

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!



9th October 2026



Year Two had a fantastic time on their trip to the Outlook Centre! They had a busy and exciting day exploring, investigating, building and discovering as they took part in a range of hands-on activities.

The 'Splash, Bubbles and Balloons' workshop was a particular highlight, with lots of fun, laughter and opportunities to learn through exploration. It was a wonderful day of learning and discovery!



We would like to wish Miss Menzies all the very best as she begins her maternity leave in October half term. We will miss her and wish her a wonderful and special time with her new arrival.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Bishop, who will be joining us after half term and teaching Fireflies class. Mrs Bishop will also be taking on the role of PE Lead.

While Miss Menzies is on maternity leave, Mrs Dixon will take on the roles of Year One Leader and English Lead.



A reminder about considerate parking



Please can we remind all families to park considerately and safely around the school. Please do not park on the pavement, as families with children on scooters and buggies need to be able to pass safely and easily.

When parking, please use designated parking areas only and ensure that you do not block or park across driveways.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children, families and local community safe and ensuring everyone can access the pavements safely.



Get reading!

Sponsored Read – Coming Soon!

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading, we will be running a whole school Sponsored Read from 2nd–9th November 2026.

We are excited to be working with our local Usborne Partner and all money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. Usborne will also donate additional free books based on the amount raised!

More information, including how to take part, will be coming home next week.

Get writing!

A fantastic opportunity to encourage children to develop their love of writing and creativity! The BBC Story Writing Competition is open to children aged 5–7 years and gives them the chance to let their imaginations run wild and create their own stories.

It's a wonderful way to encourage children to enjoy writing, be creative and share their ideas. If your child does participate please send a copy into school so we can celebrate their entry with them.



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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



We celebrated our Harvest Festival with a special assembly, where the children learnt about the traditions and meaning behind Harvest.

Our School Council helped to collect the generous donations from families and deliver them to Woking Food bank.

We are incredibly grateful to our families for their kindness and generosity in supporting others in our community.



Black History Month is an important time to reflect on and celebrate the rich history, culture, and achievements of the African and Caribbean communities in the UK and across the globe. It provides an opportunity to honour the contributions made by Black individuals and communities throughout history and in the present.

The whole school will be focusing on an inspirational Black role model and creating posters to celebrate their achievements. The children will then share their learning in a special assembly next week.

For information about special Black History Month events taking place in London, please click on the image.



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.

week ending 02/10/26



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

We have an attendance trophy and our cuddly bears named 'MAC' that is awarded to the class in each year with the best attendance each week.



Let's
Make Attendance Count (MAC)
every day.

week ending 09/10/26



Working Together to Improve Attendance

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.

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

From the Office

Lunch Bookings for Autumn Term 2

Our lunch bookings are now live for Autumn Term 2. Please log in to EduSpot and make your child's lunch selections. Lunches can now be booked up until 18th December.

Please remember that after making your selections and adding them to your basket, you must check out and complete the transaction. Your choices will only be saved once the checkout process has been completed.

[Click here to view the menus](#)



Water bottles in Bookbags

Please do not place water bottles inside your child's book bag.

Unfortunately, these bottles can leak and we are seeing an increasing number of reading books damaged by water.

To help keep books in good condition for all children to enjoy, please carry water bottles separately.



Colder weather

As the weather is becoming colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a warm, waterproof coat. We aim to get outside whenever possible for playtimes and outdoor learning, so having a suitable coat helps children stay warm, dry and comfortable throughout the day.



Please remember to clearly name your child's coat so that any misplaced items can be returned quickly.

Parents' Evening Reminder

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next week on Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October.

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible to ensure you have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress.

Please note that after school clubs with the exception of Wingbats, will not run on Tuesday and Thursday next week



Individual School Photographs

School photographs will be taking place on Thursday 15th October. To ensure your child is ready for their picture, please send them to school wearing their full school uniform, including their school jumper/cardigan.

Reception classes - please come to school wearing uniform rather than PE kit.



From the Office

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Please note

October half term 2027

Surrey schools will be reverting back to a one week
October half term.

25th October to 29th October 2027

Holidays will not be authorised so if you are going
away please book within the one week given only.



Term Dates

Click on the image
for 2026-2027 term
dates



Calendar

Whole school

Reception

Year One

Year Two

Date

Event

Friday 9th October

Year 1 Bake Sale (3:15pm)

Monday 12th October

Year 1 Trip – Winchester Science Museum

Friday 16th October

Halloween Disco (PFA Ticketed event)

Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October

Parents evenings 3:30pm–6:00pm

19th – 30th October

Half term

Monday 2nd – Monday 9th November

Sponsored Read (details to follow)

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November

Antibullying week

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

Saturday 21st November

Christmas Fair 11am – 3pm

Tuesday 8th December

Year Two Christmas Performance 2:00pm

Wednesday 9th December

Year One 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

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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OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

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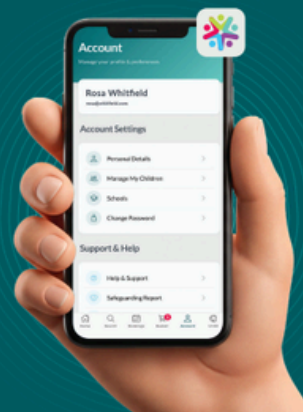
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