

# 26th September 2025



Wheelock  
Primary School



# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

### October 2025

1st October – Family Hub Parenting Course

7th October – Tempest Sibling Photos

21st & 22nd October – Parents Evening

22nd & 23rd October – Year 5&6 Viking Workshop (In School)

All this information and more can be found under Events on our website

<https://www.wheelockprimary.co.uk/>

### Year 5/6 Winter Football League

A great night for our year 5/6 football A team in the Winter Football League! As always, the children were fantastically behaved and showed amazing skill and resilience!

We lost the first 1-0, drew the second 2-2, won the third 1-0 and won the last 4-0.

2 wins, a draw and a loss, the children were happy with their performance. We are so lucky to have such fantastic children representing Wheelock. Well done!





## Class News

### Cygnets and Pufflings

We've had another wonderful week of learning in Reception, filled with curiosity, imagination and creativity!

This week in phonics we focused on the sounds d, t, i, n and p. The children have been practising how to say each sound, hear it at the start of words, read it and begin to write it. It has been fantastic to see children spotting these sounds in books and signs around the classroom and starting to use them in their own writing and play.

Our story focus in Drawing Club has been We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children imagined what the bear might look like and created their own wonderful drawings. They explored new and adventurous vocabulary to describe him and some children even used their new phonics sounds to add labels or write simple words alongside their pictures.

In maths, we have been representing numbers in different ways. The children have shown quantities on their fingers, matched objects to numerals and practised naming numbers confidently. They've also been arranging objects so that they can "see the total at a glance" (subitising) which is helping them to build a strong understanding of numbers and patterns.

As part of our topic learning, we continued to think about our homes and addresses. The children enjoyed looking at Google Earth and spotting how houses look different all over the world. We also practised learning parts of our addresses to help us talk more confidently about where we live and who we live with.

We are so proud of how engaged the children have been this week and how they are growing in independence and confidence every day! Keep up the great work, Reception!

## Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Year 1 have had another great week and have shown off their fantastic learning. They have shown off some fantastic sentence writing in Literacy when retelling the story of Old Bear. They are doing a great job at thinking about their new phonics learning and applying it to their words.

In Maths, they have finished their unit on 'numbers to 10' and completed their end of unit checks. They showed great progress and impressed the teachers! Next week, we are starting our new unit on partitioning numbers to 10. They are ready for the challenge.

In Science, they looked at the properties of wood and looked at some different objects. They are loving finding different materials in everyday objects. This links nicely with our History. They looked at the difference between older and newer toys, and noticed the difference in the materials they are made of too.

We have started a new book in whole class reading. They are loving the book 'Oi Frog!' and worked hard to find the rhyming words. They also have looked at some retrieval comprehension questions to help their understanding.

We are so proud of how the children handled their very first sports day! It was lovely to watch them compete and most importantly have lots of fun. We hope they enjoy the many more they will have as they go through the school. Thank you to all the adults who came to watch the little superstars ★

## Owls and Robins

It's been a wonderful week in Year 2!

This week, in Literacy the children have been creating setting descriptions for different locations from our story "A river". The children have been using expanded noun phrases, alliteration and suffixes to make their writing exciting!

In Maths, we have been focusing on number lines and comparing numbers within 100. The children are becoming confident explaining how they know a number is 'greater' or 'less' and why.

The children had an egg-cellent time in Science conducting an investigation to see which material would be the best to protect Humpty Dumpty from a fall!

In PSHE, the children thought more about rewards and consequences - deciding which rewards / consequences are appropriate in different situations!

In our Geography lesson we looked at the coldest places on Earth and learned about the North and South Pole. The children especially loved watching clips from 'Frozen Planet'.

In Art, the children explored mark-making, tone and control using different drawing materials!

The children's Woodland session again focused on working in teams to build Baby Bear's chair!

Enjoy your weekend & keep up the good work Year 2!

## Sandpipers and Moorhens

This week in year 3, we have been busy writing out first hot write. The children have used all they have learnt on expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, apostrophes and similes to write fantastic 'Approaching Threat Narratives'. In Maths, we have finished our first unit which has been all about place value. The cohort have impressed in their arithmetic ability. We also have lots of 40/40s in our daily numbersense quizzes! In science, the children applied prior knowledge to start learning about vertebrates and invertebrates and looking at a range of animal skeletons. In art, the children enjoyed practising their shading skills. We really enjoyed playing a detective game in French to practise our greetings. In Re we have explored Muslim prayer at home and in the mosque and had a discussion about the importance of prayer and in history we explored bronze age artefacts and looked at the Amesbury Archer.

## Kingfishers and Lapwings

Year 4 have had another fantastic week of learning, engaging enthusiastically across all subjects. In Computing, pupils developed their coding skills using *if statements* linked to coordinates to move a guard and protect his castle on Purple Mash. In Music, they began playing a walking bassline to *Rock Around the Clock* on glockenspiels, continuing their exploration of Rock & Roll. Science lessons focused on investigating the effects of different liquids on teeth using boiled eggs to simulate enamel; the children observed the results this week and discussed how their findings could influence healthy drink choices. In French, they learnt the days of the week and began using them in simple phrases. PSHE lessons introduced key concepts such as rights, responsibilities, and democracy, encouraging thoughtful discussion. In Art, pupils explored a range of painting techniques—including sponging, brushing, and stippling—to develop texture and effect in their work. Finally, in History, they examined the lives of Victorian children, learning about the types of jobs they undertook and comparing them to their own experiences today.

## Kestrels and Red Kites

This week, in literacy, we have started to focus on our next writing unit which is a formal log for our mission to the moon. The children have been gathering ideas and creating formal phrases.

In maths, we have completed our second unit on place value. We have rounded up to the nearest 100,000, 10,000, 1,000, 100 and 10. The children have struggled with this concept so they might need some support with their homework this week.

During science, we have found out how long it takes the other planets to orbit the sun and how long their years are. In French, the children learnt how to describe other people. During history, we have created a snakes and ladders game that involved Viking trade routes. In art, we used our printing plates to make backgrounds. The children are continuing to enjoy PE with Mr Sutton- we've been blessed with amazing weather! In spelling, our rule has been - ible words. The children have worked well to identify and spell words such as possible, reversible and edible.

Finally, we finished the week with sports day today. It seemed so strange to do a sports day at the beginning of the year. The weather made it feel like July though! We were so proud of the children. They were respectful towards their teammates and showed great kindness too. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Well done year 5- another amazing week. Have a fantastic weekend everyone 🌞

## Eagles and Hawks

Year 6 have had fun week across the curriculum! On Wednesday and Thursday, Hawks and Eagles received First Aid training, carefully learning new skills for keeping themselves safe. First of all, they learned about what a First Aider does, before receiving hands-on, practical training in a variety of life-saving skills, including how to put someone in the recovery position and begin CPR. Added to this, they learned how to wrap bandages around cuts and wounds, and how to make an effective sling for an arm. Both classes showed great enthusiasm and Sophie (from Ensure First Aid Training) was delighted with how all the children applied themselves.



Away from learning life-saving skills, Year 6 have been working hard in maths, solving problems involving factors, multiples, prime, square and cube numbers. In literacy, we have started to learn more about formal vocabulary choices that an astronaut may make when writing a formal mission log about a trip to the moon – we will use these ideas in our writing over the next couple of weeks. In science, we have begun to investigate our pulse rates and will be conducting an investigation into this next week. In PSHE, we have been thinking



about how to be 'Global Citizens', comparing our lives to others around the world. In music, we have been thinking about dynamics, pitch and tempo based on Fingal's Cave by Mendelssohn, thinking how these different elements represent waves in the music and how a composer may lead people performing the music.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support Year 6 at Sports Day today! We would also like to give a special mention to the House Captains, who worked throughout the day to make Sports Day a success. They were amazing at setting up events for the younger children in Key Stage 1 in the afternoon and we are very proud of how well they have responded to the extra responsibilities they have around the school. Well done, House Captains!

## Praise

### Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Henry	For always tidying up after himself and others.
Pufflings	Emilia	For being a great role model and friend
Goldfinches	Jamie	For doing some fantastic writing about Old Bear.
Goldfinches	Ava	For always being ready to learn and showing the Wheelock behaviours.
Woodpeckers	Nancy	For always being ready to learn.
Woodpeckers	Amber	For always being ready to learn.
Owls	Rita	For her fantastic effort in Art!
Owls	Elijah	For aspiring with his Maths work!
Robins	Nelly	For finding fact families with part and whole models.
Robins	Kit	For finding fact families with part and whole models.

## Key Stage Two



Sandpipers	Boaz	For showing growing self-belief and confidence in lessons. It has been so great hearing so many of your ideas in class.
Sandpipers	Hollie	For always being a respectful member of Sandpipers and being a super friend to your classmates.
Moorhens	India	For taking responsibility for keeping the classroom tidy and organised.
Moorhens	Teddie	For excellent participation in class discussion and always trying his best.
Kingfishers	Amber	For being a kind and helpful member of Kingfishers
Kingfishers	Ibrahim	For always being ready to learn and setting a great example.
Lapwings	Eric	For really applying his learning to his handwriting and working on forming all of his letters perfectly, in order to publish his excellent Setting Narrative! Well done Eric, I can't wait to see your work on display!
Lapwings	Jenson	for working really hard in class this week and setting into Year 4 well. Jenson has made a great effort this week to focus on his work and to complete his work in a timely manner. Well done Jenson, keep up the good work!
Kestrels	Darcie	For always putting 100% effort into any task- a real superstar especially in golden mile. Well done!
Kestrels	Freddie	For being an outstanding athlete during the golden mile - always maximum effort being shown. Well done for being aspirational!
Red Kites	Henry	For great effort and enthusiasm in his studies.
Red Kites	Jacob	For excellent progress and drive in his Maths.
Hawks	Archie	For being a thoughtful friend and showing true kindness during Sports Day this morning. Well done Archie!
Hawks	Wren	For truly demonstrating the Wheelock behaviours and values during Sports Day this morning - Aspire, Respect, and Responsibility. Well done, Wren!
Eagles	James	For excellent teamwork and support his friends with their learning in different lessons.
Eagles	Arabella	For showing great enthusiasm for all aspects of learning throughout the week.

## The Hive

This week the children have enjoyed craft activities and sharing the gaming skills with their friends. It has been lovely to see so many new friendships formed.

Outside children have enjoyed a range of sporting activities with the Sport Coaching team.

Please can I remind you that if your child is not going to be at a Hive session in the morning or the afternoon, please could you let the school office know. This is very important as many children attend the after-school clubs etc.

The Praise this week is awarded to Henry and Jack for being great play buddies, expressing such kindness towards each other and teamwork.

## FOWS NEWSLETTER

  **News from Friends of Wheelock**  

**It was such a treat to finally enjoy the long-awaited Sports Day this week. The children did brilliantly, and it was lovely to see so many families there to cheer them on.**

**A quick reminder that our next FOWS meeting will be on Thursday 9th October at 8.00pm in Barchetta. Please feel free to join us from 7.30pm for drinks and a chat beforehand – it's a lovely chance to catch up before we get started. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible.**

**Thank you, as always, for your continued support.**

**Have a lovely weekend,**

**The FOWS Team**

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

**The Friends of Wheelock School Team**

[fowscontact@gmail.com](mailto:fowscontact@gmail.com)

## Free School Meals

**Please find below the link to apply for Free School Meals. If you do qualify for this it covers lots more than just the school meals therefore it may be worth taking a look.**

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## Autumn Term Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 01.09.2025, 15.09.2025, 29.09.2025,	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Chicken Goujon served with Wedges & Vegetables	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Tomato Panini served with Chips & Vegetables
13.10.2025, 03.11.2025, 17.11.2025,	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti & Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
01.12.2025, 15.12.2025,	Jacket Potato	Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Sandwich	Chicken Wrap
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 08.09.2025, 22.09.2025, 06.10.2025, 20.10.2025, 10.11.2025, 24.11.2025, 08.12.2025,	Main Choice	Fish Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Beef Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Mash & Beans	Veggie Burger served with Chips & Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Beans	Cheese
	Sandwich	Ham Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit

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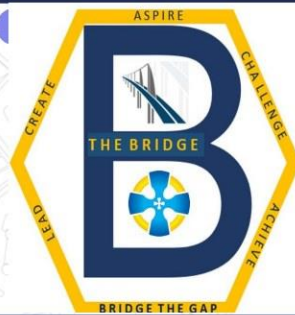
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## Development

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Starting on Monday 29th September 2025

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6:15pm - 7:00pm

School years - Year 3 & Year 4

7:00pm - 7:45pm

School years - Year 5 & Year 6

7:45pm - 8:30pm

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Saturday 15 Nov  
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