everything in their stride including a trip to Great Yarmouth on their very first day! We have carried on with our mindful colouring collaborations this week which are to be framed and hung on the walls. This weekend we have lots going on. On Saturday morning we are walking to Morley Football Club to watch one of our boarders playing for their team. Then we are going to a firework display at Hethersett Crusaders Rugby Club in the evening. On Sunday we will be joining the College in the chapel and the memorial garden as we mark Remembrance. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Boarder-of-the-Week



When I started boarding in January I was really nervous but the minute I stepped into Underwood I saw Archie, who shook my crown. I quickly said my fast Bye to my parents and ran off to the garden to play football with Bill and Archie. I settled in really well the next day at school because I made a lot of friends who played cricket and football with me. Alfie and Harrison helped me a lot with settling in with regards to Mrs Simpson was very nice and kind in learning and just generally. She would was always there for any reason. In the boarding house our routine would start with breakfast in the morning and then head to schools and do learning. After school, we have prep then supper, then there's free, house buddy and activity time. I especially enjoy Wednesday night and saturday movie night.

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WCPS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK 97.1%

Woodland Wonder Next Week	
Monday	AM Session: Otters PM Session: Bumblebees
Tuesday	AM Session: Seals PM Session: Dragonflies

Following our request for Data Collection during the last half term, we have been asked by the Trust to remind families that have given consent for their child's image to be used on Social media the following;

Parents should note that websites/social media can be viewed throughout the world and not just in the United Kingdom (where UK law applies) and, when copied from the website/social media, images and information can no longer be controlled by the school

If you wish to check your child's consents, you can do so via the MCAS app. Should you wish for your child's consents to be updated, please contact the school office

Thank you so much for all the donations for OPAL. For the time being we no longer need any pallets. When we are in need for some more, we will reach out to families again.

We are however, on the lookout for any kind of storage/shelter for our pallets to stop them getting wet whilst not being used.

Please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat for outside play with this more wintery weather!

Please remember to name ALL items of clothing that come into school including hats, gloves and scarfs when the time comes.

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Forthcoming Events

NOVEMBER	
Saturday 7th November	FoWCPS Sparkle and Shine Disco • Y1-3 3:30pm - 4:15pm • Y4-6 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Monday 9th November	Y5/6 Boys Football Event @ the Nest - *Pupils invited to participate have been contacted* ●
Tuesday 10th November	• PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm • No ECAs tonight due to PPTCs - *Please collect your child at 3:15pm or book Premier WAC* • Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying week - *Wear your best odd socks with normal uniform required for the day*
Monday 16th November	Parent Workshop - Reception Phonics 2:40pm - 3:10pm in school hall ★
Tuesday 17th November	Y3/4 Mixed Football Event - *Pupils invited to participate have been contacted* ●

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NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 18th November	• Bookings for EYFS Nativity Open on MCAS - *Further information on this to follow* • Cross Country event @ Langley - *Pupils invited to take part in this event have been contacted* ●
Thursday 19th November	House Bake-Off Competition
Friday 20th November	• Children in Need 2026 - Wear something spotty along with your normal uniform required for the day • EXEAT weekend - No ECAs tonight - *Please collect your child at 3:15pm or book Premier WAC*
NEW - Thursday 26th November	• Y3/4 Games Festival @ UEA ● • Parent Workshop 8:50am - 9:45am - *Children's social & emotional Developmental stages & behaviour for learning* ★ • *Y5/6 Girls Football @ The Nest* ●

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER	
NEW - Friday 27th November	• Spring Term ECA Brochure published to families • FoWCPS Quiz & Chips Night • Y2 Cakes 4 Classes
NEW - Saturday 28th November	Community OPAL DIY Build at WCPS 9am onwards
Monday 30th November	Percussion & Drums ECA Mini Performance 3:45pm ★
NEW - Tuesday 1st December	• Christmas Card post box opens - *bring christmas cards for your friends with their name and class to be delivered by Santa's School Helpers* • SEND Coffee Morning 08:45 - 09:45 school hall ★
Wednesday 2nd December	Spring Term ECA preference bookings open 12:00pm

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DECEMBER	
Friday 4th December	Last day of Autumn Term ECAs
NEW - Sunday 6th December	WSO with WCPS Christmas Concert 10:00am rehearsal 12:00pm concert - *Pupils invited to participate have been contacted* ● ★
Monday 7th December	Y4 Cakes 4 Classes
Tuesday 8th December	Y1/2 Dance Festival 10am - 12pm ●
Wednesday 9th December	• Spring Term ECA Sign up closes 6:00pm • Whole School Trip to Panto
Thursday 10th December	• Spring Term ECAs Published to families • Christmas Jumper Day • WCPS Christmas Lunch Day • WYMS Christmas Concert 6:00pm

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DECEMBER	
Friday 11th December	• Bookings for EYFS Nativity Close • EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration - *Await invitiation, is your child being celebrated this time?* ★
Monday 14th December	EYFS Nativity Performance 9:30am ★
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS Nativity Performance 2:15pm ★
Wednesday 16th December	• Christmas Decoration morning 9:00am ★ • WCPS Christingle 2:15pm - 3:15pm - *Please note that this date has now been confirmed and will only change due to unforseen circumstances* ★
NEW - Thursday 17th December	• LKS2 (Y3/4) Personal Growth Celebration - *Await invitiation, is your child being celebrated this time?* ★ • Boarders Underwood Hall Formal 6:00pm

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DECEMBER	
Friday 18th December	• Last day of term - No WAC - All pupils to be collected at 3:15pm • UKS2 (Y5/6) Personal Growth Celebration - *Await invitiation, is your child being celebrated this time?* ★
Monday 21st December - Monday 4th January	Christmas Holidays - Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January

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DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 11th January	Spring Term ECAs begin
Monday 21st December - Monday 4th January	Christmas Holidays - Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January
Thursday 11th February	Y3 Residential Parent Meeting in hall 5:00pm
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February	February Half Term
Thursday 18th March	• Y4 Residential Parent Meeting in hall 5:00pm • Y3 to Eaton Vale
Friday 19th March	Last day of Spring Term ECAs - from today families to collect at 3:15pm or book into Premier WAC

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