



## Newsletter - June 2025

Learning Value Focus: Collaborative and Aspirational

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope that everyone is well and enjoying this wall-to-wall sunshine that we are having! The children are absolutely loving being outside this week, there are so many sports activities going on from dance to orienteering, tennis, karate, skipping and yoga! It is just great to see them all outside, being active and trying new activities! My huge thanks to Mrs Priddy and Ruben for organising an amazing sports week - our best yet! We very much look forward to welcoming all of our parents and carers to Sports Day tomorrow so that you can share it with us. Please look out for a reminder communication today with the final details.

We have had an incredibly busy few weeks in school since half term. As you will know, we had our Ofsted inspection on the 3rd and 4th June. We are not able to share the results of that inspection with you quite yet, as the report has to go through Ofsted's Quality Assurance process. We had an ungraded inspection, which means that the Inspector needed to decide whether the school has maintained the standard our last overall Ofsted grade of 'good'. The Inspection was very thorough, the Inspector sat in many lessons, spoke to leaders, children, staff and some parents as well. Thank you to all parents who shared their feedback with the Inspector either in person or on Parent View, the results added to the evidence that was collected over the two days. Thank you also for your words of support and encouragement as well as the donuts, cakes and cookies! Your support was very much appreciated by all of us. As soon as the report is published, I will share it with you along with some of the feedback that we were given.

As always, there has been a lot going on in school this term. Year 6 completed their SATs in May and all of the adults in school were immensely proud of their attitude and maturity. They took all of the tests in their stride and tried their absolute best for the whole week. The following week, they enjoyed showing off their D&T Fairground Ride projects to the rest of the school and were proud of their achievements - well done Year 6, I know that you will rise to the next challenges of the Y6 production and transition events as you approach the end of your time here at Wellstead.

We have also welcomed the children and parents of our new Year R cohort, starting with us in September 2025. It was lovely to see so many new families (and familiar faces too) at the induction evening and I know that lots of children attended the library session as well.

The rest of the school have also been working just as hard. Year 5 enjoyed their Bikeability sessions and it was wonderful to see them riding around in the sunshine, learning how to ride safely and enjoying being active. Year 4 have completed their statutory Multiplication Tables Check and have been really enjoying this term's focus on sustainability and climate change.

Year 1 have been busy completing their phonic screening check. They had a wonderful recent trip to Portchester Castle which brought their castle topic to life for them and I know that there is another trip planned to Hilliers in a few weeks.

We have of course, also changed our catering provider! Aspens started on Monday 2nd June and have settled into providing good quality food for our children (and staff) already! The children love the new menu and are giving the meals a 10/10 daily! We have many more children choosing to have a hot lunch in school and that is exactly what we wanted. The meals are tasty and nutritionally balanced, easy to eat and wastage has reduced considerably. I'd like to thank the kitchen team for their hard work and commitment to not only a new menu, but also a new approach to cooking from fresh. They are doing a great job!

We have been working hard in the background to choose a potential Play trail - PoW have been brilliant setting up site visits and collecting proposals. I shared them with the School Council last week and once their preferred choice has been approved then we can go ahead and get the ball rolling! Very exciting!

As we move into the last half term of the school year, there are many events to enjoy. Please check the 'dates for your diary' section below and keep an eye out for reminders of key dates that we send around.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,

**Amanda Greenwood**

Headteacher

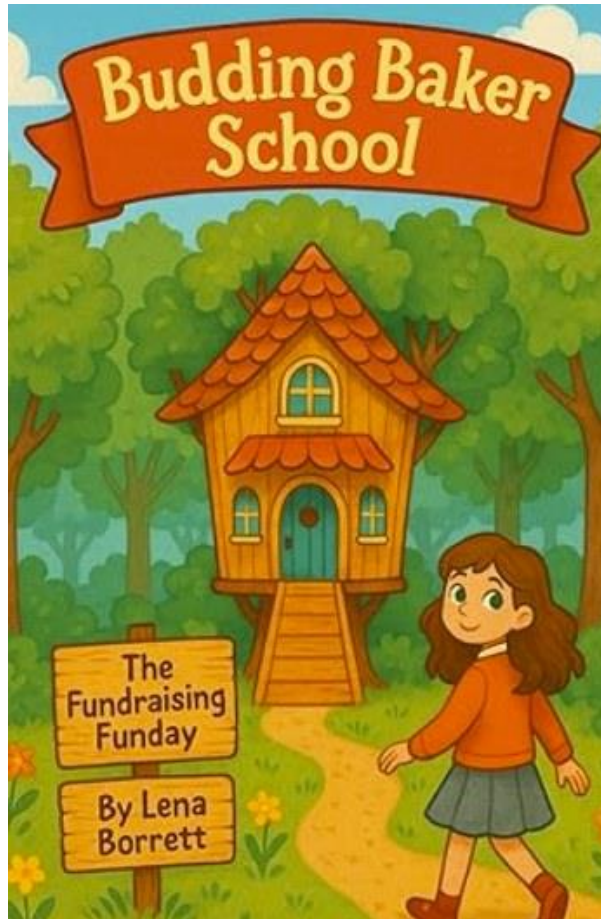


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## Budding Baker School

We are incredibly proud to let everyone know that Lena in Year 6 is a published author! Lena has written a wonderful book called Budding Baker School and I remember reading it as she was writing it. Lena (and her Dad) has worked hard to get the book published and it can be bought on Amazon: [Lena's book](#)

I hear that she is now working on book 2 in the series! Well done Lena - an amazing achievement.



## Staffing updates

As you may know, teachers have until the 31st May to let us know if they are moving on in September. I have some staffing updates to share with you as we put the final plans together for the staffing structure for next year.

Mrs Judd has decided that it is time for her to retire. Mrs Judd has been a wonderful support to many of the children and teachers over her time at Wellstead and we will miss her. Mrs Judd is always someone who shows unwavering commitment to supporting the children and we wish her well.

Mrs Clark - our School Business Manager will also be leaving us at the end of June. Mrs Clark is an absolute whizz with our school budget and we will miss her attention to detail and approach to finding new ways to make our very stretched budget last the year. We wish Mrs Clark all the best for her next adventure.

Mrs Buckley - our visiting teacher from Hampshire Music Service is also retiring at the end of the year. We have been extremely lucky to have had one consistent teacher from HMS for the last 9 Years! She is certainly an honorary member of the Wellstead purple family! We thank her for her constant support with developing our music curriculum, teaching and running our fab singing assembly! We wish her well with her retirement plans.

Lastly, it is with real sadness that we let you know that Miss Scoggins has also announced her plans to retire at the end of the year. Miss Scoggins has been such an amazing person to have in our school. Miss Scoggins has worked with so many children over the years that she has been at Wellstead, supporting them with their feelings, friendships, worries and helping them to work through tough times. Miss Scoggins has run a very active and successful school council and in recent years has been instrumental in setting up Ready2Learn. Miss Scoggins has always put the needs of the children at the forefront of all that she does, I know that she is a key trusted adult for a lot of children in school (past and present) and that she will be missed by many children, staff and some parents as well. We wish her well on the adventures that she is planning for retirement.



## Transition

It is that time of year again where we focus on transition for our children and we begin to plan classes and staffing for September. I am not yet in a position to share with you which teaching or support staff are going to be where, however we do know that we will be mixing some year groups into new classes in readiness for September.

We do understand that this can be challenging for some, but please be assured that the decision to mix has not been taken lightly. Classes need to be balanced in order to create the right learning environment; sometimes dynamics change, especially with our youngest children and where special educational needs might become more prevalent. It is always our priority to meet the social and academic needs of all children and we can only do this well, if we have the right mix of children in front of us.

We have looked carefully at which groups are working well and which are not and there will be changes to the following year groups: Year R, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

Your child's current year group teachers will be putting classes together for next year. They are absolutely best placed to evaluate how well the current classes work and how they

might look for next year. They also know which children your child works well with, sits next to and forms good relationships with. As always, we will ensure that your child is with one friend off a list that they have given us. As well as balancing the classes, we feel that mixing supports the children to make new friends and build wider social networks which will stand them in good stead when they move to Y7 and in other areas of life.

To support the children's transition there will be three 'Shuffle Up' sessions before the end of term for children to spend time with their new class teacher. These sessions are: 26th June, 2nd July and 10th July.

All classes will be finalised by the first Shuffle Up date of the 26th June. On that date, your child will bring home a letter informing you of their class teacher for next year. If you do have concerns, please talk to your child's class teacher.

## Scooters and Bikes

It is really wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school - our sheds have been full to bursting this week. Just a polite reminder that children need to come off their bikes and scooters as they enter the school gates - we have had one small child nearly knocked off their feet. Thank you for your support with keeping all of the children safe.

## Outstanding payments

Thank you so much to those parents who have paid outstanding debts for dinner money, residential trips and wraparound care. Funding for schools continues to be a huge issue with Hampshire being amongst the very lowest paid local authorities in England. Schools generally are struggling financially and Wellstead is absolutely no exception. We politely ask that **all** outstanding debts are paid off by the end of the academic year. If you do have an outstanding balance, please expect a phone call from one of the team to let you know your balance and arrange for payment to be made.

We do realise that some families might be feeling the pinch or have individual circumstances that mean that they cannot pay off large amounts all at once - please contact us to arrange an affordable payment plan. Please note that if payments are not received and we have not heard from you, we may have to pause your account until a payment has been made.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Behaviour in the Park and on the way home

Please be aware that with the warmer weather there are more children playing in the park before and after school. The children are fortunate to have a park that they can play in and

it is lovely that they are outside and active, but please be aware that we have had an increasing number of reports of poor, sometimes unsafe, behaviour choices by a few of our children whilst in the park. Please remind your children how to stay safe when out in the park independently and what to do if they find themselves in a situation that they cannot manage. We have written a unit of work as part of our RSHE curriculum in response which is all about staying safe when in the park , so please reinforce those messages with your children.

We have also had a report from a concerned local resident letting us know that some children are scooting past houses opening garden gates and going into people's gardens. Not only is this disrespectful to our neighbours but also potentially very unsafe - there could be dogs or other dangers that they cannot see. Please talk to your child about staying safe when out and about.

Thank you for your support in keeping your children safe.

## Parents Evening, reports and Come and Share

You may remember that we have run a third Parents Evening at the end of the year for the last 2 years. This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you might have after you receive your child's school report in July. It is also an opportunity to ask about transition and give any feedback to your child's current class teacher. We noticed that it isn't as well attended as the other two Parents Evenings and so we will continue to run this as an 'optional' session that you can book onto *if you wish to* meet with your child's teacher. Sign up will be exactly the same as previous Parent's Evenings and you can opt for a virtual consultation if you would prefer.

These optional sessions will be held on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th July from 3.30-6.00pm. Our final 'Come and Share' event will take place on Monday 7th July - this is an opportunity for your child to show you their very full books and share their learning with you in advance of Parents Evening and the reports coming out. Reports will be emailed to parents on Monday 14th July.

Please check that your email address is correct in the Arbor Portal as this is the address that we will use on the day.



## INSET Days

Please remember that we have one more INSET day this year on Friday 20th June.

Next year's INSET days have been agreed - we have tried very hard to keep this in line with Deer Park and Wildern as much as we can to support families who have children across the schools. We have also kept the 'double Inset' for those that like a long weekend.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 28th November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 26th June and Monday 29th June 2026

Next Year's Term dates and INSET days can be found on our website at:

<https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/term-dates-and-inset-days/>

## Holiday Sports Clubs

Please remember that any groups or clubs that we signpost on our newsletters are not checked by the school and are therefore included for your information only, not as a recommendation. Please be sure that you make your own checks as to qualifications, quality and safeguarding before you decide to sign up. I have attached a leaflet from the NSPCC that might help you with this.



## Don't forget to wear a seat belt!

The Hampshire road safety team have asked us to share this message with you:

The Road Safety Team are always shocked to hear how many children don't always wear their seatbelt, even as young as Year 5 pupils, so we are aware that this is such an important message and could save the children's and their families lives.

Below is a Sway link that highlights information about the use of booster seats as well as seatbelts and reminds parents of the seatbelt laws.

- [Seatbelt safety](#)

## Stubbington Study Centre day camps 2025

Stubbington Study Centre is offering children in years 3 – 6 (during academic year 2024/25) the opportunity to take part in our Summer Day Camps. Day Camp activities are planned and delivered by qualified teachers and experienced outdoor educators. These activities will take place within the Centre's secure 14 acre site that has been welcoming Primary school aged children here for 90 years.

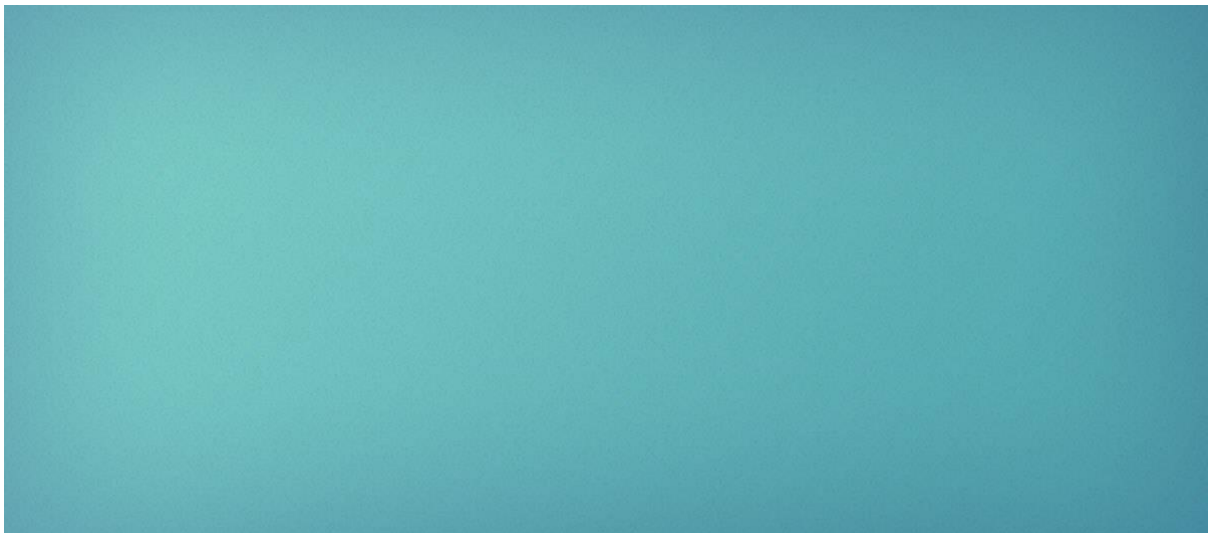
We will be offering two weeks of Day Camps, Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August and Monday 4th to Friday 8th August, from 8.45am to 4.30pm. Each day of each week will have a

different theme; giving children the chance take part in a wide variety of activities. You can sign your child up for individual days, or for whole weeks

This year, we are also offering the opportunity to sign up for an early drop-off and breakfast at an additional charge of £5.50 a day. Our early drop-off time will be 8am and breakfast will include cereal and cooked options. Our day camps are priced at £34 per day, £155 to book a whole week. This price includes a sandwich lunch with refreshments and snacks during breaks. For more information, or to book a place, please visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/stubbingtonstudycentre/daycamps>



## Dates for your diary



## **June**

19th June - Sports day (KS2 AM and KS1 PM)

20th June - INSET

26th June - Shuffle up and Y6 to Deer Park Transition Day

## **July**

1st July - Beyond the Beat evening Concert at Deer Park

2nd July - Pow Summer Fete/Mini Fest, Shuffle up and Gardening Club to Furzy Gardens

3rd July - Y6 Paulton's Park Leavers Trip

7th July - Come and Share

8th July - Y6 evening performance

9th July - Y6 afternoon performance and Y1 to Hillers

10th July - Y6 evening performance and Shuffle Up

14th July - Reports to Parents

15th July - Optional Parents Evening

16th July - Y3 Listen2Me concert

17th July - Optional Parents Evening

21st July - Y6 leavers event

22nd July - Last Day of the Summer Term

## **September**

3rd September - INSET Day

4th September - First day of the Autumn term

Remember to check our website calendar for up-to-date information on school events:

<https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/calendar/>

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**Spanish Summer Camp**  
**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July AND Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
**(9am to 3pm)**  
**Otterbourne Primary School**

Hola!

I am very excited to share this year's Spanish Summer Camp providing the perfect chance for your children to experience a taste of the Spanish language. Imagine your child being taken around the world, exploring different cultures where the Spanish language is spoken through games, dancing, eating and much more!

If you are interested in signing up your child, please contact me direct by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June** (discount for siblings and booking for both days applies). A small deposit will be taken to secure their place.

If you have any questions, please do feel free to get in touch with me direct.

Muchas gracias,  
 Pippa Chia

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

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As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colorful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is designed to filter out inappropriate content, but some users have reported that inappropriate content is still visible. This is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content. However, some users have reported that inappropriate content is still visible, and this is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content.

### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like other children's apps, YouTube Kids features targeted advertising. While these ads are designed to be family-friendly, they can still be a source of concern for parents. It's worth noting that YouTube Kids does not have a dedicated section for advertising, and this is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content.

### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the colorful interface and the ability to watch videos in a continuous loop, are intended to keep children engaged. However, this can also be a source of concern for parents, as it may lead to excessive screen time and potential addiction.



## SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

Parents can adjust YouTube Kids' parental controls, but some users have reported that these controls can be bypassed. This is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content, and some users have found ways to circumvent these filters.

### AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

YouTube Kids uses AI to generate content, and this can lead to misinformation. While the platform's AI is designed to filter out inappropriate content, it can still generate content that is misleading or false. This is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content.

### DATA COLLECTION RISK

YouTube Kids collects data on children's usage, and this can be a source of concern for parents. The platform's data collection practices include tracking user behavior, such as which videos are watched and how long they are watched for. This data is used to improve the platform's content recommendations.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several parental controls that allow you to manage what content children can see. These controls include the ability to restrict content based on age, to restrict content based on gender, and to restrict content based on language. You can also restrict content based on the type of video, such as educational or entertainment.

### SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits a child's screen time, and you can also set a timer that limits a child's screen time based on the time of day. This is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content.

### CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids provides a watch history feature that allows you to see what your child has watched. This is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content, and you can check their history through the "My Activity" page.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you, the parent or educator, sit with your child when they are watching videos. This is because the platform uses a combination of AI and human review to filter content, and you can help your child understand what they are watching. You can also help your child understand what they are watching.

### Meet Our Expert

Clayton Higgs is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering technology, education, and social media. He is currently a senior editor at The National College, where he covers education, technology, and social media. He is also a frequent speaker at conferences and events.



**Wake Up Wednesday**  
The National College