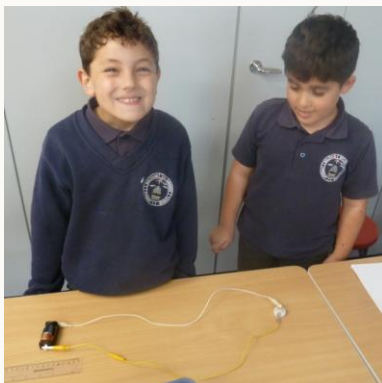


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Staff and governors are wholly committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of every child. We work tirelessly to ensure their safety, well-being, and happiness, both within school and in the wider community.

What a day, what a week, what a term!



So, as Term 1 comes to an end, it's time to reflect on all of the wonderful achievements, opportunities and experiences that have taken place across our school community.

Village Show art competition winners have been announced, swimming superstars from Robins Class have emerged, Spanish Club has launched and flourished, New Owls children, many of whom are only 4 years old, have settled brilliantly into school life, Music Club and guitar lessons on Monday afternoons have commenced, ABC to Read sessions have launched, our new Behaviour and Relationships Policy has been rolled out across the school, Cauliflower Cards have been designed, school photographs ready for Christmas, have been taken, coffee afternoons have been enjoyed, parent workshops have been delivered, parents evening meetings have strengthened the partnership between home and school, Halloween disco costumes

have been created, School trips have been experienced, residential visits have been completed, poetry has been written, Harvest has been celebrated and over 40 prospective parents for our September 2027 intake have already visited - **All in just 38 school days.**

A huge thank you to all of our staff, parents, governors and volunteers for helping to make this such a busy, productive and successful term.

Most importantly, a very special thank you to our incredible children. Your enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and determination inspire us every single day.

I wonder what exciting adventures, opportunities and achievements Term 2 will bring!

Mr. Errington, Headteacher

Before Friday 6th November

Important actions to take this week



Sign up for Lunches, Woodpeckers and the School bus

Make sure you have "booked" all arrangements for the first week back

By Tuesday 3rd November



Football

Y5/6 Boys – Please return your form Year 5/6 Girls – Please return the School kit

On Tuesday 3rd November



Year 6 Bikeability

Remember to bring your bike into School for your Level 2 and Level 3 training

On Tuesday 3rd November



Robins Swimming

Swimming continues on the first day back in Term 2.

On Tuesday 3rd November

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

The next six School Days — the whole year is on pages 5 and 6

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON
2nd NOV	3rd NOV	4th NOV	5th NOV	6th NOV	9th NOV
INSET DAY	Term 2 Starts	Year 5 & Year 6 Boys Football matches	Year 1 Maths Workshop	Skylarks Class fundraiser	MUSIC CLUB
School Closed! Stay in Bed!	Remember your coat!	Good luck WSL	2.30pm – 3.00pm in Swallows	3.10pm on the playground	Come along and enjoy the fun.

Please remember No sweets or cakes for birthdays — we are an allergy aware school · Pull beyond the Zig-Zag Zone before you park in the morning

Celebrations & awards

SUNSHINE BOOK

School Value this week – Peace

EYFS	Hugo K	Louis B
Year 1	William P	Celeste C
Year 2	Henrietta B	Roman R
Year 3	Freya H	Abdullah J
Year 4	Finley A	Mia P
Year 5	Annika M	Penny W
Year 6	Kaden K	Eva S

ATTENDANCE

Whole school 95.8% · target 97%

Class	Attendance
Owls	95.0%
Nightingales	100.0%
Robins	92.9%
Skylarks	98.4%
Red Kites	90.3%
Kestrels	97.3%

HOUSE POINTS

House	This week	Rolling
Brunel	273	2232
Galileo	241	1935
Redgrave	357	2442
Yeats	249	1894

Redgrave take the term — well done.

Questions and Thoughts

Truth

Looking forward to Term 2

FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME

'A half truth is a whole lie.'

Always be honest with yourself.

Focus on..... Poetry Day Competition

A HUGE thank you to everyone who took part in our School Poetry Competition. As you know the theme was "I wonder" and the standard of all entries was very high.

Sebby W

I wonder
I wonder how long it would take Mrs
Morgan to eat 1000 chocolate bars,
I wonder how many months or years it may
take to fly the moon.
I wonder how quickly cells divide,
I wonder what's in a person's inside.
I wonder how many elements are yet
to be discovered.
I wonder what archaeological sites are
yet to be uncovered.
I wonder how many ship wrecks
are deep within the ocean.
I wonder what it would look like to
see particles dance in Brownian
motion.
Do you wonder how long it took me
to write this poem?

Winners

Congratulations to...

Nicole A, Summer W, Henrietta B, Freya H, Sristi M, William L, Ava – Grace A, Bailey H and Csege K-B who all receive a certificate and 5 house points.

Please find our two overall winners who receive a certificate and 10 HOUSE POINTS.

Dorothy M

A brief moment . . .

*A hidden spark of golden light
That vanished in the ancient night
A crystal leaf of frost and air
That bloomed when no one else was there*

*That quiet wave upon the shore
That broke and shall be known no more
A streak of dawn so bright and new
That faded as the morning grew*

*The moment dies upon the air
Leaving no final echo there
A secret beauty pure and brief
That passes like a falling leaf*

Brilliant Poetry. Well done Sebby and Dorothy

THINGS WORTH KNOWING THIS WEEK

OWLS DROP OFF

Term 2 Expectations

From the start of Term 2, we would kindly ask that all Owls parents say goodbye to their children at the big blue gates so that they can develop the confidence to make their way across the playground on their own. This is another vital step in developing independence. Many thanks for your support.

CURRICULUM

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Many thanks to Mrs Brancato and all parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics Workshop on Thursday afternoon. The session was full of useful information and a range of strategies to support children with their phonics and reading development at home.

THANK YOU

Parent Helpers

A huge thank you to all parent helpers who have supported the School during Term 1. School Trips, Stop and Drop, 1:1 reading support and interactive School displays would not be possible without our brilliant families giving up their time for free. Thank you.

PLEASE HELP

Donations needed

As we approach the darker winter months we are looking to "stock-up" with board games, puzzles, quizzes and card games to keep our "Woodpeckers Club" children entertained over the winter months. All complete donations welcome.

OFSTED

New Framework

Please find attached a letter from achieving for children regarding the new OFSTED framework. I am running OFSTED workshops on Thursday 19th November or click the link below to find out more <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g&t=4s>

CURRICULUM

Spanish Club

Our Spanish Club has had a brilliant start this half term! The children have been discovering Spanish through songs, games and fun activities. The children have learnt greetings like Hola, ¿Cómo te llamas? and ¿Cómo estás? They have also been learning to express feelings with words such as bien, muy bien, mal and triste.

ADMISSIONS

Open Mornings

9.45–11.00am on 10th November, 1st December and 12th January 2027.

If you know a family looking for an outstanding school, please send them our way — we have places in all year groups.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Poppy Sales

From the start of Term 2 we will be selling poppies and other Remembrance Day items in School every day. Please look out for more details about where and when your poppies can be purchased in next week's newsletter.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thank You

Our magnificent PTA raised a staggering £822.33 at the Halloween Disco!

Huge thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped! Big shout out to our DJ Mr Ellery for the disco & Mrs Ellery and Mrs Lomas for running the kitchen! Thank you to everyone who set up and helped.

CLASS NOTES

A note from each class teacher

Owls – Practice Red Words – no, go, I, a.

Robins - Swimming kit on Tuesday.

Red Kites - Times tables 2,3, 4, 5 and 10. Keep practising!

Nightingales - Keep the cloakroom tidy.

Skylarks -Take time to shape your letters correctly - only my best presentation will do!

Kestrels - Calm, corridor walking is the key.

PTA



Messages from the PTA

Come to the AGM -

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 6.00pm in School Hall. Governors will also share their roles and responsibilities. Please save the date and come along to support the school.

[Find us at pta-events.co.uk/wslpta](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta)

Parents Christmas Party

 Saturday 21st November

 Neville Hall

 7–11pm

 £25 per ticket

Your ticket includes lasagne (vegan available), apple crumble, mince pies AND a welcome drink with a bar available throughout the evening 

Please book ASAP so we can confirm numbers for catering!

 Tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=122383>

Christmas Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk

 Friday 27th November

 Windsor Theatre

 4:30pm

 £22 per ticket

Get into the Christmas spirit with a fun family trip to the pantomime! A great way to enjoy some festive magic together. ✨

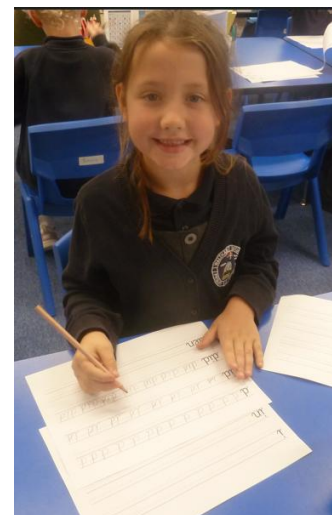
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

Around School...

*Cloaked traitors are in our midst**I'm scared and confused...**Pancho, our Spanish speaking teddy.**Amazing art**Great paired reading**Concentration and focus – Well done**Teamwork helps you get to the top – Well done boys**Cooked breakfast - Delicious**It's quite high on the giant swing!**Sensory Trail – It's dark with these goggles on.*

Photographs are shared in line with the consents held by the office. Please don't repost other people's children.



The year ahead — Autumn

Dates can change during the year, so please check the latest newsletter for the current version. Highlighted yellow rows are inset days and bank holidays, when school is closed to pupils. New additions are highlighted in green.

Term 1 (39 days)

Friday 23rd	End of Pupil Term	15.10
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October Holiday: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026

Term 2 (35 days)

November	Monday 2nd	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 3rd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
	Tues 3rd – Thurs 5th	Year 6 Bikeability	All Day
	Wednesday 4th	Boys Football at Courthouse	15.30 – 17.30
	Thursday 5th	Key Stage 1 Maths workshop	14.30—15.00
	Friday 6th	Skylarks Class Fundraiser	15.10 – 15.30
	Tuesday 10th	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 11.00
	Tuesday 10th	PTA AGM – School Hall	18.00 – 19.00
	Monday 16th	Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence	
	Monday 16th	NSPCC Anti-Bullying Workshops	09.00 – 12.00
	Tuesday 17th	Book Fair Arrives	09.00
	Tuesday 17th	Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Assembly for parents	14.30—15.00
	Thursday 19th	OFSTED Workshop for parents	14.00 – 15.00
	Thursday 19th	OFSTED Workshop for parents (Online)	19.00 – 20.00
	Friday 20th	Fire Engine – Year 5	10.30 – 11.30
	Saturday 21st	PTA Christmas Party at Neville Hall	19.00 – 23.00
	Tuesday 24th	Book Fair Leaves	09.00
	Wednesday 25th	Year 6 Height and Weight Check	09.00
	Wednesday 25th	Drama4all workshop – EYFS, Y1, Y2	10.00 – 11.30
	Friday 27th	Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk	16.30
December	Tuesday 1st	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 11.00
	Tuesday 1st	Robins Swimming Lessons Finish	
	Tuesday 1st	PTA Wreath Making	18.30
	Friday 4th	Nightingales Class Fundraiser	15.10 – 15.30
	Tuesday 8th	Nightingales and Robins Nativity Performance	14.00—15.00
	Wednesday 9th	Christingle Dress Rehearsal at the Church (Y1-Y6)	08.30
	Wednesday 9th	PTA Christmas Fair	13.00 – 15.00
	Thursday 10th	Nightingales and Robins Nativity Performance	14.00—15.00
	Thursday 10th	Christmas Jumper Day – Daisy's Dream	All Day
	Friday 11th	Christingle Celebration at the Church	14.00 – 15.00
	Friday 18th	End of Pupil Term	13.00

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Please don't book family holidays in term time. All dates are also at wslprimary.com.

The year ahead — Spring & Summer

Continued from the previous page. Highlighted rows are inset days and bank holidays, when school is closed to pupils.

Term 3 (30 days)

January	Monday 4th	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 5th	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Wednesday 6th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
	Tuesday 12th	Open Morning for 2027-2028 EYFS Intake	09.45 – 10.45
February	Friday 12th	End of Pupil Term	15.10

February Holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Term 4 (24 days)

February	Monday 22nd	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
March	Thursday 25th	End of Pupil Term	13.00

Spring Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027 (Good Friday 26th March; Easter Monday 29th March 2027)

Term 5 (34 days)

April	Monday 12th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
May	Monday 3rd	May Day Bank Holiday	All Day
	Friday 28th	End of Pupil Term	15.10

May Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Term 6 (33 days)

June	Monday 7th	Staff Inset Day	All Day
	Tuesday 8th	Start of Pupil Term	08.30
July	Wednesday 21st	End of Pupil Term	13.00

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Tuesday 31st August 2027

BRINGING THE WORLD OF READING TO LIFE FOR EVERYONE

MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

We need you!

Established in 2019 by the community and for the community, Maidenhead's Big Read is looking for a number of volunteers to join our organising committee to help with different tasks associated with setting up, promoting and running our annual reading festival for children in March. This is an opportunity to contribute to and shape a highly rewarding local not-for-profit initiative.

If you have some spare time, we would love to hear from you, particularly if you have experience in any of the following roles:

- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
- weekday & weekend event management
- author selection & liaison
- social media management
- website management
- creating publicity materials
- grant and sponsorship applications

Contact us:
hello@maidenheads-big-read.org.uk
www.maidenheads-big-read.org.uk

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A time to remember,
to give thanks,
and to hold in our hearts
our loved ones
who have gone before us.

DATE: 1st November 2026
All Saints Day

TIME: 6pm

VENUE: Waltham St Lawrence Church

with music from the
Come & Sing choir



Together we inspire and achieve

Our mission is to provide inspiration and opportunities for all children to achieve their potential and become confident, independent individuals with key skills for lifelong learning.

Truth

Love

Peace

Responsibility

Community

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IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

Please speak to any of us — you will never be wasting our time.

Mr David Errington

Headteacher · Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Jo Waite

KS2 Team Leader · Deputy DSL

Mr John Kiss

Safeguarding Governor · Vice Chair

Mrs Giovanna Brancato

KS1 Team Leader · Deputy DSL

Miss Chelsea Painter

Inclusion Coordinator

The Governing Board

clerk@wslprimary.org

Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding of all our children. If something is worrying you — about school, home, anything — we will always find someone you can talk to.

