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Our week

We've continued to strengthen relationships, establish wellbeing and continue finding that sense of belonging this week, with ME Day 2025 playing a central part in giving everyone a platform to share their interests, skills and talents with each other. It was wonderful to see the children coming into school dressed to reflect their passions and assembly on Tuesday gave the whole school the chance to celebrate the 'Be You' part of our school motto. I learnt what 'Tumbling' was, that someone in Year 3 had a real passion for seeing WW2 jeeps and that one of Miss. Sharp's passions was scuba diving! With our ECA programme starting next week, I hope all the children continue to be brave either trying new things or developing their interests, skills and talents by doing something they love. I believe it's crucial during a child's primary school years to be exposed to as much as possible so they discover what they love and definitely are not keen on.



I hope the 'Meet the Teacher' events for Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 were helpful. At this stage of the new academic year, please don't hesitate to ask as many questions as you need to as we all settle into new routines.

In my first meeting with our amazing Friends of WCPS this week, I know they have met as a charity and are making plans for the term ahead. Please reach out to them even if you can only offer an hour of your time this term; I know they would be grateful to hear from you.

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FLEXI BOARDING IN UNDERWOOD HALL

We are now offering 'flexi-boarding' to day pupils in Years 5 or Year 6 allowing them the opportunity to board on a flexible basis. The cost of flexi-boarding is £100 per night and will include the cost of dinner, breakfast and accommodation in Underwood Hall. There is also a booking fee of £30 the first time a booking is made.

If you wish to book for your child to flexi board then please click on the link below. Alternatively you can email the school office or Mr Timmins who is the Head of Underwood Hall. They will then be in touch with you with further information which will include instructions on how payment is to be made.

Bags should be dropped off at 8:30am on the day. At 4:00pm, your child will do their home learning and at 4:45pm will return to Underwood Hall where they will join in with the boarding routines and activities for the remainder of that day. The following morning, they will have breakfast and then embark upon their normal working day having hopefully got some sleep! There will be an annual limit of 45 nights' accommodation per pupil per academic year. If you would like to enquire further about flexi-boarding then please do not hesitate to email Mr Timmins at j.timmins@wymcolprep.org.



[Flexi Boarding Booking Form](#)



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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had another great week in Reception with lots of 'firsts'. The children have done very well with their first lunchtimes and also their first two full days. We have followed a full timetable the last two days. In Phonics we have been focusing on finding rhyming words and initial sounds of words. In Maths we have done lots of counting to 10 and back, number recognition to 5, showing 1/2/3 fingers in different ways and subitising. We have also been using bead strings, five frames and number tracks. We have spent lots of time starting to recognise and write their names and of course lots of time to play. The children all painted lovely self-portraits as part of our 'All about me' topic.



Year 1 Otters & Seals

This week, Year One have been very busy getting stuck in to all our new units of work. We had our first computing lesson where we identified items that are classed as 'technology' at home and at school. In geography, we had an exciting experience! We looked at different examples of maps and discussed what they are used for. We explored a map of the college site, and then went for a (very windy!) walk to put it to the test. We followed a route and used the map to spot key landmarks. In English we have started our 'sentence stacking' lessons for The Bear and the Piano. Miss Sharp, Mrs Hindle and Mrs Derry have been so impressed with the children's efforts in their writing so far!

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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

In Year 2 this week, we have been busy exploring materials and their properties, thinking carefully about how they can be grouped. We have also begun our exciting new history topic, the Great Fire of London. The children were fascinated to learn that the fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery in 1666 and quickly spread because the houses were built from wood and thatch. This has sparked lots of discussion and curiosity about life in the 17th century.



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

This week in Dragonfly and Bumblebee class, we have been exploring the wonderful smells of Autumn! The children pulled funny faces as they sniffed cinnamon, vanilla, ginger, and maple, which led to lots of laughter and discussion. We also talked about the beautiful colours of Autumn and began writing descriptions of how the trees look at this time of year. On 'Me Day', everyone enjoyed sharing their unique talents and interests—it was a joy to see so much confidence and enthusiasm! In Maths, we are continuing with place value, using base ten, and counting confidently in tens and hundreds.



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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Year 4 loved celebrating Me Day this week, particularly wearing their own clothes that represented their interests and sharing with their friends what makes them special! We were very proud of the way they presented their Me Day stories to the rest of the class with pride and confidence. It was a fantastic way for their new teachers to learn all about them! We have also been busy during the rest of the week, getting fully engrossed in all of our Year 4 curriculum learning. In Science, children used strings and a spoon to explore different sounds



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been another brilliant week for Year 5. They thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Heritage exhibition on Tuesday and celebrating Me Day on Wednesday. We have also been working hard this week in all subjects. In Maths have have looked at representing numbers up to 1 million. In English we continue to challenge ourselves to add suspense and a cliff hanger to the end of our writing. During science we took part in an experiment where we grouped different materials based on their properties. Also in History we looked at the causes of WW2- the children are fully engrossed in this topic!



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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

Year 6 are now fully in the swing of lessons and learning. In Maths, we've been continuing our work on place value up to millions and revisiting key calculation strategies during our fluency sessions. Art this week saw us take part in Portrait Club, where we drew portraits of our classmates—but with some funny rules! The most entertaining rule was drawing with our eyes closed or using our non-dominant hand, which led to lots of laughter and creativity. In Humanities, we've kick-started our topic on the United Nations, which will build towards our exciting Model United Nations Conference in December. Meanwhile, in Science, we all took turns to go in the cupboard and shut the door! This sparked fascinating conversations about how our eyes adjust to different levels of light. Thank you to all of Year 6 for your efforts in applying for Head of House, Head of School and Head of Underwood this week. We wish you the best of luck with your applications!



Underwood Hall

Well we have certainly crammed plenty in this week. Astro on Monday, pancake making on Tuesday, series night on Wednesday. Our first ever flexi boarder on Thursday night which was a huge success and our first taster evening of the year on Friday when we welcomed prospective boarders and their families into Underwood to get a flavour of what our wonderful boarding community is really like. The boarders have a fun weekend ahead too as they are off for an afternoon of tubing tomorrow at the dry ski slope in Trowse. Time whizzes by and I cannot believe that it will be exeat weekend next weekend already.



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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

What is the FOWCP?

Friends of Wymondham College Prep (FOWCP) is a friendly parent-and-carer crew raising funds, building community, and making school life even more amazing for our kids!"



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Advance Notice

**The FOWCPS plan to
hold a Collection for the
Prep School on**

Monday 10th November 2025

*..Not to be confused with the College
collection which may take place sooner.*

Please save some of your
unwanted clothing items for
our Prep School collection!

More info to follow.
Thank you!



Want to Get Involved?

Whether you'd just like to hear more about the Friends, find out what we're all about, or lend a hand in any way – big or small (even 5 minutes for a fundraiser!) – we'd love to have you join our Volunteers WhatsApp group.

The chat is kept fairly quiet – we only post when there's something useful to share, so you won't be bombarded with endless messages.

Simply scan the QR code or click the image below to join and stay in the loop!



SAVE THE DATE

The FOWCP AGM will take place on
Monday the 15th of December at 14:15!

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Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	AM Sessions - Otters PM Sessions - Dragonflies
Tuesday	AM Sessions - Seals PM Sessions - Bumblebees

**WCPS
ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK
97.5%**

ECAs begin next week.

For those taking part in external ECAs, please arrange registrations and payments as soon as possible. Any pupils not registered/paid for will be unable to participate until payment is received.

Please note there are no ECAs next Friday 26th September due to EXEAT weekend



A polite Reminder

Drop off time is between 8:30am and 8:45am. In order for lessons to begin promptly at 8:50am. We kindly ask that families leave the school premises promptly to allow for gates to be closed at 8:45am.



Please see below link with information on the upcoming A11 lane closures Wymondham to Thickthorn
<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/a47-thickthorn-junction-near-norwich/#:~:text=Overview,along%20with%20commercial%20business%20units>



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Forthcoming Events

The way you view forthcoming events for WCPS has changed.

Please log into your MCAS app and view our school events under the Academic Diary tab.

We appreciate the feedback on the MCAS calendar and will continue to consider all options and adaptations as to how we manage keeping you informed.



Wymondham
Youth Music
Society

WYMS Junior Strings group meets on Thursday evenings during term time at Wymondham Methodist Church, Town Green, NR18 OPW from 6.00-7.00pm.

All violin, viola, cello and double bass players are welcome! Even if you've only been learning for a very short time, you can still join this group. I arrange most of the music myself, and it will include some parts which just use open strings as well as other more advanced parts.

The first session of the new term is on September 11th. You are welcome to come along and either watch or give it a try - the first 'taster' session is free! (The full termly fee is £50.) It would be great if you can also bring along some friends who play - the more the merrier!

Please let me know in advance if you hope to come, or if you have any questions. Email:- chris@jaggard.org.uk, phone 01379 677279 or 07860 267430

There is also a WYMS senior group of more advanced players which will be meeting at the same venue on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7.15 for 7.30. First session is on September 18th. Ring Margery on 01603 610934 or 07990 768177 for more information.

Rocklands

after school

Art Club

First Session FREE

Fruit and drinks provided

Starts Wednesday 10th September

Rocklands Village Hall

4,30pm – 6pm

Every Wednesday – term time – £6 – (concessions for siblings)

Contact Claire Tel: 07858 355 108

Qualified Teacher – Art Specialist – DBS checked – Liability insurance



WYMONDHAM HIGH ACADEMY

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Wymondham High Open Evening Thursday 25th September 5pm to 7.30pm

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

I would like to personally invite you to Wymondham High Academy Open Evening on Thursday 25th September. School will be open from 5pm and I will address parents and children at 5.15pm and 6pm. This event is a fantastic opportunity for you to explore our school and discover what makes us special. We place a great importance on both academic success and the pastoral care of our students, along with giving them additional experiences outside of the classroom.

What to expect

- Hands on Activities: Engage in fun interactive activities that give you a taste of learning at Wymondham High
- School Tour: Take a guided tour of our facilities, from classrooms to sports areas, and see our dedicated spaces for learning and extracurricular activities. These will be led by our year 11 prefects.
- Meet our Teachers: Chat with our passionate teachers who will be happy to answer any questions about learning, the curriculum and extracurricular opportunities
- Meet our Support Staff: Find out how we support every student's growth, both academically and personally, and see how we strive to create a positive and inclusive school environment.

We also offer tours of the school during the school day. These are for both parents and children, to provide an opportunity to see us 'as we are' on a normal working day. You will need to book a place on these tours as they are usually extremely popular. These events are a great way to find out more about our school community and see first-hand how we can help your child thrive in the next stage of their education.

For children with an interest in Performing Arts, Visual Arts or Modern Foreign Languages we offer Aptitude places. These places are open to anyone with a passion and flair for the subjects and are particularly popular with families who live outside our catchment area.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children to Wymondham High.

Mr Chris Smith
Headteacher



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