

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 lovely - and very warm - Year 6 Leavers Service on Tuesday morning in school to celebrate what 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 to 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 never alone.

We also say goodbye to some very dear members of staff, some of whom have dedicated 9-10 years of their lives teaching here.



Miss Gajjar is moving to become an Assistant Headteacher in Welwyn Garden City and **Miss Davies** is moving to become a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator at a school in Hatfield.

Miss Dunn is moving to Hertford to work in an all-through school (nursery to sixth form), **Miss Kell** is moving to Hatfield, working closer to her new home and **Miss Willox** is relocating to Colchester in Essex.

They have all shown 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.



Finally, we say goodbye to **Wendy Brace** who has dedicated 19 years of service to our school, serving as the School Business Manager and more recently the Office Lead. Wendy is retiring and we will miss her so much - she is a source of wisdom for the school and a generous, caring person.

We wish her many happy holidays - in term time!

GOOD LUCK!



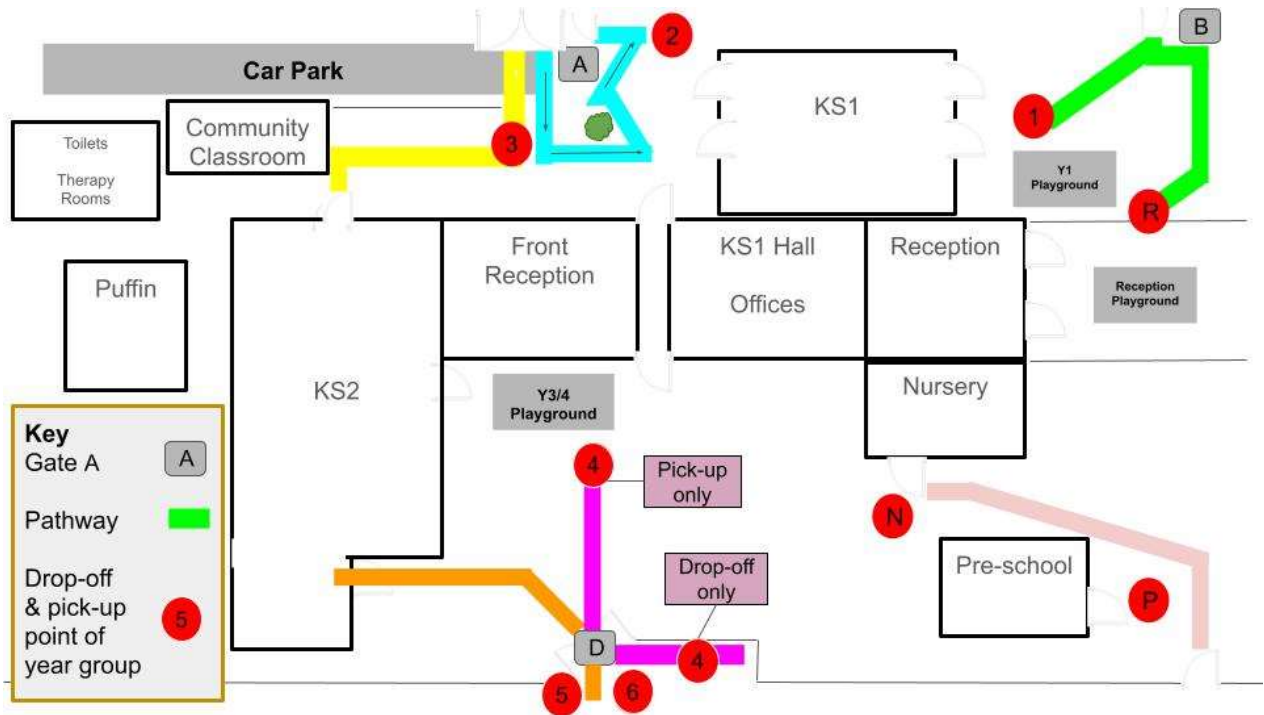
We will all miss them and thank them for their loyal service to our school.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please see important information regarding the return to school in September -
Monday 5th September.

Beginning and end of the day

Entrance	Location of gate	Year Group
Entrance A	Front gate	Y2, Y3
Entrance B	Gate to KS1 playground	YR, Y1
Entrance C	Gate next to Preschool	Preschool, YN
Entrance D	Back gate	Y4, Y5, Y6



There will still be staggered start and finish times and a *soft start* for each class to allow for children to enter the classroom and to wash their hands before settling 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.

School will have four start and finish times

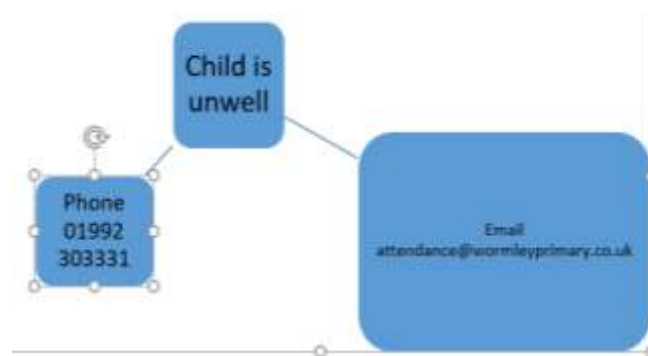
Year group	Start time	Finish time
YR, Y2, Y4, Y6 (even numbers)	8:45	3:15
Y1, Y3, Y5 (odd numbers)	8:50	3:20
Preschool, YN mornings	9:00	12:00

Morning registers will close at **9:00 am** - after this point your child will be marked as late.

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory if children are well. If children are not well, they should not attend. It is essential that parents make the school aware of the reason for any pupil absence before 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.



As winter approaches, your child may experience symptoms such as a cough or a temperature. To rule out COVID, please test your child to keep the spread of the virus low. Children are only required to stay at home for 3 days.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear our school uniform when they return in September. Please see the website if you need to clarify what children should wear to school and for PE.

PE kits should be worn all day on the day children have PE.

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 in front of 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 for the Autumn Term. Please note that if there is an outstanding balance on your account, you will not be able to book a session.

Trips, Visits and Visitors

We have already booked history workshops and visits for the Autumn Term. Please check the website for dates already in the school calendar for 2022-2023. We will also be using the local environment for local History and Geography studies.

Home Learning and Remote Learning

For setting home learning, sharing information and in preparation for any possible isolation periods (due to having contracted COVID), we will continue to 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 are currently being set up.

When to isolate or take a test

We have seen a rise in cases of COVID which has affected staffing levels. Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. Children and adults should not come to school if they have symptoms and have had a positive test result due to the risk of spreading the virus.

If anyone in our school should develop COVID-19 symptoms, we would send them home. Children are not required to isolate if family members have COVID.

Good Hygiene Practices

We continue to practice and encourage good hygiene practices to keep all germs at bay.

Please promote this at home too. Thank you.

Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.



SUMMER CONCERT

The theme is Musicals

I know many of you are disappointed that we had to postpone the summer concert due to extreme temperatures. I hope you were able to attend today.

We have videoed the dances and can post them in Tapestry and The Google Classroom.

The children love to perform.



WELCOME TO ALL NEW NURSERY AND RECEPTION FAMILIES

We welcome our new families who will start with us in September.

We look forward to seeing you on your visit dates - **Monday 5th** and **Tuesday 6th September**.

Your children will then start with us on **Wednesday 7th September**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Return to school

Monday 5th September

INSET Day

Monday 31st October

Return to school

Tuesday 1st November

OUR VALUE OF THE HALF TERM

Next half term's value is **Generosity**. We will be exploring the generous acts of Jesus as told in the Bible and considering ways in which we can be generous too.

A quote from Proverbs 11:25: "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

ARTS WEEK

The children have really enjoyed our Arts Week.

In Art, they have been studying artists, including Andy Warhol, Hockney and Henri Rousseau, trialling their techniques and evaluating their own responses. They have been experimenting with different mediums such as clay, paint, pastels and watercolour.



In DT, year groups have been designing, making and evaluating, including moving story books and sewing cases for telephones.



In Music, Y6 have had our music specialist who has been teaching pulse, rhythm and pitch as the children learn to play the ukulele. Whilst different genres have been learnt in different year groups, including reggae, pop and motown.

FRENCH LEARNING

It has been a pleasure to see the children excel in using the French language and appreciating the culture of France.

As we say au revoir to **Year 6**, it has been moving to see them take the French language and their knowledge of French culture to give them confidence when studying a Modern Foreign Language option at their future secondary school. To complete their year and their time learning French at Wormley, the children were able to produce short videos about French vocabulary.

Bonne chance aux classes 6!

Meanwhile, **Year 5** learnt about the French Revolution in which the absolute monarch in France was overthrown to create a Republic, so the leader of the country is no longer a member of the royal family and therefore these days there is no king or queen in France, but instead they have a president. The revolution is celebrated every year on 14th July in France with 'Fete de la Bastille'. On the same day we remembered the events of the revolution by sharing baguettes - these breads are a symbol of the revolution because it had partly been caused by a wheat and grain shortage leading to high prices for bread. Baguette means stick (baton).



In Lower Key Stage 2, as we celebrated la Reine Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee, **Year 3** studied Louis XIV - the French king who had the longest reign in France - 72 years and 110 days! However, he did become king when he was just 4 years old!



Finally in **Year 4** we learnt about the French leader Napoleon, who left us with the amazing quote "The word impossible is not in my dictionary." We were also able to each produce a replica of Napoleon's distinctive hat, (see the photograph).



Bonne vacances à vous tous.



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is



GO GO GADGETEERS!

We are excited to announce that **Gadgets, Summer Reading Challenge 2022** will launch in all Hertfordshire libraries on Saturday 9 July!

Once again Hertfordshire Libraries are challenging children of all ages to read any six library books over the summer holidays and return to the library to tell staff all about them. They can read anything they want, including story books, information books, picture books, and even eBooks and eAudiobooks (available to download for free from [BorrowBox](#)). Children can read the books independently, or together with family and friends.

As children report back on what they have read, they'll collect a set of transferable stickers (some scratch and sniff). Each set of stickers will be provided for every two books read.

Every child who completes the Challenge by Saturday 3 September will be awarded with a medal, certificate, and a pencil.

This year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) kicks off on Saturday 9 July with a launch event at St Albans library. This event will feature many fun activities including Junk Robot modelling, 3D pens and stop-motion.

The Challenge is a fun way to maintain children's reading levels over the summer and provide them with a confidence boost. Best of all, it is completely **free** to take part!

This is completely FREE

For more information:

- Visit your local library
- Or telephone: 0300 123 4049.

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [@HertsLibraries](#), and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates about activities near you.



ROCK ON WITH ROCK STEADY LESSONS IN SCHOOL

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

The Rock Steady logo is a black, irregular shape with the words 'ROCK STEADY' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The 'R' and 'S' are larger and more prominent.

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.

Lead 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](tel:03301130330) (Calls are charged at local rate)

NURSEY PLACES

There are still some limited places **Nursery** for September 2022.
Please email admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk if you are interested in a place here at Wormley.

END OF TERM

Term finishes on
Thursday 21st July
at **1:15** (YR, Y2, Y4, Y6)
and **1:25** (Y1, Y3, Y5)



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



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This number operates 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
Calls outside of these hours may be diverted to a national helpdesk.

STAYING SAFE ON LINE - LIVE STREAMING WITH TIK TOK

No doubt over the past few months you've heard children (and maybe a few adults) talk about the latest **Tik Tok** challenges or their favourite celebrity's lockdown live stream. There is a lot of fun to be had but there are dangers with live streaming too.

Primary aged children are not old enough to have their own account and should share an adult account so it can be checked regularly.



Below are links to activity packs for parents and carers to share with their children exploring how children and young people can stay safe whilst live streaming:

Ages 4-5: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/early-years/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 5-7: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/5-7s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 8-10: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/8-10s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 11-13: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

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 and enjoying playing outdoors.
See you all in September.

God Bless.

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

HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



HERTFORD STATION FIRE OPEN DAY



3RD SEPT 2022
12PM - 4PM



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