West Byfleet Infant School newsletter

We **belong** in our school family.
We **inspire** each other to grow and learn.
We **succeed** and feel proud of all we do!

11th September 2026

Welcome!

It has been a wonderful first week, and I am delighted to be joining the West Byfleet Infant School community and leading such a special school.
As an infant school, we have the privilege of being part of the very beginning of each child's learning journey. These early years are filled with discovery, excitement, friendships and so many special moments, and I am passionate about ensuring that every child has a happy, magical learning experience.
It has been lovely to see all of our children back in school this week and to give such a warm welcome to our new Reception children. We have been incredibly proud of the way the children have settled into school life, embraced their new classrooms and bringing such wonderful energy and enthusiasm to their learning.
We would like to extend a special welcome to Mrs McLusky, who has joined us in Glowworms, and Miss Choudhury, who has joined us in Grasshoppers.
Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our children, staff and families for making me feel so welcome. I have already felt very much part of the school community and I am incredibly excited about the year ahead.
Mrs Bush Headteacher

The amazing WBIS team

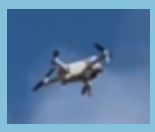
A huge congratulations to Mrs Ginn on an incredible 30 years at our school!
For three decades, Mrs Ginn has been a much-loved and valued member of our school community, dedicating so much of her time, care and kindness to our pupils.
We are truly grateful for everything she has given to the school and for the positive difference she has made to so many children and families over the years.

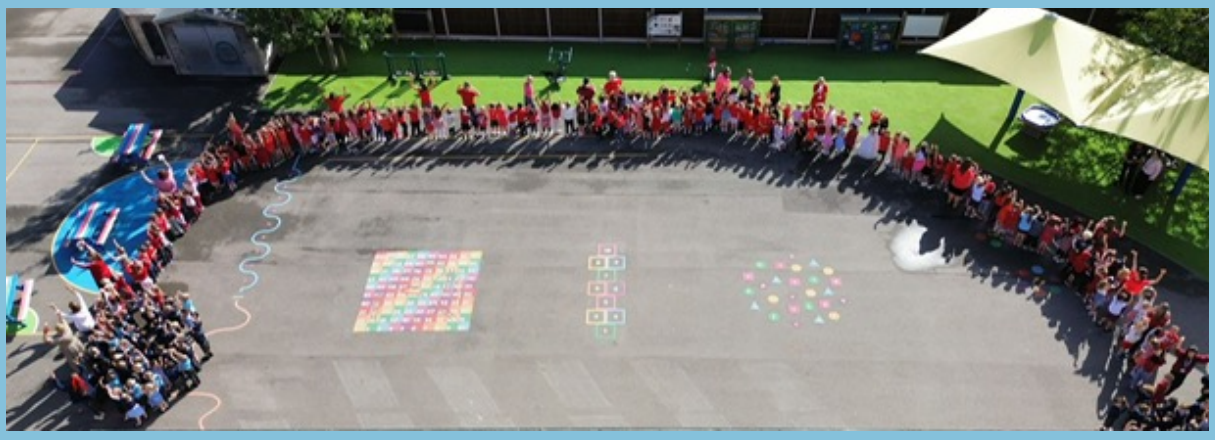
Values

Each half term we focus on one of our rainbow values. This half term it is...

WONDER

To think and be curious about the world around us, asking questions to find answers





🌈 Our Rainbow of Belonging has begun! 🌈

Today, a drone flew over our school to capture the first of our Value Day photos — our children forming the red strand of our rainbow, with Reception making little clouds! ❤️

The children watched with great **wonder** and excitement as the drone took flight, creating a very special moment for us all.

On each Value Day, we will create another strand of our rainbow, building towards a full-colour rainbow that represents our school community and our wonderful sense of BELONGING.

A huge thank you to George from Sheerwater Solar for safely flying the drone and helping us capture this special moment.

We can't wait to watch our rainbow grow! ❤️🧡💛💚💙💜

Safeguarding.

To help our children feel safe and confident in telling us when something is wrong, we introduced Safesosaurus this week.

Please support us by talking to your child about the importance of telling a trusted grown-up if something is wrong, if they feel worried, or if something doesn't feel right.

Together, we can help our children feel safe, heard and supported.

Fitness fun!

We will be celebrating National Fitness Day on **Wednesday 16th September**. Please send your child to school wearing their **PE kit** on this day.

There will be music and movement as you come into school in the morning, we encourage you to come as soon as the gates open and join in with your children!

Throughout the day, the children will take part in a variety of fun physical activities and movement challenges while learning about the importance of staying active and healthy.

New look newsletters!

Our school newsletter will be sent every two weeks. In the alternate weeks, you will receive our Community Newsletter, which will include local events, activities and flyers for your information.

Attendance

Absence must be reported before 9:00am - via the absence line 01932 343260 option 1
- Please do not report absences via email, as these may not be immediately picked up
- Please leave a clear message, stating full name of child, child's class, reason for being absent (i.e. vomiting/diarrhoea/cold/cough/temp)
- A call must be made each day your child is absent before 09:00am

Please note that for vomiting and diarrhoea - your child should not return to school until 48 hours from their last episode.

It is important for your child's academic and social development for them to attend school everyday.

We have 3 attendance bears named 'MAC' that are awarded to the class in each year with the best attendance every week.

The winning classes will be shown on this page on the next newsletter.

Let's
Make **A**ttendance **C**ount
(MAC)
every day.

Working Together to Improve Attendance

First Offence	The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time absence or irregular attendance the amount payable will be: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days
Second Offence (within 3 years)	The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time absence or irregular attendance the amount payable will be: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Third Offence (within 3 years)	The third time an offence is committed for term time absence or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will **not** be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court

If you take your child out of school without approval for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive) then the following will apply as outlined in the chart.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there are 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

For more detailed information – please refer to our School Attendance Policy on our website.

Calendar

Colour key

Whole school event	Reception	Year One	Year Two

Date	Event
Wednesday 16th September	Fitness fun - come in PE kits
Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October	Parents evenings 3:30-6:00pm
19th - 30th October	**Half term**
Monday 16th November	Values day - Equality. Orange mufti day.
Monday 16th November	Year One come and learn 2:15-3:00pm
Tuesday 17th November	Year Two come and learn 2:15-3:00pm
Wednesday 18th November	Year One come and learn 9:15-10:00am
Wednesday 18th November	Reception come and learn 2:15-3:00pm
Thursday 19th November	Reception come and learn 9:15-10:00am or 2:15-3:00pm
Tuesday 8th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance 2:00pm
Wednesday 9th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 2:00pm
Thursday 10th December	Reception Christmas Performance 2:00pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas lunch and story afternoon
Friday 18th December	Last day of term. Finish 1:15pm

Click on image for term dates

Clubs

At West Byfleet Infant school we offer wraparound care and a variety of clubs for our pupils. please use the links below to access our website for more details.

Earlybirds
Breakfast club
from 7:30am

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Wingbats
Afterschool care
3:15-6:00pm

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	Club	Time
Monday	Wildlings (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Monday	Lego Friends Club (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Monday	Magical Maths (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Tuesday	Karate (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Tuesday	Doodlebug Art Club (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics and Trampolining (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Wednesday	Dance (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Wednesday	Football (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Wednesday	Music Club (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Thursday	Dance (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Thursday	Wildlings (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm
Thursday	Mini Athletics & Skills (KS1)	3:15pm / 4:15pm

Afterschool clubs
Autumn term
KS1 pupils

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