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News Roundup

Week 3 Autumn Term 2025

Our week

It's been wonderful to see the curriculum in each year group being brought to life this week. We work tirelessly to create a sense of awe and wonder through the hooks, provocations and inspirational moments each year group plans for the children. Walking around school and seeing the faces of the children taking it all in is a privilege - whether that's Year 1 seeing a bear play a piano, Year 2 realising London nearly disappeared in a fierce fire or Year 5 processing what happened to the German people whilst under the rule of the Nazis. We now know that knowledge becomes sticky and is more likely to transfer to the long term memory when it is presented as a memorable anchor, especially those involving conflict, dilemmas or stories. I hope the *Parent Curriculum Overviews* you received today prove useful in supporting you to engage with your child about their curriculum. Our website is now home to the more detailed overviews where you can see everything your child will be learning this year. Next week we are acknowledging a longtime staple of primary schools - the Harvest Festival! Thank you in anticipation of supporting this by bringing in a tin of food (or something similar) on Friday. Thank you for the feedback on our trial of using



the MCAS Calendar app. For now, we have reverted to displaying everything for everyone on the 'Forthcoming Events' on pages 8 - 11. I hope this makes things easier for everyone. Thank you everyone for your voluntary contributions in support of our ECA programme. It's been amazing feeling the excitement at the end of each day as the children have gone to their chosen ECA. Without this, we would not be able to provide everything we offer. Also, thank you to the 300 of you who have signed our Home School Agreement. This is a new approach in us trying to bring together school, parent and child. If you have any feedback about the process, please let us know.

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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had a fantastic week in Reception and are so impressed with how the children are settling in to all the new routines. In phonics we have started learning our first sounds (s, a, t, p). We have learnt about words that start with these letters and even had a practice at writing them. Please use your child's sound pack to support them frequently with this at home too. We have enjoyed starting our new English unit on We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen. In Maths we have become experts at matching pairs and making sets. Our focus this week has been who lives in our house/s and who is in our family. This has been a great conversation point when exploring how we are all different and special. Thank you to everyone for working hard on the name writing at home, the Rabbits and Robins are getting better every day!



Year 1 Otters & Seals

We've had a lovely week packed with some brilliant learning. On Monday, Year 1 had a very unusual experience in the hall when they discovered a bear playing the piano very skillfully! The children were so surprised and excited to find that our English story had come to life. This prompted some brilliant discussions (and sentence writing) about learning a new skill and practising hard to become good at it. In Maths we have been working within the numbers 0-10, solving one more and one less problems as well as counting forwards and backwards. In science we have continued our learning on the human senses, focusing this week on hearing with our ears. We also had our first proper art lesson where we experimented mark making with oil pastels.



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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

In Year 2 this week, we have been thinking carefully about consequences and the impact our actions can have. As part of our history learning, we explored the sights, sounds and smells of the Great Fire of London, helping us to imagine what it might have been like to live through such an event. The children also showed great empathy as they reflected on the experiences of people who suffered loss during the fire.



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

This week, Dragonfly and Bumblebee Class have been busy exploring exciting new learning! In Design Technology, we became food product developers, tasting different ingredients to inspire our very own sandwich designs. In Maths, we stretched our number skills using number lines to 1000 and practised counting in 10s, 20s, 25s and 100s. In French, we learnt a variety of greetings and enjoyed practising them with our friends. Geography took us back in time to study Nissen huts and how land was used between the two World Wars. In English, we continued crafting beautiful Autumn poetry, inspired by nature and animals.



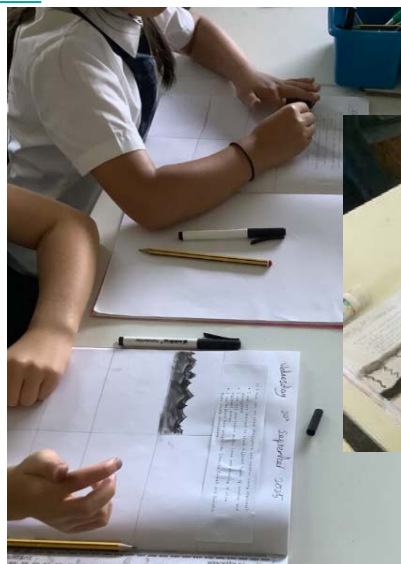
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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

In Year 4 we have continued and completed our first independent write, we wrote our own mystery stories about a character who loves exploring! In mathematics, we have continued our learning about place value, extending this to estimating on a number line up to 10,000. In Science, we experimented changing the volume of a variety of different instruments and objects. And in Geography, we looked at the differences between National Parks in the UK compared to the USA. We hope you received our email about our class trip to Hickling Broad, the Year 4 team are super excited!



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been another awesome week for Year 5! We have learnt in History about the difference between the Allies and the Axis powers during WW2. In Maths we have been getting all things practical and learning about how to use a Gattegno chart. In English we have been working extremely hard and have now finished our first module. We are ready to plan and write our own stories next week! It was so lovely to see so many parents at 'Meet the Teacher.' We hope all the information was useful.



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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of our Year 6 pupils this week as they have really embraced everything that it means to be a Year 6 pupil at WCPS. This included Jaguars meeting their Reception buddies for the first time and being such mature and sensible role-models for them (Lions are doing this next week!). Most pupils also took part in the application and interview process for our Pupil Leadership Team. The comradery and support they have shown each other during this process has been exceptional. Huge congratulations to those who were successful. In learning this week, engaging Science experiments got us thinking about how light travels and in Humanities, we learnt all about the Declaration of Human Rights. The 'wonder' going on in our History lessons is really sparking such brilliant thinking, ready for the MUN later this term!



Underwood Hall

And just like that it is exeat weekend. Where the first three weeks of term have gone I just don't know. The week finished with a real buzz as parents joined their children, boarding staff and teaching staff in Underwood Hall for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat before heading off for the weekend. These opportunities are so important and are a reminder about what an amazing boarding community we have at WCPS. I know that Mrs Trigg has been in touch with you all to share information about weekend trips for the rest of the term so this weekend will be a chance for you to talk with your son or daughter about the ones that they are keen to attend.



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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

Thank you **B&Q**

A MASSIVE Thank you to Tracey and the team at B&Q for their kind donation of nearly 1 000 litres of compost and this huge seed bank for our Grow Garden!



Do you have green fingers or just enjoy watching our little gardeners get totally covered in soil? If you would like to get involved in maintaining the grow garden, creating a planting plan or helping with the gardening ECA please join our dedicated group here:



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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
97.9%**



**2026-2027 Term Dates are now live
on the website**

For those few pupils that were missed for the flu vaccination and still require it, there will be a catch up session arranged in due course. We are yet to have a date confirmed with us by the nursing team and will communicate this with families when we can.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our Woodland Wonder sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you are able to give your time or would like to know more, please email Miss Roberts on d.roberts@wymcolprep.org



A reminder that should your child wish to attend the Whole School Panto to see Cinderella on the 17th December, please give your consent and if you can, your voluntary contribution via the MCAS app as soon as possible to secure your child's ticket.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Monday 29 th September	Reception WAC option starts
Thursday 9 th October	Y5/6 Girls Football Event @ Goals ●
Friday 10 th October	• Y4 trip to Hickling Broad • Y1,2,3,5,6 Individual Photos and siblings with Tempest
Monday 13 th October	• Y4 Individual Photos and siblings with Tempest • PPTC bookings open 6:00pm on MCAS
Wednesday 15 th October	• YR & Y6 Visions & Hearing screening • Mitch Johnson Y6 Author Visit
Thursday 16 th October	SEND Cafe 08:45am - 9:30am - all parents/carers welcome ★



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

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Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Workshop: KS2 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar SPAG 8:45am - 9:30am ★
Wednesday 22 nd October	EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration - 2:30pm. Is your child being celebrated this time? Await invitation ★
Thursday 23 rd October	PPTC bookings close on MCAS
Friday 24 th October	- KS2 Personal Growth Celebration - 2:30pm. Is your child being celebrated this time? Await invitation ★ - Last day of term - No ECAs or WAC tonight
25 th October - 1 st November	 Half Term 
Monday 3 rd November	Back to school



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NOVEMBER

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Tuesday 4 th November	PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm in the hall ★
Thursday 6 th November	PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm in the hall ★
Friday 7 th November	Reception admissions 2026 open morning 9:30am - 11:00am ★
Monday 10 th November	FoWCPS Bag2School collection day
Wednesday 12 th November	Y4-6 Football event @ WCPS ●
Monday 17 th November	EYFS Nativity bookings open on SchoolCloud 12:00pm
Friday 21 st November	• Spring Term ECA Brochure published • EXEAT weekend - No ECAs or WAC



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CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch (Pupils only)
Friday 12 th December	FoWCPS Christmas Disco & Non-uniform Day: • EYFS 2:30pm - 3:00pm • KS1 3:15pm - 4:00pm • KS2 4:15pm - 5:00pm
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity Performance 9:30am ★
Tuesday 16 th December	EYFS Nativity Performance 2:15pm ★
Thursday 18 th December	• Christmas Decoration Day 9:00am - 10:00am (exact times TBC) ★ • WCPS Christingle 2:15pm - 3:15pm (Parents to arrive from 1:00pm) ★



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Dear Students and Families

We're thrilled to announce London-based Guildhall School of Music & Drama, currently ranked the number one institution globally for Arts, Drama, and Music, is expanding in Autumn 2025!

Free Open Day: Sat, 4th Oct 2025!

Wymondham High Academy

Workshops, open classes, and live performances!

Guildhall Young Artists, our long-standing international network for students aged 3–18, will launch at Wymondham High Academy, offering a vibrant weekly Saturday programme including:

- **Specialist pre-school and children's music classes**
- **Drama classes with industry professionals**
- **High-quality individualised music programme**
- **Performance opportunities**
- **Professional training for entry into performing arts colleges & universities**

Renowned for excellence, many of our alumni go on to study at top arts institutions and pursue successful careers in the creative industries.



Open Day Sign Up: <https://forms.office.com/e/sLAWaetFxm>

Norfolk County Youth Orchestra Course & Concert: Mon 27th – Thurs 30th Oct 2025!

City of Norwich School

Established in 1959, NCYO is the top orchestra for advanced young musicians in Norfolk. Run by Guildhall Young Artists, we are now expanding to 3 groups who will rehearse and perform both in dedicated rehearsals and alongside each other, with professional musicians, as 1 orchestra!

- **NCYO Rise – New** group for any age or instrument, grades 1-3.
- **NCYO Springboard** – Orchestral instruments grades 4-6, any age.
- **NCYO** – Orchestral Instruments grades 7+ (Auditioned).

Concert: Thurs 30 Oct 7pm, Ormiston Victory Academy.

NCYO Sign Up: <https://forms.office.com/e/S9R8SRD1wt>

For more information, contact us or follow us online:

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Facebook: Guildhall Young Artists Norwich

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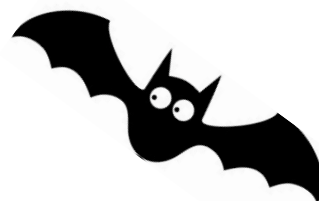
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OCTOBER HALF TERM WORKSHOPS
YOUNGCHEFS AGED 5-12 YEARS OLD ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US TO MAKE SOME CREEPY CREATIONS

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
WYMONDHAM COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
CRINGLEFORD CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

10am-12:30pm
£31 PER CHILD
INCLUDING RECIPE CARDS, PACKAGING &
INGREDIENTS



Boooook here:

<https://www.stir-it-up.co.uk/halloween-2025>

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