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Our week

This week we've acknowledged another new first for the school. Last week it was the Harvest Festival and this week we have celebrated Heritage Day. This is a day the College celebrates every year and this year we joined the party. We all spent some time learning about the history of the College and Y1 - Y6 went to visit the College, many following the 'Heritage Trail' that's dotted around the campus. Thanks to the brilliant Mr. Padreddii, we also had access to the Lady Knowles room where there's a brilliant wall wrap timeline showing the history of the College. Many classes also visited the Common Room of a College House to get a sense of what 'big' school was like. Next year we aim to do something with the College students.

As a staff team we are continuously striving for excellence in everything we do in teaching and learning. We began this week our journey into establishing a



coaching culture in school that focuses in on developing a personalised professional development programme. By using a platform called 'Steplab' each teacher will be supported to grow in areas that will ultimately impact for the good of them and the children. Year 4 had their first Trip of the year this week. Without your voluntary contributions to trips and experiences, we simply wouldn't be able to provide such special memories for the children. Hold on tight as we sprint towards Half Term!



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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](#)



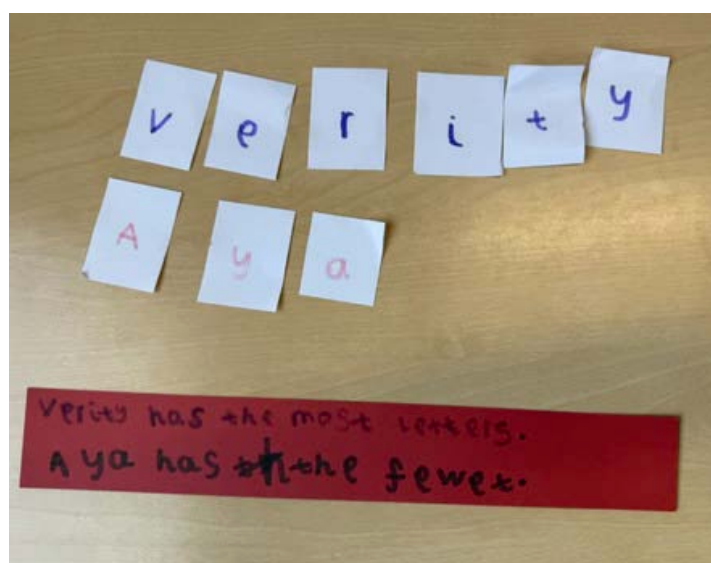
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Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have continued the Harvest theme this week and have had great fun making harvest wreaths, making fruit and vegetables out of playdough, creating leaf rubbings, drawing fruit and vegetables and learning more about what happens at harvest. In Phonics we have learnt our next 4 sounds (g o c k) and our first tricky word 'is'. These will all be in your packs. In English we started a new unit based on the book 'On Sudden Hill'. In Maths we have been learning about 'size' including smaller/taller, heavier/lighter and also capacity. We had great fun with the instruments in Music this week and were practicing 'sidestepping' in PE. See if your child can remember how they might be feeling if they are in the 'yellow zone'.



Year 1 Otters & Seals

This week in Year 1 we have been learning some new phonics sounds (phase 5)! Please see the sheet in your child's reading log which shares the sounds and tricky words for the week - do practise these at home. The teachers have been so impressed with the children's efforts in their independent writing this week as part of English. In maths, we have been comparing amounts and looking at part whole models (with numbers up to 10). In geography we learned about the United Kingdom and enjoyed locating the different countries within it on a map. We discussed drawing from observation in art, using our careful looking eyes to sketch what we can see, rather than our imaginations. In Computing we explored the keyboard.

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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

In Year 2 this week, we have enjoyed celebrating Heritage Day and learning more about one another's backgrounds and traditions. We also had our school photographs taken and carried out a science investigation to test the absorbency of different materials. In maths, we explored adding to the next 10, using our number knowledge to solve problems efficiently. The children have also begun preparing for their first piece of independent writing of the year and are full of exciting ideas!



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Year 3 have had a wonderful week of learning and adventure! We loved celebrating Heritage Day and especially enjoyed visiting Wymondham College for a fascinating heritage tour. It was amazing to look at old photos and discover how the college land was used in the past. In maths, we've been adding and subtracting tens from three-digit numbers and growing in confidence with our number work. Our most exciting event this week was a surprise visit from the Incredible Book Eating Boy! He left a huge mess in our classroom, and the children became brilliant detectives to solve the mystery! This was a great way to start our English unit - we can't wait to see what happens next!



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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

What a week! The highlight of our week was our year 4 trip, we are so proud for how engaged the children were and how they represented the school. The activities of dyke dipping, a habitat trail, environmental games and art sketching made such a wonderful day. We also completed our independent write which was a balanced argument on our choice of topic. And in Mathematics, we have been adding four digit numbers with multiple exchanges using the column method.



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been another awesome week for Year 5! In history we learnt about the battle of Dunkirk. During English we continued to look at Speech writing in particular the techniques of 'personal anecdote' and 'timeline'. In maths we continued working on addition and subtraction really securing our knowledge of the column method. We really enjoyed Heritage Day on Thursday and learning all about the history that surrounds Wymondham College. Take a look at some of the posters we made about everything we learnt!



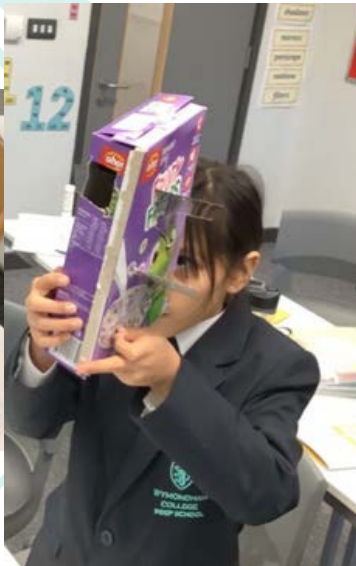
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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

Another week has flown by in Year 6! We started the week with another Science investigation to see how mirrors reflect light by creating our very own periscopes using cereal boxes. Thank you to those who donated the cereal boxes! In Humanities, we engaged in some fascinating discussions about what rights children should have all around the world and then learnt about the UN Rights of the Child document. Art this week saw us finishing our self-portraits and we are looking forward to making our mixed media collage background next week. We thoroughly enjoyed walking around the college on Thursday as part of Heritage Day, learning all about the WW2 history of our wonderful site!



Underwood Hall

Another week of fun and excitement and laughter in Underwood has gone by. A fabulous trip last week to Gravity helped us to bounce into Monday. Tuesday evening was our first edition of the new academic year on Underwood's Got Talent. We had dancing, we had music from the West End, table tennis tricks and football keepy-uppies. Quite a standard has been set for future performances. On Wednesday we welcomed Henry as one of our first flexi boarders. I have been in London at a boarding school's event to talk about all of the excellent things about Underwood and this weekend we are off to Spy Mission for some code cracking! Have a super weekend everyone!

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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

Bag2School is back! Help the FOWCPS raise funds for the Prep School by donating your unwanted clothing, shoes, and accessories for re-use. The more we collect, the more we earn! 💰

17 Bring your filled bags to the bicycle shelter by 9AM on Monday 10th November 2025.

Every bag helps – thank you for your support! 😊

ONE MONTH NOTICE

BAG 2 SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER for FOWCPS

The next collection will be..

Monday 10th November

Please start gathering any spare clothing items

✓ Clothes ✓ Shoes ✓ Bags ✓ Hats ✓ Scarves ✓ Ties ✓ Bras ✓ Jewellery ✓ Socks ✓ Belts	Bag2School can not accept: • School uniform • Workwear • Damaged clothes • Blankets/duvets/pillows • Textile cut offs • Furniture or batteries!
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Nearer the time your young person should come home with a bag that they can use (although any bag is fine). The filled bags will need to be dropped under the bike shelter on 10/11/25 by 9am. Thank you! ❤️

Don't miss out on the spookiest night of the year! Register for the Halloween Disco by **21st October** – it's going to be a frightfully fun time!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

SCAN TO REGISTER
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23/10 2025

Y1-3 17:00-17:45
Y4-6 18:00- 18:45

REGISTER BY 21/10
£2.50 VOLUNTARY DONATION

FANCY DRESS WELCOME!

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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
98.6%**

Young Voices DEADLINE

A reminder that we need final numbers by Monday. This is such a fantastic opportunity for the children and we really hope families will get on board with sending their child to be part of a choir of 9000 from across the country. To give your consent, please access the Young Voices trip via your MCAS account and pay a voluntary contribution to help cover the cost. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough contributions, unfortunately the trip will not go ahead.

Panto Deadline

The deadline for consent to the whole school panto trip to see Cinderella is on Monday 13th October. To give your consent please click on the link in your MCAS app. You can also contribute toward the cost of this trip via MCAS.

If the reception car park gates are closed due to Woodland Wonder, please do not wait for them to open. Please proceed to another area to park further along. Please do not block access by waiting at the gate as this then causes a back up and blocks the main road

Please remember to reverse park into spaces at all times

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We have been made aware of a safeguarding issue with some popular children's books by Andrew Cope including the **Spy Dogs, Spy Cats and Spy Pups** series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another part and now leads to inappropriate adult content. Any books affected in our school library will have the link removed.



We will be running a taster session for Girls Contact Rugby. If your child would like to have a taster session, please email the school office on office@wymcolprep.org



Teddy Tombola - please donate any unwanted teddies to the FoWCPS Teddy Tombola ready for the winter fayre. Donations can be left in the main foyer at school. Thank You



Individual and Sibling photos took place at school today, if your child was absent or did not have their photo taken, they can be taken at the year 4 session on Monday. Please email Mrs Milk if you believe your child missed their photo today (absent pupils have already been accounted for).

A reminder that deposits for the Residentials are due by Friday 24th October. Consent and payment can be made via the MCAS app.

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Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Monday 13 th October	- Y4 Individual Photos and siblings with Tempest - pupils absent or missed on Monday can join this session - 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 ★
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Workshop: KS2 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar SPAG 8:45am - 9:30am ★
NEW - Wednesday 22 nd October	- EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration - 2:30pm. Invitations for pupils being celebrated this half term have been sent to families ★ - Y3-6 Cross Country Event at Langley 9:00am - 1:00pm ●



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

NEW - Thursday 23rd October	• PPTC bookings close on MCAS • FoWCPS Halloween Disco ◦ 2:45pm - EYFS in class ◦ 5:00 - 5:45pm - Y1,2 & 3 ◦ 6:00pm - 6:45pm - Y4,5 & 6
NEW - Friday 24th October	• KS2 Personal Growth Celebration - 2:30pm. Invitations for pupils being celebrated this half term have been sent to families ★ • Last day of term - No ECAs or WAC tonight • Catch up session for Flu Vaccinations
25th October - 1st November	 Half Term 
Monday 3rd November	Back to school



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NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 4 th November	• PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm in the hall ★ • No ECAs tonight due to PPTCs
NEW - Thursday 6 th November	• PPTCs 3:30pm - 7:00pm in the hall ★ • No ECAs tonight due to PPTCs • Y2 Norfolk Owls Visit • Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Goals ●
Friday 7 th November	Reception admissions 2026 open morning 9:30am - 11:00am ★
Monday 10 th November	FoWCPS Bag2School collection day
NEW - Wednesday 12 th November	• Y4-6 Football event @ WCPS ● • Y5/6 FoWCPS Movie Night 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Monday 17 th November	EYFS Nativity bookings open on SchoolCloud 12:00pm



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Friday 21 st November	• Spring Term ECA Brochure published • EXEAT weekend - No ECAs or WAC • Y2 Cakes4Coaches 3:15pm
NEW - Tuesday 25 th November	Y3-6 Cross Country @ The Showground ●
NEW - Wednesday 26 th November	• 2026 Reception Admissions open morning 9:30am - 11:00am ★ • Spring Term ECA sign up window opens 6:00pm
NEW - Wednesday 3rd December	Spring Term ECA Sign up window closes 6:00pm
NEW - Thursday 4 th December	• Spring Term allocated ECAs published to families • LAMDA Examinations



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CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEW - Monday 8 th December	Percussion & Drums ECA mini performance 3:40pm - 4:00pm ★
Thursday 11 th December	- Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch (Pupils only) - Last day of ECAs for Autumn Term
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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