

# Year 3 Newsletter

## 2025-2026

### Introduction and welcome

Welcome to Year 3, we are Larch Class (Mr Ewins) and Elm Class (Mrs Adimaly). We are supported across the year group by Mrs Burgoyne and Mrs Lowther. The Year 2/3 phase leader is Mrs Goodwin.



### Home school communication

There are opportunities to speak to your child's class teacher after school on the playground. Please also do feel free to pass on brief messages in the morning. Please contact the office if you feel a longer discussion is necessary and your child's teacher will phone you. We do ask that parents do not email teachers directly. Teachers and the senior leadership team can be contacted via email using [admin@weeke.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@weeke.hants.sch.uk). We look forward to be able to invite parents in for curriculum events throughout the year.

### Timetable Information

Our PPA (Planning, preparation and assessment) time is on a Tuesday afternoon. On these afternoons Mrs Lowther and Mrs Mildenhall will be teaching the classes. On Fridays, Mrs Jo O'Brian will be teaching Larch Class in the mornings and Mr McGettigan will teach the class in the afternoon. Our P.E days are Mondays (indoors) and Thursdays (outdoors). Children should take their P.E. Kit into school on Mondays and bring it home again at the end of the week.

### Behaviour

We are proud of the good behavior in our school and work alongside our families to promote our school values of respect, responsibility, kindness and excellence. Our behaviour policy, which is based on our school values, is available on our school website. In Year 3, we use 'Class Dojo' to award points linked to our school values. We keep a running total for each child and the points also contribute to the total for the four school teams (red, yellow, blue and green).

### Home learning

Home learning is optional, but we provide resources for children to practice their learning

- We encourage the children to read at home, ideally daily
- We will send home a list of spellings for the half term for the children to practise their weekly set of 10 words. Children who are on the Little Wandle phonics programme will have their own set, linked to the weekly phonics learning.

-Later in the year, we will introduce Times Table Rockstars as a way of practising multiplication tables at home and at school. We will let you know how this works nearer the time.

### Reading

All children should continue to read daily, with an adult where possible. Adults in school will hear every child read at least once a week. In school, most children will follow the Little Wandle fluency programme. They will have a book at school for 2 weeks, which they will then bring home for 2 weeks. This way, they will be familiar with their book at home and will have practiced the tricky words.

Children will visit the school library once a week to select a book of their choice. These books will not necessarily be linked to each child's reading ability as often children choose a library book that they want to share with an adult at home.

Continuing to read to your child as much as possible is also a wonderful way to help them to develop their language skills and vocabulary, to learn about the world around them and to develop a love of books.

### Curriculum Overview

Updated curriculum overviews will shortly be added to the school website - [Weeke Primary School - Year 3 Elm & Larch](#)

### Attendance

One of the most important ways in which you can support children's learning and education is by ensuring they attend school as regularly as possible. If you're not sure whether you should send your child in, please don't hesitate to contact us or check our website for more information: [Weeke Primary School - Attendance](#)

At Weeke Primary School, we have a strong ethos and emphasis on attendance and punctuality. We know from experience and research that ensuring a child's attendance is kept high supports their education, well-being and future success. Attendance really does matter.

### Helping in school

We welcome parent/carer helpers in school. If you are able to come in to school on a regular basis, even for just an hour per week to support children's learning in class or listen to readers, we would very grateful. Please contact the school office [adminoffice@weeke.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@weeke.hants.sch.uk) or speak to your child's class teacher. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked.

### Uniform

Children should wear Weeke Primary School uniform, as detailed on our school website: [Weeke Primary School - Uniform Information](#)

Please note that only plain hair accessories only may be worn. Large bows or bright coloured ribbons woven into braids are not acceptable hair accessories. Hoodies are not school uniform and should not be worn to school.

### Forest Schools

Children in Year 3 will take part in Forest School sessions with Mr. McGettigan this year. Further details about when the sessions will be and what clothing children will need will be sent out soon.

## PE

Please remember that PE kits are part of school uniform. PE t-shirts do not have to be branded, but do need to be in your child's correct house team colour. PE kits need to be kept in school during the week.

## Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Please ensure your child has a coat or light waterproof at school with them every day. Children do continue to play outside in the rain.

**Snacks are not provided to children in Year 3.** We ask that children who choose to bring their own snack from home, only bring in fruit, vegetables, plain bread rolls, rice cakes or similar. Crisps or biscuits are not appropriate play time snacks. For sugar swap suggestions, please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/sugar/sugar-swaps-for-kids#snack-swaps>

**Nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter, nut bars) should not be brought in to school as snacks or in lunchboxes as we have a number of children who have a severe allergy to nuts.**

## Collection from school

Please let staff know if your child is being collected by someone other than their usual parent/carer.

Children in years 3 and 4 need to be collected from school by an adult. Once children are in years 5 and 6, they are able to travel home independently. If your child will be walking home with an older sibling, please contact the school via email to give your consent for this.

## Birthdays

Please do not bring in sweets or cake on your child's birthday or another special event, as we have a number of children with severe food allergies and intolerances.

## Dress up days and unwanted outfits

We would love your good quality used / unwanted dress up outfits for our themed days in school. Please pass to your child's class teacher and they will pass them on to the relevant year group.

## Keeping up to date

It is vital that the school office has your up to date contact details.

Please 'like' our school Facebook page 'Weeke Primary School' and check the fortnightly 'In The News' for school news.

## Joining our school

Do you know someone who is interested in their child joining our school? See our information on open days: [Weeke Primary School - 2025-2026 Open Days](#)