

News on the Nineteenth



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FAREWELL

It is always sad at the end of the year to say farewell to our Y6 pupils and staff moving on.

We had a **Year 6 Leavers Service** on Thursday morning to celebrate all that our pupils have become and all that they have achieved, despite a difficult couple of years.

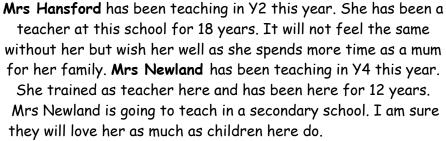
In addition to all the subjects they have studied, we hope that they have learnt many characteristics to help them in their lives – consideration, resilience, confidence, creativity, strategy, curiosity, reflection and wellbeing.

We hope they will remember to deploy their agents when they need them! They have learnt about *community* and the joy of friendship - we hope they continue to contribute to new communities throughout their lives and treasure the friendships they make along the way.

By attending a Church of England school, we make no excuses for introducing God into the lives of our children. We hope that they know that they are loved, that they are never alone and that 'with God, all things are possible.'

During times of great joy or times of great challenge, they will have a special friend they can rely upon - a light which will guide them and bring them hope.

We also say goodbye to some very dear members of staff, some of whom have dedicated years of their lives teaching here.





They have shown such great commitment, dedication and love in their roles here at Wormley CofE Primary School and I know you will join me in wishing them joy and satisfaction in their new roles.

GOOD LUCK

We will all miss them and thank them for their loyal service to our school.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please see information regarding the return to school on Tuesday 2nd September.

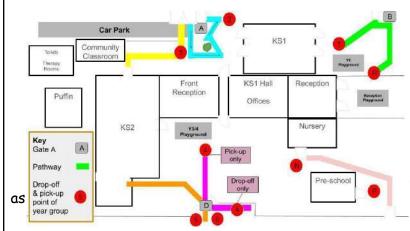
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Entrance A	Front gate	У2
Entrance B	Gate to KS1 playground	YR, Y1
Entrance C	Gate next to Preschool	Preschool, YN
Entrance D	Back gate	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Children should arrive promptly, in their school uniform, with the appropriate equipment.

Beginning and end of the day

There will still be a *soft start* at the start of the day to allow for parents to drop children at the different entrances.

Please arrive from 8:45. Gates will be locked at 8:55am.



Once in school, children will settle to a learning task.

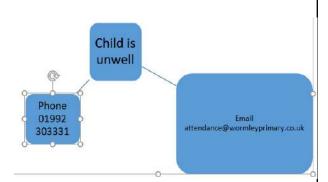
At the end of the day, parents will collect their children from the same entrance as the one they dropped them to.

Morning registers will close at <u>8:55am</u>.

After this point your child will be marked late - this is the same as an unauthorised absence.

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory if children are well. If children are not well enough to attend, it is <u>essential</u> that parents make the school aware of the reason for any pupil absence <u>before</u> the start of the day by emailing attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk If parents do not let us know why their child is absent, a member of the school admin team will have to phone the family of every child who is not in school. This forms part of our safeguarding practices.



Uniform

We expect all children to be dressed in school uniform. Please check the school website if you need to clarify what children should wear for school and for PE. We have a pre-loved uniform shop. Each item is sold for 50p. We do not insist on school logos on uniform. PE kits should be worn all day on the day children have PE.

Jewellery should not be worn to school.

Haircuts should be appropriate for school and long hair tied back.

Payments via Arbor

Payments for school meals, Breakfast and After School Club (BASC), resources etc. should continue to be made via online payments using Arbor. There is also a post box outside the main reception.

Healthy Home Packed Lunches and Water Bottles

A reminder that home packed lunches must be healthy and meet all nutritional expectations for meals consumed in school. Water bottles - marked with children's names - are essential please.



Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)

Breakfast and After School Club can be booked via Arbor, in the coming weeks for the Autumn Term.

Trips, Visits and Visitors

We have already booked history workshops and visits for the Autumn Term.

Please check the website for dates in the school calendar for 2024-2025.

We will also be using the local environment for local History and Geography studies.





Google Classroom

Home Learning and Remote Learning

For setting home learning and sharing information with parents, we use **Tapestry** for Preschool, YN and YR and the **Google Classroom** for Y1- Y6. Please ensure you have access to these platforms in the Autumn Term. They have been set up already for you to access.

WORMLEY'S SUMMER CONCERT AND FEST



We hope you all enjoyed our Summer Concert.

The children
certainly deployed
their Agent
Confident and Agent
Creative!



They really enjoyed performing to you, despite the sun and the rain! We were very proud of them all - rock groups, dancers, pogo jumpers and soloists!

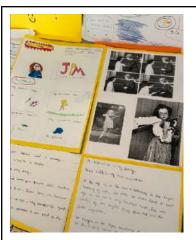
A big THANK YOU to our PTA for organising the stalls and activities after.



A lot of fun was had - at the football tournament, hooking a duck, face painting, throwing 'poo in the loo', beating the goalie, sliding down the inflatable, drumming or munching hot dogs and burgers!

The school team did well with the bar-be-que and kept everyone fed!

We raised about £1800 which we hope will go towards our Cultural Week dance workshops.



CULTURAL WEEK #YOUBELONG

We had a wonderful cultural week.

Many of the children had researched their family trees, interviewed family members and found out lots about their family roots, histories and traditions.



commonalities as well as our uniqueness!

The dance workshops were a lot of fun and the children learnt how music and dance is so important to all countries and all cultures.









SCIENCE -LEARNING ABOUT LIFE CYCLES

The children in Nursery and Year 5 enjoyed watching the life-cycle of moths and butterflies.

Nursery children experienced that awe of seeing such change

Year 5 learnt about a process called metamorphosis.

This is a Greek word that means transformation or change in shape. There are four stages in the metamorphosis of butterflies and moths: egg, larva, pupa, and adult.









WELCOME TO ALL NEW NURSERY AND RECEPTION FAMILIES

We send a warm welcome to our new families who will start with us in September.

We look forward to seeing you on your visit dates -Tuesday

3rd and Wednesday 4th September.

Reception children come for their first morning on Thursday

5th September until 11:45 am and then stay for lunch on

Friday 6th September until 1:00 pm.

They will be in school full-time full time from Monday 9th September.



IMPORTANT DATES

Return to school

Tuesday 3rd September HALF TERM

Monday 28th Oct - 1st Nov INSET Day

Monday 4th November
Return to school

Tuesday 5th November

Break up for Christmas

Friday 20th December at 1:20pm INSET DAY

Monday 6th January Return to school

Tuesday 7th January

AHOY ME HEARTIES! OUR Y6 PRODUCTION

Our Y6 children performed a great play about pirates, set on the high seas and a tropical island.





Zach did a great job as sound director and Harrison with set changing.



The performance was greatly enjoyed by all the children and their



families.



OUR VALUE NEXT HALF TERM IS PATIENCE

Next half term we will be learning about the value of **PATIENCE**.

In this busy world, we can all lack a bit of this but being patient is a trait of character and can bring great rewards.

"Patience leads to abundant understanding, but impatience leads to stupid mistakes." Proverbs 14:29

LONDON ROCKS

Thank you to KS2 teachers and children for taking part in this times table competition.

We scored an amazing 335,333 points (correct answers) and <u>finished 9th out of 368 schools!!</u> Whales class finished 32nd out of 2876 classes. Impressive!

The top scoring class and pupils have been celebrated in our collective worship.





Week of Inspirational Maths

Our children will have an exciting start to next term with a 'week of inspirational maths'. There will be a geometry focus. They will watch videos and take part in a range of practical activities inspired by youcubed.org which will provide them with an opportunity to build their maths confidence and their maths resilience in a fun, positive and creative

way.

REMINDER - ABSENCE FOR HOLIDAYS

We have seen an increase in absence in the final weeks of term with some families not informing us that their child will be absent or letting us know on the day of departure on holiday.

Any such absences will not be authorised and could result in a penalty notice being issued.

All planned absence should be requested at least 2 weeks in advance giving clear reasons, with supporting evidence, as to why absence is unavoidable. Fines will be increasing next year as there is a national priority to increase school attendance - please note dates for the coming year and book

holidays outside of term time. IMPORTANT DATES

TERM/HOLIDAY	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
Inset day	2 nd September	
Autumn term	3 rd September 2024	20 th December 2024 1:20pm finish
Autumn term holiday	28 th October 2024	1 st November 2024
Inset day	4 th November	
Christmas break	23 rd December 2024	3 rd January 2025
Inset day	6 th January 2025	
Spring term	7 th January 2025	4 th April 2025 1:20pm finish
Spring term holiday	17 th February 2025	21st February 2025
Easter break	7 th April 2025	21 st April 2025
Summer term	22 nd April 2025	18 th July 2025 1:20pm finish
May bank holiday	5 th may 2025	
Summer term holiday	26 th May 2025	30 th May 2025
Summer break	21 ^{s†} July 2025	2nd September 2025
Autumn term	3 rd September 2025	

CÉLÉBRATION DE L'APPRENTISSAGE DU FRANÇAIS

Our children in Year 6 have been amazing in learning French since Year 3; recently we were preparing for the European Football Championships by learning the names of European countries (les pays) in French, for example: Angleterre (England), Espagne (Spain), l'Allemagne (Germany).

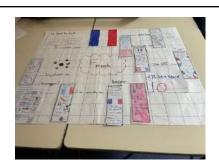


We also finished off our last lesson of the academic year by celebrating French

culture with les baguettes (see picture), fromages, croissants and confiture (see picture). The children now know that en France, a Paris, bakers are able to enter a competition "Le Grand Prix de la Baguette" - the winner of this contest then supplies baguettes to the President's Palace for the whole year!

The Year 6 children will take with them a bookmark of French vocabulary to help with Modern Foreign Languages when they get to Secondary School:

"Bonne vacances à vous tous" Madame Richards





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have a spare afternoon and would like to help out in school, we are looking for volunteers to listen to children read, tidy our libraries, run an afterschool football or netball club, help out in Forest School sessions.

Please let us know if you are interested.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT HODDESDON LIBRARY

Hertfordshire Libraries are proud to present the Summer Reading Challenge

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?



The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy reading anything they like!

Children are invited to read 6 library books (or eBooks/eAudio from BorrowBox) over the summer and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence - last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

How can my child take part? (Library AND/OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Be able to become a library member if they are not already.
- Be able to borrow and read any books, eBooks and eAudiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.
 Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge to find out more

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the official Challenge website.
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge in Hertfordshire will launch on 6 July and continue until 7 September.

Unsure where your closest library is? Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries to check. Children can register for a free library card at anytime with a parent/carer present.

ROCK ON WITH ROCK STEADY LESSONS IN SCHOOL

It's a delight to share that Rocksteady lessons are continuing in our school next year.

We hope you enjoyed the performances at our concert!

Learn to play in a band

Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.

Led by real musicians

Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band



Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.

In school time

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.

With regular live performances

Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.

And happily affordable

Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Email: info@rocksteadymusicschool.com Call: 0330 113 0330 (Calls are charged at local rate)

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY PLACES

There are still some limited places in Preschool for September 2024.

If you are interested in a place here at Wormley, please email admissions@wormleyprimary.co.uk.

END OF TERM

Term finishes on Friday 19th July at 1:20



TOOLBOX FOR CHILDREN WITH ADHD AND AUTISM

With the school holidays just around the corner, we wanted to highlight two valuable resources designed to support children and young people with autism, ADHD, or those awaiting a diagnosis: the **Toolbox Live Chat** and the **Cogs** app. The Toolbox Live Chat, available at

www.thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk

offers a safe and supportive environment for young individuals to discuss their feelings and concerns with a live person.

The **Toolbox Live Chat** can be used to talk about:

Feelings and emotions

Understanding Autism/ADHD

Building and maintaining relationships

Available services and resources in Hertfordshire



The **Cogs** app serves as a personal mental well-being coach, helping CYP to manage challenging situations and develop positive habits.

Both of these resources can be incredibly beneficial for children and young people who need someone to talk to about their experiences and challenges. Please feel free to share this information with anyone who might benefit from this support.

For more details on both, you can visit The Toolbox.

SUMMER CLUBS AT WORMLEY COF E PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024 JULY-AUGUST NEW ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE! AND ACTIVITIES

The countdown is on until we kick off an exciting Summer of Tech and STEM camps and your child is invited to join us for an unforgettable adventure!

We'll be hosting a variety of tech filled activities at Wormley CofE Primary School from the 29th July- 9th August (9-4pm each day) for children aged 5 to 11 years old (Year 1-Year 6).

Our mission is simple: to inspire, engage, and empower the next generation of innovators. We aim to spark curiosity and foster creativity using cutting-edge technology. Here's a glimpse of what awaits:

Week 1 - Robotics, VR and Tech Fun

Program robots, design video games, model 3D creation, experience VR and laser-tag, plus much more! A week of inspiration and creation with maximum excitement. We encourage children to experiment and challenge themselves, instilling a variety of exciting, real-world skills.

Week 2 - Minecraft Coding and Lego Engineering 🚀

Designed for ultimate fun and education. Students learn circuitry workings using Redstone and coding fundamentals in Minecraft Education edition creating magnificent masterpieces. Then take the virtual world to the real work and make LEGO ingenious inventions with sensors and motors. This week is designed to encourage students to experiment and push the boundaries of their imagination, while developing skills that will aid them in their future.

We are currently offering 1 week bookings at only £175 or 2 week bookings at only £299 (saving £191). Don't miss out and book today

Book your space here:

- https://www.nextthing.education/product/wormley-cofe-primary-school-summer-camp/

HAF places available at this camp! We have a limited number of HAF spaces available at this camp which are completely free to eligible children on benefits-related FSM, and include a hot lunch alongside the activities.

https://playwaze.com/next-thing-education-camps/lem1vj2l8yz7hk/home-communitydashboard We look forward to welcoming you!

EBSA - EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE





Does your child feel exceptionally anxious about coming into school?



EBSA - Emotionally Based School Avoidance Do you need advice and guidance about supporting them to overcome this anxiety?

Funded Parent/Carer information event

Here is a course for you?

Herts

Sunflower

Gain a better understanding of EBSA and learn strategies to support your child. **Professionals attending:** Child and Adolescent Psychotherapists, an Educational Psychologist, and HABS Family Support Workers.

Tea, coffee and lunch provided

Date: Wednesday 28th August 2024

Location: Wormley CofE Primary School - Community Room, Cozens Lane East, Hertz, EN10 6QA

Time: 10am - 2pm

To book a place, ring 01992303331 option 5



IF HOME ISN'T SAFE SEEK HELP

No one should suffer abuse from another person. No child should witness abuse of a parent.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic abuse, call

0300 7906772 for advice and support.

In an emergency, always call 999.

If you are afraid to speak, call 999 from a mobile and press 5,5.

For more information, go to hertssunflower.org

This number operates 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Calls outside of these hours may be diverted to a national helpdesk.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY SUMMER BREAK

We wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Please keep the children reading and practising their tables, activities and enjoying playing outdoors.

See you all in September.

God Bless.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8