



Newsletter - April 2025

Learning Value Focus: Respect

Happy Easter!



Dear Parents and Families,

It doesn't seem that long ago that we came back from the Half Term break! It is really great to see the sun shining and the children running around without needing to wear their coats! We are all hoping that the sun stays with us for the next two weeks as we break for Easter.

As always, there has been a lot going on in school this half term. Just today, we have watched our youngest children perform their Easter Show. The children had some fantastic springtime bonnets to proudly show and they really blew me away with how well they remembered their song words and the Makaton signs that go with them! Really well done to them!

Mrs Priddy has organised the house treat for this morning with children from Pomeroy having a super treat laid on for them in the form of an inflatable obstacle course on the field! A lot of fun was had by all (Coach Ruben assures me that he didn't have a go!) Well done to Pomeroy! The children know what they need to do to earn House Points. Please ask them about it and remind them that reading at home is one of the ways to earn a point

for their house, as well as improving their reading! We look forward to the fun run this afternoon which is led by Sam from ICON.

Since the last time of writing, we have had World Book Day which was enjoyed by all of the children - they all managed to guess the 'Masked Readers' and enjoyed listening to stories and further developing their love of reading. Thank you to Mr Anderson and Mrs Guise for organising the day.

Miss Mundy has organised this week's 'Diversity Week' in school and the children have been discussing what makes them unique and reflecting on things that represent them as an individual. The children have looked at the many cultures, backgrounds, abilities, and identities that make up our wonderful school community. We have talked about respecting and valuing individual differences, we have thought about the British Value of mutual respect and tolerance and remembered that this is what makes our community exciting and interesting. During the week the children have created a piece of artwork which we are going to frame and display along the corridor outside of my office. I can't wait to see them! Thank you also to Miss Jenna and Miss Parker our Autism Ambassadors for making the Autism Awareness wristbands that have been sold in school this week.

We hope that you had a flavour of the exciting and varied learning that your children have been engaged in this term when you dropped in for 'Come and Share' last week. At Wellstead, we are very proud of our curriculum and all of the opportunities that it provides our children. It has been wonderful to see the Year 3 children so inspired by their English Unit based on *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. I have seen some amazing robot creations and seen some really quite persuasive writing convincing the reader to buy a robot that cleans your house or cooks your dinner (I have to be honest, I didn't need much persuading for either!!) Well done Year 3!

We are all looking forward to the Summer Term and all of the exciting opportunities, events and new learning that it brings. Can I take this opportunity to wish all of our Wellstead families a wonderful break. Enjoy spending time together, making memories, getting some family time in and being outside playing in this lovely weather!

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,

**Amanda Greenwood**

Headteacher



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Thank you to B&Q - from Gardening Club



We would like to say an enormous thank you to B&Q for their amazing donations of compost, plants and two vegetable raised beds. Gardening club have been busy weeding and planting the Sensory garden which we hope will add more colour and increase the biodiversity of the area. We can't wait to start planting some vegetables in our new beds. We will be working on other areas of the school grounds in the summer term and will be looking for volunteers to help us later in the year.





## 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.

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education - RSHE

As you will know, Wellstead follows the SCARF curriculum for RSHE which supports the children's health and wellbeing education. Healthy relationships are taught through SCARF in an age appropriate way, using the SCARF values of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. SCARF delivered a brilliant series of health and wellbeing workshops for our children this term which PoW kindly purchased for us.

We have recently rewritten our RSHE Policy and have posted that to our website in draft so that parents have an opportunity to have a look and give us any feedback. The policy can be found here: <https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/rse-policy-consultation/> and will be open

for feedback until Wednesday 30th April. Please send any comments or feedback for the attention of Miss Mundy to the admin office email [adminoffice@wellstead.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@wellstead.hants.sch.uk)<sup>1</sup>

You can view our whole RSHE curriculum on our website here:

<https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/rshe-1/> and find out more about SCARF at

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf>



## Packed Lunch rubbish - a reminder



Just a reminder that all waste from packed lunches needs to come home in your child's lunch box. The only food to be thrown into the main bin, will be food waste from hot school dinners. Thank you for your support with this.

As the weather has changed, children who bring in a packed lunch will eat their lunch outside 'picnic style' as long as it is warm and dry.

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:adminoffice@wellstead.hants.sch.uk>

## Staffing Update

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Miss Wilson back to Wellstead! Miss Wilson is working for some of her week in Ready2Learn and will be taking back her ELSA role as well. Miss Wilson has fitted back into school like she has never left and I know is enjoying the much shorter morning commute!

We say goodbye to Miss Dawkins today. Miss Dawkins is a student teacher who has been working in Year 6 with Mr Trickett. Miss Dawkins has completed a very successful 3rd Year placement and we wish her all the very best for her future career as a teacher in September!

## A thank you from Hayley Redmond

Hayley has asked us to pass on her thanks to those who supported her in her 20mile walk from Fratton Park to St Mary's in aid of Diabetes UK. She raised a fantastic £974 and completed the walk in 7 hours! Well done Hayley!

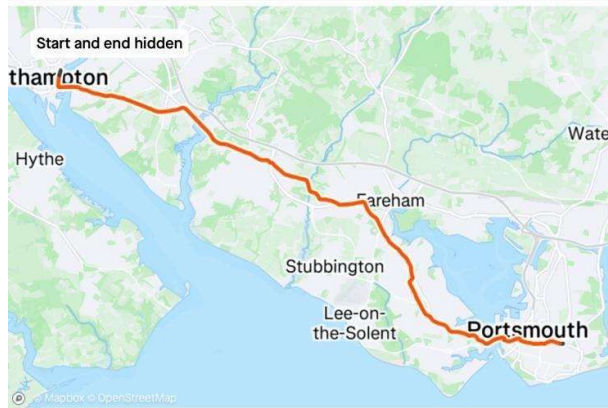


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Walk



Congratulations, this activity is your longest walk on Strava!

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Steps  
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Elevation Gain  
541 ft

Calories  
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View Analysis



with 2 others

Manage Group



Garmin Venu 3S

Cloudy, 51 °F. Feels like 44 °F. Humidity 91%. Wind



Home



Maps



Record



Groups



You



## 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 authority in England. Schools generally are struggling financially and Wellstead is absolutely no exception. We ask that all outstanding debts are paid in good time - this income allows us to pay for the opportunities that we provide for the children. 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.

## Holiday Sports Clubs

Just a note to say that we often attach flyers from sports clubs that are running holiday camps or out of school clubs. Please be aware that these groups or clubs 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.

**How safe is your child's sport club?**  
5 questions you should be asking

**1 Have the staff been checked out?**  
The club should have a safe recruitment process for hiring staff. They should be able to tell you what's involved in this process.

**2 Does the club have a safeguarding policy?**  
Your club should have a policy in place to safeguard children. It should be available for you to read, ideally on their website.

**3 What happens if there's an accident?**  
Ask the club if they have a first aider. They should also have your contact details in case of an emergency.

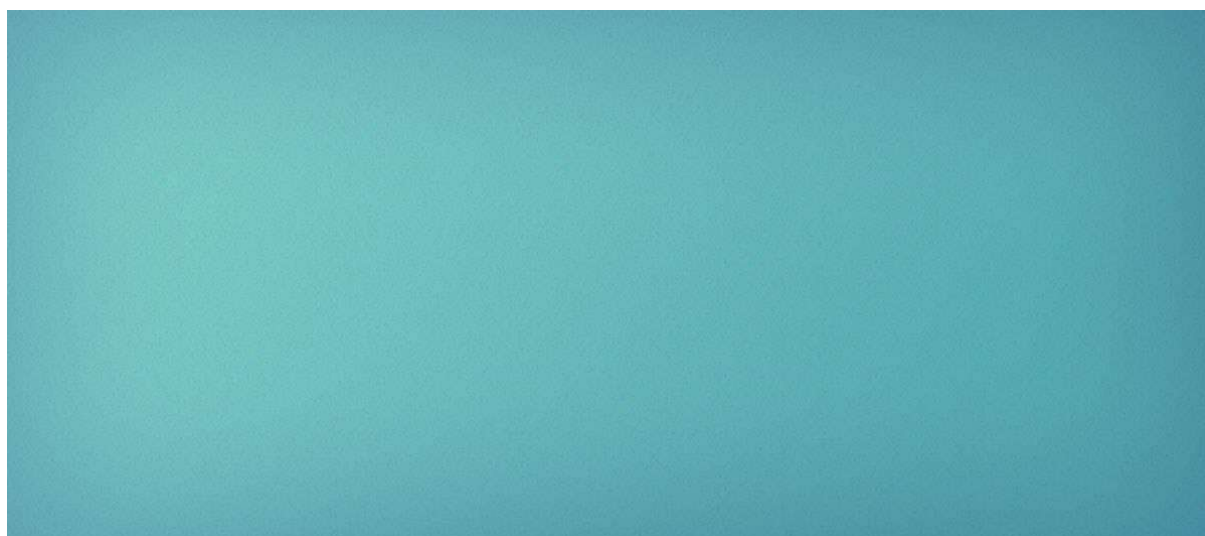
**4 Who can you talk to?**  
All clubs should have a person responsible for safeguarding. They should let you know who they are and how to contact them if you need to.

**5 What training is there?**  
Your club can tell you what level of training their coaches have. Safeguarding training is also available to anyone working with children.

**NSPCC**  
Child Protection in Sport Unit

For more information on how to keep your child safe in sport, visit [the cpsu.org.uk/parents](https://the cpsu.org.uk/parents)

## Dates for your diary



### **April**

1st April - Parents Eve

3rd April - Parents Eve

4th April - last day of the Spring Term

7th -21st April - Easter break

22nd April - First day of the Summer Term (Tuesday)

24th April - Year R to Longdown Dairy Farm

28th April - Minstead Week for Y4

### **May**

5th May - Bank Holiday

12th May - KS2 SATs week

19th May - Year 2 to Seacity Museum

19th May - Walk to School week

26th May - Half term

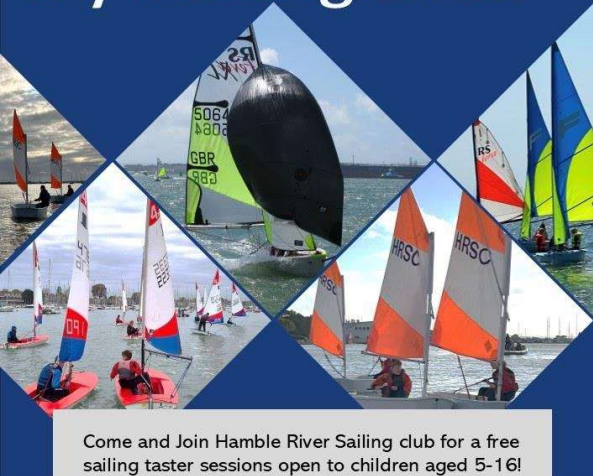
Remember to check our website calendar for up-to-date information on school events:

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

You can check all term dates online at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

# Hamble River SC Try Sailing 2025

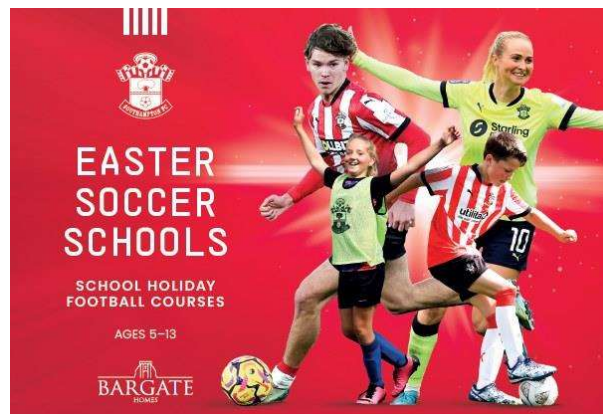


Come and Join Hamble River Sailing club for a free sailing taster sessions open to children aged 5-16!

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 11:00 – 14:00

All welcome, no prior ability needed. Bring shoes you are happy to get wet, and ideally a change of clothes. Buoyancy aids are provided.

Want to find out more Email [Cadets@hrsc.org.uk](mailto:Cadets@hrsc.org.uk)  
Or **book now** by filling in the form on the QR code



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**Every Friday 6-7:30**

**2nd May - 18th July**

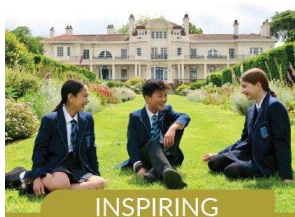
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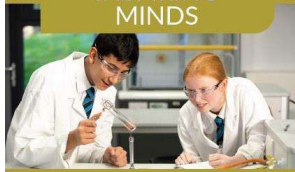
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