

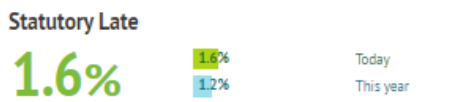
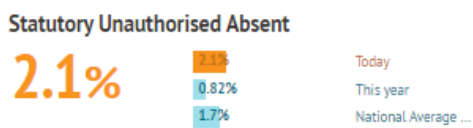
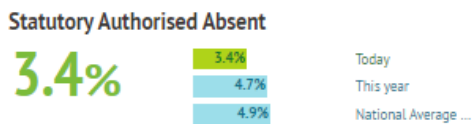
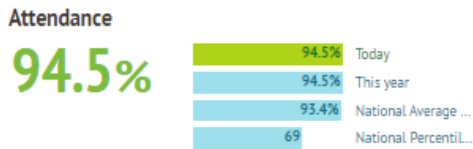
News on the Nineteenth



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

There are some concerns about our attendance figures, particularly for a number of families whose children are persistently absent. A child with persistent absence will be missing 10% of time expected in school ... or more. This equates to 1 in 10 days of learning missed so far this year. This has prompted a visit from the Local Authority this term who will be looking into each case.

Learning is linear. Each day learning is built on what has been learnt the day before. When children are absent, they have gaps in their learning which can cause them to have misunderstandings and misconceptions.

This can then cause anxiety.

When a child is absent, parents and carers are expected to contact the school and explain their absence as children are required by law to attend school. If we have no explanation for absence, or if a child has been taken out of school for a holiday, this is recorded as unauthorised absence. This can lead to a fine.

We know that there have been a lot of childhood diseases circulating over the winter. Children should be at home if they have a temperature, are contagious or have had sickness and diarrhoea but if a child has a 'sniffle' or 'feels a little under the weather' or is 'feeling tired', they should be in school. We will contact you to collect them if they worsen.



Lateness is also recorded as an absence as the child is not in school learning with their peers. Please make sure children arrive on time, within their 15 minute window.

As soon as the gate/door closes, learning begins! A late start can be very difficult for children.

The school has very little control over attendance. Parents and carers must ensure their children are in school unless they are very poorly. Thank you.



Y3 AND Y4 TRIPS TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

As part of our history studies, Y3 and Y4 visited the British Museum to see the Ancient Egyptian and Ancient Greek exhibits.

It was a wonderful experience and there is still so much more for them to see there.

Families can visit the British Museum, the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum for free.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March.**

As part of our celebrations we have organised for an author, **Sarah Oliver**, to talk to the children about the life and work of a children's author. She has prepared workshops for each year group, including an interactive reading session, a puppet show, a drawing challenge and a writing session.

The children are invited to wear their PJs to school for story time at the end of the day.

Please follow the link to the World Book Day hub for families

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>



World Book Day is about celebrating books and reading all year round. It's never too early to encourage a love of reading and we hope you find activities and advice here to help you enjoy sharing stories together as a family not just on World Book Day but every day of the year.

Our Approach is based on research which tells us that there are 6 elements to supporting a child to read for pleasure:

All of our work is designed to support one of these areas.

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



For little ones and early readers, head over to [Share A Story Corner](#) where you can find video stories and activities to enjoy together.

Fluent and independent readers can join our [World Book Day Book Club](#) with different books to inspire you every month and everyone can enjoy the **free audiobooks** in our [World of Stories](#).

Why not also try our fun [Look for the Book game](#) where you get to spy all your favourite book characters?

We're also here to help with **reading recommendations** and book lists for everyone to enjoy from reluctant readers to avid bookworms.

As part of our **Reading Challenge Term** and **World Book Day**, we are promoting two websites:

[Epic!](https://www.getepic.com/app/) (<https://www.getepic.com/app/>) for children in Reception to Year 2

[myON](https://www.myon.co.uk) (<https://www.myon.co.uk>) for children in Years 3-6

Many of the books are audio books so if the children cannot read them independently, they can listen to them. There are quizzes for them to try on the website and follow up activities.

We want children to explore the e-books on the websites and to read for pleasure



BOOK SALE

Members of our PTA will be running a second-hand book sale after school, including second hand books for a donation and new books for £1.

READING CHALLENGE TERM

Spring Term is our reading challenge term.

The challenge is on.... How many books have children read so far this term? How many authors have they tried? Are children reading non-fiction and fiction?

We are encouraging our children and their families to stretch themselves with a reading challenge over this Spring Term.

The aim is for *every child* to read daily, from a range of sources: books, newspapers, comics, adverts, magazines, myON, Epic! the internet etc.

Children in Y1-6 must keep a record of their reading. Children in Y2-6 can quiz on Accelerated Reader to develop their comprehension and improve their reading age.



Teachers are rewarding children by putting their name forward for a limited edition **Wormley Reader Bear** and other prizes.

Three families will win family tickets for the cinema at the end of the term.

Don't forget to record reading together in the children's reading records as these are vital as evidence in assessing children's reading to see if they read widely and with commitment to a book.

FLOW WITH STORIES - WORKSHOP FOR NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHILDREN

Finding out

Love for literature and language

Originality and owning our stories

Wellbeing wins

Reading workshop for children in Reception on
Tuesday 28th February
£2 donation to costs please

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL ASSESSMENT IN 2023

KEY STAGE 1

The Y1 Phonic Screening will take place in the week commencing **5th June**

The KS1 SATS will be administered during **May**

KEYSTAGE 2

The Y4 multiplication tables check will take place in the 3 weeks commencing **5th June**

The KS2 SATS is timetabled from **9th - 12th May**



EASTER BREAK

School finishes
Friday **March 31st** at
1.30pm

HOLIDAYS

3rd April - 17th April

Children return on
Tuesday **18th April**

HALF TERM

Spring break
29th May - 2nd June
Children return **5th June**

YOUNG VOICES CONCERT AT THE O2 ARENA

Our school choir attended the Young Voices
Concert at the London O2 Arena on **19th**
January.

It was an amazing experience for everyone - the
choir and their families.



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS HUMILITY



This half term the children will be learning about the value humility - learning what it means to be humble rather than boastful. They will be thinking about how knowledge comes from being teachable, listening to others, and learning from others.

Passages from the Bible will show how Christians believe that God is most powerful yet he sent his son to serve. Jesus shows humility through action: being born in a stable, washing his disciples' feet, dying for mankind's sin.

"With God, all things are possible" Matthew 19:26

We have chosen this quote from the Bible because it offers hope - it promises that with faith in God, everything is possible for us.

AGENT CONSIDERATE AND AGENT CURIOUS

We will be asking children to deploy their Agent Considerate and Agent Curious this term



Agent Considerate - the power of thoughtfulness
Agent Considerate is very **thoughtful** and thinks deeply. This agent enjoys **collaborating** with others and shows **courtesy** towards others' ideas, opinions and beliefs. Agent Considerate has **empathy** for people, shows **compassion** and can **forgive** them when things go wrong. Agent Considerate is a good **listener** and tries hard to be **friendly** and **inclusive** of everyone which makes for a very popular agent. (Thought bubble)

Agent Curious - the power of wonder
Wondering about the world and **asking questions** is what Agent Curious does best. When faced with new and challenging tasks, this agent has an **open-mind** and **explores** solutions **inquisitively**. Agent Curious has a **thirst for knowledge** and enjoys **engaging** with other people's ideas and activities. (Magnifying glass)



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This year, Fairtrade Fortnight is taking place from Monday 27 February - Sunday 12 March
During these two weeks, schools come together to **learn from the people who grow our food and drinks** - people who are often exploited and underpaid.

Through learning about how we are all connected through the things that we eat, drink and wear, young people are equipped with the knowledge and skills to take action for a **fairer, sustainable future** on the planet that we all share.



We will be exploring these themes during Collective Worship, *Wondering Wednesdays* and *Thinking Thursdays* assemblies

We want to help our children to engage in social action and to be *courageous advocates* for change in their local, national and global communities.

TT ROCKSTARS

Please support your children to keep up with multiplication tables practice using **TT Rockstars**. This will help them with maths fluency and confidence and all aspects of math.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

20th - 24th March

We are currently planning for our **Science Week**. The theme is **FORCES**. The *Science Boffins* will be visiting school to run workshops for the children.



The children will learn about one of the greatest scientists in human history and a father of physics - **Isaac Newton!** They will learn about and test Newton's laws and see his experiments in practice.

Gravity, rockets, cannons and balloons galore.

WORMLEY PLAY PROJECT

We are extremely pleased about the success of the Wormley Play Project over the last term. The children are all engaged and enthusiastic about the new resources that have been donated - a massive thank you to everyone who has brought in items so far! We are already seeing the benefits of the project with children beginning to take risks and being creative in play. It is wonderful to see the children using their imaginations and developing socially.



During February and March, we will be beginning the second phase of the project where we will start to introduce wheeled play in our **Wheel Zone**.

For this we will be looking for items with wheels such as scooters, bikes, suitcases, prams, buggies, trolleys, bags (on wheels), wheel boards, tyres and toy cars etc. Please consider donating if you have any of these that you no longer need.

To continue stocking and maintaining our **Loose Parts Zone**, we also need the following items:

Road signs and cones

Tubes of various sizes and materials such as drainpipes

Pegs or spring grips (to help set up dens)

Tarpaulins

Ropes

Guttering

Broom handles.



If you can help with any of these, then please bring it to the main reception.

Thank you for your support in sending your children into school appropriately dressed, with wellies or outdoor shoes and warm clothing in order to be able to access all our wonderful outdoor space.

Thank you for your continued support to make the Wormley Play Project a success.

WORMLEY GIFT SHOP



Wormley's Gift shop will open again for business for Mothers' Day and Easter.

There will be lots of gifts to purchase, including homemade arts and crafts.

Look out for more information.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Pupil Parliament are organising an Easter Egg Hunt.

Look out for more details.

LEARNING CONSULTATION EVENINGS

We have planned KS1 and KS2 learning consultations for the **22nd and 23rd March**.

The booking system will soon be open via Arbor.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS

Children should not be wearing earrings to school, particularly on a PE day. If you cannot remove earrings, they must be taped

NURSERY ADMISSIONS



Admissions to nursery classes in schools are managed directly by the schools and not by Herts County Council. If you wish your child to attend the nursery classes at Wormley, you need to fill in an application form and submit to the school (available on the website).

All applications should be handed in by **10th March**. Letters offering confirmed places will be sent out to parents in the week beginning **27th March**. You will have until **24th April** to accept or refuse the places you have been offered. Morning places will be offered first to families who qualify for 30 hours provision in conjunction with our Preschool.

A virtual tour of the Wormley Church of England Primary School is available on our school website

SMOKING/VAPING REMINDER

It is unlawful to smoke or vape on school grounds or just outside the gates.

It is unhealthy for children to walk through smoke whilst coming and going to school.

YR HEIGHT, WEIGHT & VISION CHECKS

The reception children's height, weight and vision checks will take place on **Friday 21st April**.

FAMILIES IN FOCUS

Complete guide to parenting children with SEND

(Living in Herts and including those awaiting diagnosis 2-11years)

Zoom course: Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.30am (FIF L1 D8)

Tuesday 10th 17th 24th 31st January / 7th 21st 28th February / 7th 14th 21st March

Or

Zoom course: Tuesday evenings 6.30-8.30pm

Tuesday 10th 17th 24th 31st January / 7th 21st 28th February 7th 14th 21st March (FIF L1 E6)

Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

Email with name and date & time of the course requesting booking details (10 session online course)

For more information, follow DSPL4 on Instagram



Families First Partnership : News Sharing

Alongside the usual Parenting Courses, Supporting Links are pleased to be offering the following 8 workshops this coming Spring Term. They are open to parents and carers of children with diagnosed or suspected ASD and/or ADHD across Hertfordshire, funded by the Local Authority.

- **Talking ASD/ADHD: Anxiety and Stress - 10th January or 22nd February 2023**
- **Talking ASD/ADHD: Responding to Anger - 16h January or 7th March 2023**
- **Talking ASD/ADHD: The Teenage Years - 23rd January 2023**
- **Talking ASD/ADHD: Coping with Change - 20th March 2023**
- **Talking ASD/ADHD: Tech Use - 27th February 2023**

Parents can self-refer and book places via Eventbrite.

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