

WCPS

News Roundup

Week 4 Autumn Term 2026

Friends of Wymondham College Prep School



Come and say hello! ❤️

We'd love to welcome parents to our Friends of Wymondham College Prep Meet & Greet on Friday 9th October at 2:30pm in the School Hall.

It's a chance to meet other parents, find out a little more about the Friends and how you can get involved, and put some faces to names!

After school pick-up, Mr Underhill will also be taking us on a Stay & Play tour of the OPAL playground, so you can see what the children have been enjoying.

Please RSVP by Thursday 8th October so we have an idea of numbers:

👉 [RSVP HERE](#)

We'd love to see you there! ❤️



OPAL PLAYGROUND

Donate • Buy • Get Involved

We're collecting a range of items to help develop our OPAL playground and create even more opportunities for imaginative, active and creative play for every child.



Donate Items

Do you have any of the following at home or through work? Good quality, pre-loved items are perfect for OPAL!



Crates & boxes



Logs, sticks & wood



Drain pipes & guttering



Fabric, curtains & dress up



Pots, pans & mud kitchen items



Bikes, trikes & scooters



Tyres & cable drums



Old suitcases, radios & loose parts



Buy from our Wishlist

Prefer to purchase something new? Take a look at our Amazon Wishlist for key items we still need.



Outdoor storage boxes



Tarps (including clear tarps)



Spades & trowels



Crash mats & gym mats



Traffic cones & barriers



Mini diggers



Space hoppers & hula hoops



Den building equipment, tools & more!



Join the WhatsApp Group

Keep up to date on upcoming build days, volunteering opportunities and how you can get involved.



View Our Amazon Wishlist

Scan the QR code or click the link to see our wishlist and purchase directly for the playground.



Thank you for helping us create an amazing outdoor play space for every child! ♥

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Our week

One of the highlights of the week was attending a very special event up in the Chapel at Wymondham College on Thursday evening, marking the unveiling of new mural to celebrate our history and connection with the Armed Services and celebrating our amazing Service Pupils across both schools. Seven of our Service Pupils were there and made their mark on the mural by placing their fingerprint to form part of the head of Dandelion (the symbol of military children) that are painted across the bottom of the mural. Armed Service personnel were there from RAF Marham and other local Norfolk bases.

I had a long and very productive meeting with the committee of the Friends of WCPS who are doing all they can to enrich the lives of the children and support us in our development and aspirations. PLEASE



support as much as you can - especially with any pockets of time you can give. I hope lots of you can come to the Friends of WCPS Meet & Greet and OPAL Stay & Play next Friday with refreshments. Come and learn about their plans for this year and the joy they're hoping to bring for the children. As the weather changes, please ensure your child has a coat in school and a pair of wellies on their peg - hopefully the wellie racks for every class will be delivered very soon!

PUMPKIN COMPETITION



ITS BACK! FOR FUN!

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR BEST
DECORATED PUMPKINS..

PRIZES TO BE WON!

- 1. DECORATE YOUR PUMPKIN** (NO CANDLES OR BATTERY DEVICES PLEASE)
- 2. PLACE YOUR PUMPKIN OUTSIDE
THE PREP SCHOOL OFFICE ON...**



WEDNESDAY 14TH & THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER (BY 9AM)

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE THURSDAY - PUMPKINS LEFT AT OWNERS RISK (PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE WEATHER RESISTANT!)

- 3. MAKE A £1 DONATION TO ENTER**
[HTTPS://PAY.SUMUP.COM/B2C/QQP4V19F](https://pay.sumup.com/B2C/QQP4V19F)

- 4. COLLECT YOUR PUMPKIN**
FROM THURSDAY 3.15PM AND BY 3.30PM FRIDAY
(UNCOLLECTED PUMPKINS WILL BE DISPOSED OF)



PLACE YOUR FULL NAME + CLASS + CONTACT
NUMBER CLEARLY ON THE BACK OF YOUR PUMPKIN



THIS YEAR ADULTS CAN ENTER!
**BEST GROWN UP'S PUMPKIN -
ANNOUNCED IN ROUND-UP.**

ADULTS - PLEASE ENSURE YOUR ENTRY IS SEPARATE FROM THAT OF YOUR CHILD'S.
PLEASE MARK CLEARLY WITH YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER. THANK YOU!

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Reception Rabbits & Robins

Reception have had a fantastic week learning about where we live. The children explored different types of homes, including detached houses, bungalows and houseboats, and discussed the differences between villages, towns and cities. In English, we started our new story, On Sudden Hill, using it to explore friendship and feelings, while our focus book Peace at Last introduced new vocabulary including peace, home and similar. In Maths, we continued matching, sorting and comparing objects, using language such as more, fewer and the same. In phonics, we learnt the sounds g, o, c and k and were excited to learn our first tricky word, 'is'. The children are becoming increasingly confident with blending and can now read a growing number of CVC words. We have also enjoyed making model homes, building dens outdoors and developing our teamwork skills through discussions about sharing and problem-solving.



Year 1 Otters & Seals

In Year One we have a had a great time writing our independent stories about 'The Bear and the Piano'. We have tried our best to show our teachers how amazing our writing can be. In maths we have been learning about addition fact families and found it amazing to learn that you can swap the numbers around and it will still equal the same amount! The children have started to learn phase 5 sounds in phonics and have done a great job at blending some words with our new sounds (ay, ou, oy, ea). We really enjoyed learning about 'Austin's Butterfly' in art and had a try at drawing our own butterflies. We then asked for some feedback from a friend on how to improve. We had three attempts and were very pleased with the final result! Well done Year 1!



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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

We've had another busy and exciting week! We began planning our diary entries, imagining what it would have been like to experience the Great Flood. In maths, we started our new topic of addition and subtraction, so please keep practising those number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, as well as related facts - for example, if $4 + 4 = 8$, then $40 + 40 = 80$. We also had lots of fun getting creative with our junk-modelled fire trucks!



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 3! In DT, the children have carefully planned their sandwiches, thinking about the ingredients they would like to use and how to create a tasty, balanced product. We are very excited to start making them next week! In English, we wrote some wonderful poems all about winter, using our Autumn poem templates as inspiration. The children included some fantastic descriptive vocabulary and imagery. In PE, we have been developing our balance and footwork skills, including shadow footwork activities where children worked closely with a partner to copy and follow different movements.



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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

In English, we have been practising how to create a balanced argument based on our Geography unit about National Parks. In Maths, we have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In Science, we have been investigating how distance affects the volume of sound. In Art, we have been creating scenes using toys and then drawing them with charcoal.



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

The big news this week is that we are now in our 'pathway' groups for maths. This move could not have gone smoother so well done to you all, Year 5, for being so on it and organised! Well done also to those pupils in Year 5 who were recognised as 'writer of the month' and 'mathematician of the month'. Much of our work in English, but in other subjects also, has centred around one of our main topics of refugees. This has been so thought provoking and engaging. We are looking forward to continuing work on our speeches about refugees next week. Have a lovely weekend everyone.



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Year 6 Lions, Tigers & Jaguars

We have been super busy in Year 6 this week! In English, we are enjoying our new writing unit about persuasive letter writing based on the book Kick by Mitch Johnson - a Wymondham-based author! We have been learning about the reality of Child Labour across the world and writing passionately about this subject matter. In maths, we are in the swing of our Four Operations unit and have been applying this knowledge to increase our fluency with addition and subtraction of larger numbers. In Art this week, our final projects about identity are underway and we started our self-portrait element in the style of Mike Barratt. In Science, we also got 'hands on' by demonstrating the incident ray and reflected ray with a torch and a piece of card! This proved to us that light does travel in a straight line. Next week, we will be making periscopes so any donations of cereal boxes would be gratefully received. Thank you!



Pupil Leadership Team

It was a pleasure to introduce our new Pupil Leadership Team 2026-2027 to the whole school on Friday. All are incredibly excited about how they can make a difference to our school this academic year, and have some brilliant ideas about things they'd like to do. Next Friday will be our first House Assembly of the new year. We are working away now at assigning people to other leadership roles.

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Underwood Hall

Another fun packed week goes by in the world of Underwood! There has been a bit of moving around this week with one or two dorm changes. Fortunately we did not have to call in the removal men as all boarders were really sensible, diligent and patient when it came to moving bedding, belongings and their all important pinboards! On Tuesday we had another game of Danish Longball - there won't be too many more with the evenings drawing in and autumn approaching. Wednesday was the first of what we all hope will be many editions of Underwood's Got Talent. No further explanations needed! On Thursday we were fortunate enough to be invited to attend a ceremony in the College Chapel celebrating military children who attend the College and WCPS including some of our boarders. This weekend the boarders are off to Putt Putt Noodle in Norwich to test out their golfing skills.

Next week will see the first in the series of our 'Boarder Spotlights' where each week we will give a boarder the opportunity to write about and share their experiences in Underwood Hall.

Watch this space....literally!



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NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK: A

Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	AM Session: Otters PM Session: Bumblebees
Tuesday	AM Session: Seals PM Session: Dragonflies

**WCPS
ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK
97.7%**



We again remind families that children are **NOT** to play on the bikes and scooters at any time out of school hours. These are for wheeled play during lunchtime only.

Term dates for
2027-2028
have been published
on our website.

1:30 pm 😊



3:30 pm 😞



We have some books in the main school foyer which we no longer need for our library. They are free to a good home; please do come and help yourselves at any time.

Online Safety Video
click below to view

How to help children build healthier tech habits.



We have received reports from residents close to the College that people are parking in their driveways during school drop/collections. Can we please remind parents / guardians that you should only use the designated parking spaces available at the College when attending the College site



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Forthcoming Events

OCTOBER

Tuesday 6 th October	PPTC bookings for SEN pupils closes
Wednesday 7 th October	PPTC bookings open to all families
Thursday 8 th October	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Event @ WRFC - <i>Pupils who have been invited to take part in this event have been contacted</i> ●
NEW - Friday 9 th October	• Y6 Author Visit • Meet the Friends & OPAL stay & play 2:30pm in hall ★
Monday 12 th October	Y6 Boys football event @ The Nest - <i>Pupils who have been invited to take part in this event have been contacted</i> ●
Tuesday 13 th October	Y4 to Hickling Broad - <i>Communications to be sent Monday</i>

Please note dates are subject to change without notice



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event

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OCTOBER

Wednesday 14th October

- EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration
2:30pm - *Pupils being celebrated this time have been informed* ★
- Y5/6 Movie Night Fundraiser
- FoWCPS Pumpkin Competition Opens

Thursday 15th October

- PPTC Bookings Close 6:00pm
- FoWCPS Pumpkin Competition Closes
- LKS2 (Y3/4) Personal Growth Celebration
2:30pm - *Pupils being celebrated this time have been informed* ★

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Friday 16 th October	• Last day of ½ term - No ECAs. WAC open as usual • UKS2 (Y5/6) Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - <i>Pupils being celebrated this time have been informed</i> ★ • YR & Y6 Height & Weight Screening 9:30am - <i>communications with more information & how to opt out have been sent home</i> • Residential Deposits Deadline for Y3/5/6
Monday 19 th - Friday 30 th October	 October Half Term 
NEW - Monday 2 nd November	• Y5 trip to Time & Tide Museum • Y6 Cakes 4 Classes
Tuesday 3 rd November	Y5 Active Leaders event @ UEA ●

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NOVEMBER

Thursday 5th November

- PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm ★
- No ECAs tonight due to PPTCs - *Please collect your child at 3:15pm or book Premier WAC*

NEW - Saturday 7th
November

- FoWCPS Bonfire Night Disco
- Y1-3 3:30pm - 4:15pm
 - Y4-6 4:45pm - 5:45pm

Monday 9th November

Y5/6 Boys Football Event @ the Nest ●

Tuesday 10th November

- PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm
- **No ECAs tonight due to PPTCs - Please collect your child at 3:15pm or book Premier WAC**
- Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying week - Wear your best odd socks with normal uniform required for the day

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NOVEMBER

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Monday 16 th November	Parent Workshop - Reception Phonics 2:40pm - 3:10pm in school hall ★
Tuesday 17 th November	Y3/4 Mixed Football Event ●
Wednesday 18 th November	• Bookings for EYFS Nativity Open on MCAS • Cross Country event @ Langley - <i>Pupils invited to take part in this event have been contacted</i>
Friday 20 th November	• Children in Need 2026 - Wear something spotty along with your normal uniform required for the day • EXEAT weekend - No ECAs tonight - Please collect your child at 3:15pm or book Premier WAC

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4 th December	Last day of Autumn Term ECAs - <i>From Monday 7th December, please collect your child at 3:15pm or book them into Premier Education wraparound care</i>
Wednesday 9 th December	Whole school trip to the Panto
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Decoration Day & WCPS Christingle - <i>Please note this is a provisional date and date is subject to change without notice.</i>
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term - No ECA or WAC

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Online Safety Newsletter

October 2026

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Wayne Denner provides further information about the social side of CapCut including a comments section: <https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You

can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitycs.org.uk/october-2026/>

AI companions

What are AI companions?

AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. **Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.**



Why are children using AI companions?

There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:

- ☐ To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
- ☐ They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
- ☐ Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?

Age restrictions: it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.

Inappropriate content: there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.

Emotional dependence: AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.

Relationships: repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.

Privacy and personal information: children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?

- ☐ Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
- ☐ Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- ☐ It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online. Ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai-chatbots-and-virtual-friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/>

Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people to **chat to each other online**. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. **The App store rates it as 17+.**

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (**rather than using the game's own chat facility**). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.



How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:

<https://discord.com/safety-family-center>

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. **Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language.** Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:

<https://discord.com/safety-library>

5 fun online activities

Whilst we must be aware of the negative aspects of the internet, it's also important to remember that it can also be a great place to have fun or learn something new as a family. Why not try the following?



1. Playagametogether.
2. Takeafamilyquiz—itcouldbearoundthetopicofonlinesafety(e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learnsomethingnew—exploreBBCBitesize,NationalGeographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Createsomething—makeadigitaldrawingorvideo.
5. ReadanAudiobook.

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Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. The game is described as psychological horror. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it "is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."

Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look harmless because of its cartoon graphics, but the programme contains violence, death and blood. Clips of Happy Tree Friends are also circulating on social media platforms.

As above, we would recommend that you have set up appropriate parental controls to limit exposure to content like this. Also, chat to your child about what they are watching online and ensure they know that if they do see something online that upsets them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/website-reviews/happy-tree-friends>



OUR OCTOBER ROADSHOW EVENTS! 26TH - 29TH OCTOBER 2026

JOIN US FOR GLOW DODGEBALL,
CHEERLEADING AND KINBALL



Monday Cheerleading	Thursday Kinball	Thursday Glow Dodgeball
Wymondham College Prep School	Drayton Junior School	Stoke Holy Cross Primary School
Hethersett Woodside Primary Academy	Hethersett Woodside Primary School	Charles Darwin Primary School
Charles Darwin Primary School	St Williams Primary School	Wymondham College Prep School
St Williams Primary School	St Francis of Assisi Primary School	Redcastle Family School
St Francis of Assisi Primary School		



***We cannot guarantee a set time in which each roadshow will be delivered. We recommend booking our full day option to make sure you don't miss out.**

BOOK
HERE!!!



Have any questions? Please email Luke at Premier
Education - ldickerson@premier-education.com



Year 6

Fundraising Events

TEDDY TOMBOLA

♥ All donations to ♥
SCHOOL RECEPTION

≥ Please donate by ≤
FRIDAY 13TH NOV



— Est. 1968 —

Bramble Bears Playgroup

**Spaces Available for
ages 2-5 years**

Ashwellthorpe Old Village Hall
(2 miles from Wymondham)

**Open Monday to Friday
9am-3pm Term Time
Only**

We accept government free funded hours as well as childcare vouchers. We charge £6 an hour for non funded children.

A friendly child-led playgroup with high staff ratios and promoting outdoor play with a child-led learning ethos.

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