



'In the News'

Weeke Primary School Bulletin

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Whole School News

Staffing Update – Mrs Leeder

We are sad to announce that after fourteen happy years here at Weeke Mrs Leeder has made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this term. She has decided to spend more time with her family and hopefully have a bit of time to travel the globe too!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Leeder for everything she has done for the children she has worked with at Weeke, it is a testament to her that some of them still pop in to see her even after they have left. As a much loved member of staff she will be very much missed by all of us in school and the school community as a whole. We wish her lots of happiness in her life after Weeke and we'll leave the last word to her "thank you all for providing me with your wonderful children".

Christmas Holiday Lunches

Just a reminder that the closing date is Sunday 8th December for you to enrol on the Christmas holiday lunch scheme. The Basics Bank will not be able to accept children onto the scheme after that date.

Here is the link to the webpage if you feel your family would benefit.

<https://winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk/christmasholidaylunchscheme/>

Children In Need



Thank you very much for your donations to Children In Need on 15th November, we raised a grand total of £1079 for this very worthy cause. Thank you again for your generosity.

Parent calendar/Clubs List

Please remember to access our parent calendar by clicking on the link below. we even have next year's sports day dates confirmed!

<https://www.weekeprimary.com/parents/latest-news-and-events/calendar>

The spring clubs will be uploaded to the website by Friday 13th December.

<https://www.weekeprimary.com/parents/extracurricular-clubs-autumn-2024>

Attendance

Every fortnight we will share the attendance figures for each class (year to date), in both KS1 and KS2. Whole school attendance is **96.1%**.

Key Stage 1	
Ash	92.7%
Oak	95.6%
Holly	92.3%
Rowan	93.4%
Yew	95.0%
Willow	97.1%

Key Stage 2	
Elm	97.6%
Larch	97.3%
Maple	98.0%
Cherry	98.0%
Cedar	97.3%
Beech	95.0%
Sycamore	96.9%
Pine	97.3%

The class with best attendance (KS1) **Willow Class 97.1%** and (KS2) **Maple and Cherry Class 98.0%** - well done!

A big 'thank you' to all of the parents who are working with us to improve our attendance. If your child has a cough or a cold and no temperature, we still expect your child to be attending school. If you have any concerns, please inform their teacher at drop-off.

Please be assured, teaching staff will look after your child and parents will be contacted if they are concerned in anyway.

As a reminder, our absence recording process is as follows:

If your child is unable to come to school, please let us know as soon as possible by using the contact details below. Please share your **child's name, class name** and **reason for the absence**



01962882710



adminoffice@weeke.hants.sch.uk or k.lloyd@weeke.hants.sch.uk



There will always be a member of staff at the gates before and after school if you'd prefer to discuss an absence in person.

Absence forms for exceptional circumstances/longer unauthorised absence i.e. holidays can be collected from the office.



Congratulations to all of the children awarded with a shooting star w/c 15th November

Class	Name	Value
Ash	Leo W	Excellence
	Elijah	Kindness
Oak	Ava	Kindness
	Rory	Excellence
Holly	Theo F	Responsibility
	Naomi	Excellence
	Charlotte	Excellence
Rowan	Jessica	Excellence
	Cole	Excellence
	Leo	Excellence
Willow	Joseph R	Excellence
	Shristi N	Respect
	Mai	Kindness
Yew	Dahamya	Responsibility
	Lily-Mai	Excellence
	Molly L	Excellence
Larch	Hilton S	Excellence
	Ewan S	Kindness
	Alex R	Excellence
Elm	Oliver	Excellence
	Calista	Responsibility
	Archie P	Excellence
Cherry	Theo L	Respect & Responsibility
	Phoenix J	Excellence
	Harshika R	Kindness
Maple	Elliot G	Excellence
	Darcie	Excellence
	Iris	Kindness
Cedar	Vera	Excellence
	Mabel	Excellence
	Ryan K	Responsibility
Beech	Elodie M-S	Excellence
	Betsy	Excellence
	Elionora	Responsibility
Sycamore	Jasper	Excellence
	Finley W	Excellence
	Charlie J	Excellence
Pine	Edith	Excellence



Congratulations to all of the children awarded with a shooting star w/c 22nd November

Class	Name	Value
Ash	Anna	Excellence
	George R	Excellence
Oak	Watson	Excellence
	Elliana	Excellence
Holly	Hugo B	Responsibility
	Rheathena B	Excellence
	Malek K	Excellence
Rowan	Luca T	Excellence
	Skylah K	Excellence
	Olivia A	Excellence
Willow	Florence M	Excellence
	Elliott	Kindness
	Ben M-R	Excellence
Yew	Emily B	Respect
	Jack K	Respect
	Orla	Respect
Larch	Harlan	Responsibility
	Gus	Excellence
	Jess	Excellence
Elm	Jack	Respect
	Henry	Kindness
	Rosie	Respect
Cherry	Huxley	Excellence
	Florence C	Excellence
	Grayson	Responsibility & Excellence
Maple	Spencer	Excellence
	Dahud	Responsibility
	Bai	Excellence
Cedar	Phoebe M	Excellence
	Molly O	Responsibility
	Theo M	Excellence
Beech	Betsy	Excellence
	Tilly	Excellence
	Alfie	Excellence
Sycamore	Harris B	Responsibility
	Joseph P-B	Respect
	Suri B	Responsibility
	Henry L	Responsibility
Pine	Sophie	Responsibility
	Joseph B	Excellence
	Billy	Respect

Year Group Information

Year R

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in Early Years. We read the story 'A Cold, Dark Night' and created a story map to help us retell the story. We even retold the story to the adults in the class, we felt like we were the teachers! We have also read 'Wow, said the owl' and thought about the character of the owl and the story setting. In Maths we have been looking at different ways of representing 4 and 5. We used paint and corks to print sets of 4 and 5 in different formations. In Art we used dry leaves to create different pictures based on the story of 'Leaf Man'. We created animals, people and even Sonic the Hedgehog! We have been busy rehearsing our Nativity in the hall and are looking forward to performing to you all next week. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Year 1

As we hurtle towards Christmas our children are fully immersed in our Nativity practise. Thank you for helping with their lines and for bringing in their costumes in a named bag, they are excited to share their performance with you. If you are able to join us on a journey to St Barnabas Church next Thursday morning please do speak to a member of the Year 1 team. This trip will form a part of our RE learning about the nativity story and the importance of a journey. We have been busy with our learning. In Maths we have investigated 2D and 3D shapes. In English we have explored the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat' which also involved the children learning the poem with actions and performing it to the children in EYFS. We have also practised using capital letters at the beginning of a sentence. We were delighted to welcome 'Perform' to our school on Monday to do an interactive workshop about old and new toys. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have brought in old toys and shared them with the children.

Year 2

In Science we have been thinking about how our bodies change when we exercise as part of our learning about health and growth. Next week we will be planning our own investigations to find out if eating bananas helps us to run faster! In History we went outside to create our own timelines thinking about events within and beyond living memory. They had fun trying to decide when their teachers were born in relation to when Winchester Cathedral was built. Last week the children also took part in a virtual road safety workshop which they enjoyed and also took away some important safety messages from.

Year 3

It has been another busy week in Year 3. This week, we have completed writing our instructions to teach a Stone Age person how to make a bronze axe-head. We are now moving on to learn about using paragraphs to group linked sentences together and we will be using this skill when we write about Stonehenge in the next couple of weeks. Yesterday we introduced Times Tables Rockstars to the class and we sent letters home containing the children's log-ins and passwords. We have currently just set the children the 5x table to practise, but over the course of the year, we will move through the 3x, 4x and 8x tables. Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars for 5-10 minutes a few times each week.

As you hopefully will have seen in an email, on Monday we will be visiting Winchester College for their autumn concert which is for local primary schools to enjoy. Children should come in school uniform as normal. Linked to our history topic, we will be having some themed days over the next couple of weeks. Information about these days will follow separately.

Year 4

Over the past two weeks, Year 4 has been busy with some exciting learning! In History, we've explored Viking gods, linking to our English book *Odd and the Frost Giants*. The children have enjoyed writing diary entries from Odd's perspective, bringing his adventures to life. In Science, we've been investigating sound—how it's made and how it travels—through fun experiments. The children have also explored different musical instruments and their unique sounds. In Maths, we've been focusing on multiplication and discovering different strategies to make learning our times tables easier. We were also thrilled to have a visit from footballer Taylor Harwood-Bellis, which greatly motivated the children during our fitness lessons in PE.

Year 5

In the past fortnight, Year 5 have been composing diary entries and letters of apology from the perspectives of Sam and Davey, characters from our class text, *Cloudbusting*. In Mathematics, we have been exploring the concept of equivalent fractions, which has allowed the children to grasp the relationship between different fractional representations. Additionally, we have been converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. History lessons have provided an intriguing exploration into the crime and punishments during the torturous Tudor period. In gymnastics we have continued to build on core strength through the practice of symmetric and asymmetric paired balances, resulting in some very original routines. In Science, we have delved deeper into the solar system, where students used moving models to question, investigate, and exemplify theories regarding the movement of celestial bodies. They explored concepts such as night and day, phases of the moon, seasons, and solar eclipses, enriching their understanding of astronomical phenomena.

Year 6

The past two weeks have been filled with exciting learning opportunities and activities for Year 6! The highlight was undoubtedly our trip to the military museum at Winchester Barracks. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the exhibits, which brought their WWI history topic to life. In English, the children have been writing trench descriptions and analyzing soldiers' diaries and memoirs of the Christmas Truce. Their empathy and insight have been evident in their thoughtful discussions and writing. In Maths, we've wrapped up our fractions unit and moved on to converting units of measurement. The children are showing great focus and determination as they tackle this new topic. Our Science lessons have been hands-on, as we continued our exploration of electricity. The children conducted an experiment to test materials around the classroom for conductivity and insulation. In Music, the children have been introduced to Baroque music, including the timeless *Pachelbel's Canon*. They are beginning to appreciate the intricacies of this musical era. Art lessons have been inspired by Jacqueline Hurley's poignant WWI artwork. The children are completing their mixed media pieces, and we can't wait to see their final creations. Finally, in PE, the children have been developing their skills in netball with Mrs. Towle, and they've been creative in gymnastics, designing and performing their own sequences.

Thank you for your continued support as we journey through this busy and rewarding term!

WPSA News

Dear parents/carers,

A big thank you to all who took part in the Music Evening last Thursday. The children performed brilliantly and the audience were very appreciative. A great evening was had by all.

We are now rapidly approaching Christmas and there are a few dates to note:

Saturday 7th December is Christmas Trees and Toilet Rolls collection day. We will be in the school playground from 8.30am – 10.00am so please come and collect your items at that time.

The Christmas disco is on Thursday 12th December swiftly followed by the Christmas bazaar on 13th December from 3.30 – 5.30pm. There will be lots of fun activities at the bazaar as well as food provided by OFM, a bar, sweets and cakes and the Christmas Raffle. We will also be featuring a performance by Young Voices which is not to be missed.

If you are able to volunteer at the bazaar you can sign up on the website. Any help is always appreciated!

Thank you so much for your support as always.

Your WPSA Team

Christine, Rob, Claire, Rachel and Huw



Facebook Page - [Weeke Primary School WPSA](#)



Facebook Group - [Weeke Primary School Association](#)



Twitter - @WeekeWPSA



Instagram - @weekewpsa

Email - weekeprimary.wpsa@gmail.com

PTA events website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wpsa/>

Sports Write-Up



Football Results

Oakridge Junior School vs Weeke A - Hampshire Cup 2nd Round - Friday 15th November

On Friday 15th November our boys A team travelled to Basingstoke to play their Hampshire Cup 2nd Round fixture against Oakridge Junior School. Although dominating the first half, playing some fantastic attacking football with brilliant defending, we went into half time 0-0. Feeling confident ahead of the second half, the team went out and continued their dominance. A trademark Charlie strike early in the second half settled any existing nerves and allowed the team to play with more freedom. An OG from Oakridge, another classy finish from Charlie (assisted excellently by Ayla) and a bursting run and finish from Billy meant Weeke won the game 4-0. A big well done to the whole team but special mentions to Ayla playing her first game for the boys and Callum who stepped up last minute to play in goal.

Team: Callum, Henry, Billy, Alfie, Jasper, Ayla, Charlie and Harris.

Goal scorers: Charlie (3), Billy (1), OG.

Weeke A team boys 10-0 Kings Worthy – League fixture – Tuesday 19th November

Weeke A team boys continued their excellent run in the league with a convincing 10-0 win against Kings Worthy Primary School. It was an excellent attacking display from Weeke who were ruthless in front of goal. A huge well done to Kings Worthy who didn't give up and worked extremely hard throughout the whole game.

Team: Barnaby, Billy, Henry, Alfie, Jasper, Callum, Charlie, Harris, Ethan

Goal scorers: Charlie (2), Billy (1), Barnaby (1), Harris (1), Alfie (3), Callum (1), Jasper (1)

Weeke A team boys 12-0 Olivers Battery – League fixture - Thursday 21st November

Weeke hosted Olivers Battery on Thursday 21st November for another league fixture. A team mixed of both boys and girls, Weeke started on the front foot and dominated throughout showing again ruthless finishing throughout. The attacking football was a due to watch with some great passing and individual goals. Special mention to Ayla scoring her first goals for the boys team and Alice and Lorna who played their first games for the team.

Team: Barnaby, Billy, Henry, Ayla, Jasper, Lorna, Charlie, Alice, Alfie, Callum

Goal scorers: Charlie (4), Ayla (3), Alice (2), Billy (1), Alfie (1), Callum (1)

Weeke A team girls 8-0 Olivers Battery – League fixture - Thursday 21st November

Our girls team delivered another dominant performance on a very cold afternoon to beat Oliver's Battery and stay at the top of the league table. The team controlled the ball throughout, limiting the opposition to very few chances. I have seen definite improvements in the team's passing in recent games and some of our goals came as a result of quickly passing the ball into dangerous positions. The whole team played well, but a special well done to Catherine, who scored her first ever goal for the school and to Phoebe who scored a hat-trick in a rare spell as a striker. Well done to everyone who played and thank you for representing the school so well.

Weeke B team (Boys) vs Crescent Primary - League fixture - Tuesday 26th November

On Tuesday 26th November, Weeke B team hosted Crescent Primary School in a league fixture. The game was played in great spirits and was an even game that was entertaining to watch. A great goal from Leo C opened the scoring before half time. With some great passing play, Ethan found himself in space and smashed the ball into the top corner for the second goal of the game. Determined to keep a clean sheet, Weeke defended well and won the game 2-0.

Team: Oliver M, Riley, Charlie J, Noah, Miguel, Leo C, Ethan, Alice, Lorna, Ayla

Goal scorers: Ethan, Leo C

Winchester Rotary would like to thank our families for their continued support of the Rotary District's Shoebox Scheme, providing Christmas presents for less fortunate children in other countries.

This year, we would also like to ask you to support our new initiative to provide Christmas presents for less fortunate children in Winchester and the surrounding area.



REVERSE SANTA PROJECT

Winchester Rotary are for the first time trying a twist on the traditional Santa Grotto and are asking children and adults to GIVE presents to Father Christmas. These presents will then be donated to local charities Street Reach and Winchester Basics Bank, who will distribute them to less fortunate children in Winchester and the surrounding area.

Presents are requested from schools with whom we have close connections and those presents will be collected by a Rotarian from a central collecting point at the school shortly before the end of term.

Alternatively, if parents prefer, there will be a Rotary stall at the Christmas Market (in the Outer Close next to the Cathedral) on Saturday 21st December where Father Christmas will receive presents assisted by his elves and they will then be distributed on Monday 23rd December in time for Christmas.

So please give as generously as you can although the presents can be modest and even second hand if in good condition. Please do not wrap them as they will be checked and wrapped prior to being handed over.

For further information please contact:- christmas@winchester-rotary.org



WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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Would you like to help young
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Could you use your experience
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Join our network of volunteers to support,
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To find out more, please email
CandFVolunteers@hants.gov.uk
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Join our community of
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giving time and friendship to
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my child to grow in confidence”

Give just one morning
a week to transform
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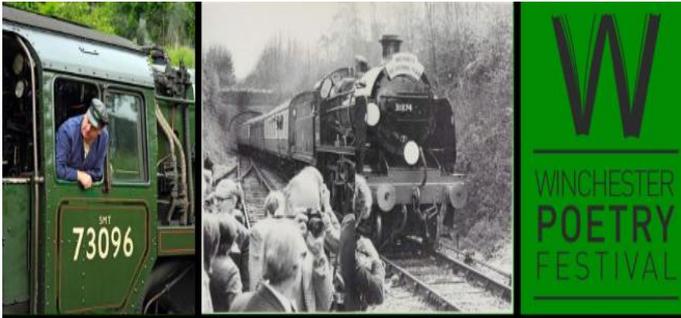


Full training provided

Contact us: volunteer@fotfwinchester.org
01962 864466 www.fotfwinchester.org

Friends of the Family is a Winchester charity supporting local children and
families facing adversity, enabling them to face their future with confidence.
All volunteers are subject to references and an enhanced DBS check.

Community Events



RAILWAY200 POETRY PROJECT

Write a poem that celebrates the 200th anniversary of train travel in the UK.

CLOSES TUES 25 FEB

Open to all ages, all abilities and internationally

submit: education@watercressline.co.uk



All work entered will feature in a large scale project hosted by The Watercress Line.
Selected submissions will feature in a printed anthology.

www.winchesterpoetryfestival.org/railway200poetryproject



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, ROCK CLIMBING, BOUNCY CASTLE, ARTS N CRAFTS, LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING AND MORE!

Monday 23rd December
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January



Winchester Sport & Leisure Park

Bar End Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 9NR

9.00am – 4.00pm

Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

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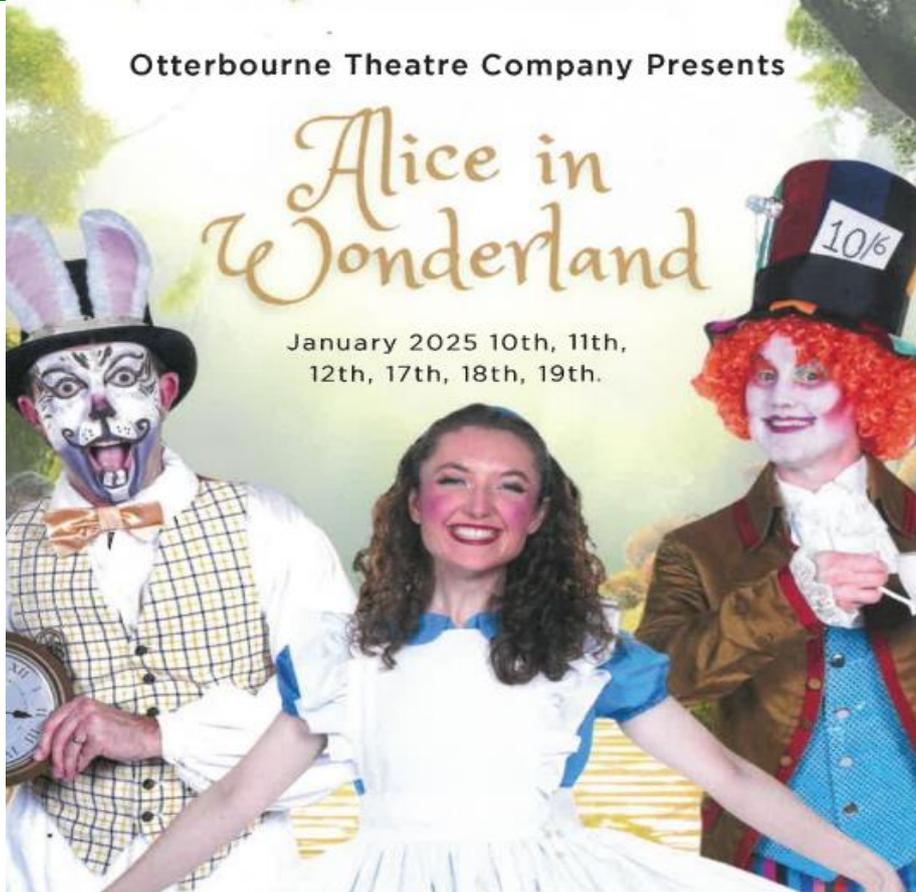
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Alice in Wonderland

January 2025 10th, 11th,
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Otterbourne Theatre Company



Scan the QR code to
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bookings.

Tickets from £10.

Clubs 'in school' information

Additional Club starting in January 2025

Jules will be starting a new Relax Kids After School Club from January 2025. Places will be offered to children on the waiting list first.

When - Monday's @ 3.30-4.30pm (Rowan class)

Cost - £6.50 per session

Contact - relaxwithjules@yahoo.com

Classes will include

Emotional Literacy story time

Music and movement warm up

Brain exercises to improve focus

Fun mindfulness games

Basic yoga stretches

Self/Peer story massage

Child friendly belly breathing techniques

Growth Mindset skills

Relaxation to music and story visualisations

Craft activities to build child's own Chill Out box

Contact Jules to enroll your child for Spring Term or with any questions.



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Help your child:

- ★ relax and be calm
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- focus and concentrate
- be imaginative
- ★ develop creativity
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