



## Issue 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the final week of term three, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this term.

It has been lovely to welcome many parents/carers into school in recent weeks such as during our open classroom sessions and Year 6 parent/carer workshops. Children have enjoyed events this term such as NSPCC number day and the story telling session and this week we look forward to raising awareness through Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day.

I hope you enjoy reading about our recent highlights and finding out more about what children have been learning.

Best wishes,

Emily Harris  
Headteacher



Children's Mental Health Week is taking place this week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. The aim for this awareness week is to support all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters". Throughout the week, children will take part in whole school and class activities linked to supporting mental health. Advice and guidance can be found on the Children's Mental Health Website including [Resources for Parents](#) and [How to Get Urgent Support](#).

## Reminders

- Children must bring a coat to school and will be expected to wear their coat whilst outside at break and lunch time.
- Parking on the yellow zigzag lines will block the view of the school entrance. This will endanger the lives of children wanting to cross the road on their way to and from school. Please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines.
- We are a nut free school so please refrain from sending any nuts/products containing nuts into school. Thank you for helping to keep our children and staff with allergies safe.

## Key dates

### Term 3

- Children's Mental Health Week (5th-11th February)
- Monday 5th February- Open Classroom for parent/carers @2.55pm
- Tuesday 6th February- Coffee Morning with MHST (Mental Health Support Teams) @ 9am, in Cedar
- Tuesday 6th February- Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 7th February- Homework celebration: parents/carers are invited to see children's homework projects in the hall (year 1-6) after school.
- Friday 9th February- last day of term 3
- Friday 9th February- FoW rule breaker event
- Friday 9th February- Year 6 parent/child workshop with Mr Osborne @2.55pm, in Cedar
- Friday 9th February- Last day of term

### Term 4 \*

- Monday 19th February- Inset Day (school closed to children)
- Tuesday 20th February- First day of term 4 for children

\*Key dates for term 5 will be communicated shortly

Term dates for the academic year 2023-24 can be found [here](#).

# RULE BREAKER DAY FRI 9TH FEB

Rules that can be broken:

- 1 Wearing school unifrom
- 2 No nail varnish
- 3 No crazy hairstyles
- 4 No squash in water bottles
- 5 School shoes only
- 6 No tattoos

£1 per rule or £2 for three rules



This week, children will be taking part in Safer Internet Day (SID) to help raise awareness of the importance of being safe online through the theme of "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online". As parents and carers, you have a crucial role in empowering and supporting children and young people to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Indeed, parental influence, guidance and education have a significant and long-lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world. Therefore, there are plenty of ways for you to participate in Safer Internet Day, whether it is by ensuring an open dialogue with your children, educating them to use digital technologies safely and positively, or acting as digital role models. To help you achieve that, you may want to have a look at the [SID resource gallery](#), where you'll find a range of resources to use with your children, from information sheets on various online opportunities and risks to conversation starters and even games which are available in a variety of languages and for a variety of age groups.



All Parents and Carers are invited to our coffee morning in Cedar at drop off on Tuesday 6th February (tomorrow)- we would love to see you there. Our Mental Health Specialist Team will also be attending the coffee morning who will be happy to answer your questions, or sign post you to support for the following:

- Anxiety/worries
- Understanding behaviour & managing big emotions
- Parent resilience & self-care
- Supporting wellbeing
- Toolkit for sleep

If you have any questions, email:

[learningmentor@wansdykeschool.org.uk](mailto:learningmentor@wansdykeschool.org.uk)

## Number Day 2024

Wansdyke Primary School took part in NSPCC Number Day on February 2nd. Children enjoyed completing various math-related activities and Dressing up for Digits to raise funds to support the NSPCC's crucial work.



# Celebrations

Congratulations to the children photographed below who have been awarded a celebration certificate in celebration assembly this term so far.



- Week 1- Year 4 98.3%
- Week 2- Year 3 96.5%
- Week 3- Year 5 96.6%
- Week 4- Year 6 97%
- Week 5- Year 4 94.6%

## Attendance

Getting your child to school really matters. The school's [attendance policy](#) can be found on our school website and an informative school attendance information leaflet can be found [here](#).

### Don't be Late Through the Gate!

School gates open at 8.45am and registers taken at 9 am. Being late on a regular basis adds up to a significant loss of learning time.

5 Mins late every day	3.4 days of learning lost every year
10 mins late every day	6.9 days of learning lost every year
15 mins late every day	10.3 days of learning lost every year
20 mins late every day	13.8 days of learning lost every year
30 mins late every day	20.7 days of learning lost every day

# Exciting highlights...

Year 3s are learning to play the recorder and after just two weeks can already play a song brilliantly.



On Tuesday 23rd January, Year 6 visited the Lifeskills Centre which placed them in various situations that may happen in real life and taught them strategies to overcome challenges. Particular highlights were learning about first aid and what to do if somebody is unresponsive, understanding what to do if there is a fire in a building and calling the emergency services to get help. Dolly in Year 6 said, 'It helped us understand what we can do to be responsible as we get older.'



The naughty bus has been causing chaos in Little Acorns and now he has gone missing! Children have enjoyed creating missing posters about the naughty bus and learning about London. Some children made their own Big Ben and the Tower of London!



Children have been taking part in a "Re-Fuse" workshop delivered by Sustainable Hive to help children to consider and experience the local and global issues surrounding electronic waste. Children had the opportunity to learn hands-on, practical skills in an interactive workshop whilst taking time to think about what happens to unused or unwanted technological items.



Year 4 have been creating designs and building structures in Design and Technology.



To celebrate National Story Telling Week, children were invited back to school last Monday to join a story telling session led by staff who are all passionate about reading. Hot chocolate and biscuits were also a highlight!



FoW hosted a brilliant 'Quiz Night' with the aim of raising money for our school and to bring our community together. Thank you to Mr Webster who was an incredible Quiz Master and to the FoW for organising the event.

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

# Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

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Let's celebrate Shrove Tuesday early

# Pancake Day

Friday 9th February

Pancakes served with Chocolate Sauce and Fruit for Dessert

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