



Newsletter - February 2025

Learning Value Focus: Respect

Welcome to Spring 2!



Dear Parents and Families,

I hope that everyone has had a lovely weekend - the sun is finally out and the daffodils are blooming in all their glory, signalling the start of spring and a new and exciting half term ahead.

Our children have already embarked on their next learning projects. Teachers have been working hard on planning lots of engaging learning that will inspire the children to find out more about their topics. There are trips and visits planned in the diary which really bring learning to life - our focus is to ensure that their learning is exciting and enjoyable and that they remember the key knowledge and skills within each subject.

As you will know, feedback really matters to us as a leadership team. We have a very active School Council who collect the viewpoints of their peers and share them with us so that we can weave them into our strategic plan. The School Council present to Governors regularly and so we have a good understanding of the child's lived school experience and how we can continue to improve that for them. We also regularly ask the children what their thoughts are on their learning. Recently, we did some pupil conferencing and had some really fantastic comments from the children which I will share with you in future newsletters. Here

are some comments from a mix of year groups about what they like about Art: "Being imaginative", "express yourself", "takes your mind off worries", "explores artists", "unlimited possibilities" and our favourite: "your mistake could turn into a beautiful mistake."

Some of you will have seen on our Facebook page, that Mr Trickett arranged for a special visit to Year 3 from R2D2 and his maker Giles! This was to launch their new unit on 'robots' based on the book *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. This led to much excitement, especially when we found out (for those Star Wars fans among us) that it was the actual droid from "The Force Awakens" I think the adults secretly enjoyed that visit as well!

We welcomed Lucy from SCARF into school last week. Lucy held a series of workshops on the SCARF Values of: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. She spent time delivering age appropriate sessions to the children and said that "Thank you once again for having me at Wellstead Primary School this week. It was just wonderful to return! The children were great to work alongside, had lovely manners, great respect for each other and flew Wellstead's values flag high." The children enjoyed the sessions immensely and our thanks go to PoW for paying for them so that the children could all benefit.

I couldn't let a newsletter go by without mentioning the phenomenal performance that our children gave at Dance Live last month. Their performance was captivating, emotional and full of talent. They were absolutely amazing and they danced and acted so professionally. We were very proud to have won awards for the costumes and our journey video and although we were disappointed not to place in the top three, the other schools were also fantastic and the team had a great day. My thanks to everyone that supported the team, but special thanks to the adults involved - Mrs Broadway, Miss Churcher, Miss Chisholm, Miss Olive and Mrs Street. We also have a maths competition coming up next week and a Lego robotics competition the week after so watch this space!

Coach Ruben has been busy, with tournaments and festivals galore - we have had two a week for the past couple of weeks! On Friday, he and Mr Trickett took some of the children who qualified to the Staplewood Campus - the training ground for Saints FC. The children played brilliantly but were narrowly defeated in the quarter final, in the very last minute of the match! The children not only played well, but represented Wellstead impeccably, showing our learning values throughout. Well done team - we are very proud of you all. As a result of us being involved, there is an opportunity for free tickets to the Barclay's Womans' Championship Saints Vs Portsmouth game on March 22nd. See the attached poster for details.

If you would like to find out what your child is learning about this half term, have a look at our website where you can find out all about our curriculum: [Wellstead Curriculum Pages](#)

Some upcoming important dates for your diaries:

- **World Book Day** - this Thursday 6th March
- **Beyond the Beat Spring Performances** - 25th March
- **Come and Share** - 27th March after school
- **Parent-Teacher Meetings:** 1st and 3rd April.

Please see the last section for more dates for your diary.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,

**Amanda Greenwood**

Headteacher



### Smart Watches - a reminder



Please can we remind you that we are happy for the children to wear a simple digital or analogue watch to school, however Smart Watches or similar electronic watches where the children can play games, video or receive messages are not appropriate for school. Not only are these watches expensive and can get easily lost or broken, but they are distracting for the children. Please ask your child to keep them for weekend wear - thank you for your support with this.

## Packed Lunch rubbish



Just a reminder that from today, Monday 3rd March, all waste from packed lunches will be sent home in your child's lunch box. This is because of the change to the statutory guidance around disposal of food waste. Any food waste 'contaminated' with wrappers of any sort, will not get collected and could leave us with uncollected rubbish. The only food to be thrown into the main dining hall bin, will be food waste from the hot school dinners. Thank you for your support with this.

## Student Teachers

At Wellstead, we believe that we should support the next generation of teachers and every year we invite student teachers to come and do their school placements with us. If you see an adult in your child's class that you do not recognise, they are likely to be one of our student teachers. We currently have Miss Dawkins in Year 6 with Mr Trickett, Miss Taylor on Fridays in Barley class and we welcome three more students later this month who will be mentored by Mr Anderson and Mrs Porter. We said goodbye to Miss Bushell last month who was in Year 1 with Miss Andrews.

## Science and Engineering Day at the University of Southampton

### Discover the Amazing at Science and Engineering Day – Saturday 15th March!

A parent told me about how amazing this was last year, so I am pleased to promote University of Southampton's Science and Engineering day:

Run in parallel with British Science Week, the University of Southampton's Science and Engineering Day is a completely free fun-filled event, celebrating all things science and engineering! Giving young people and their families a chance to see science up close. Explore over 150 activities, including workshops, shows and laboratory tours of the state-of-the-art facilities at the University. There's something for all ages and no prior knowledge is required. Free tickets can be booked through the festival website: [www.sotsef.co.uk/SED](http://www.sotsef.co.uk/SED).

Here's a short video showing last year's highlights to give families a taster of what to expect. <https://youtu.be/Evod5rQj2k0>



## CAMHS Monthly Parent drop ins

CAMHS - the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service are hosting some parent advice drop ins on a monthly basis for 2025.

NEW  
FOR 2025

**NHS**  
Hampshire Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services

# HAMPSHIRE CAMHS INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSION YOUNG PERSON'S MENTAL HEALTH

10am - 2pm

Wednesday, 5 March 2025 and then every  
first Wednesday of the month

The Arc, Jewry Street  
Winchester, SO23 8SB

This is an opportunity  
for parents/carers,  
professionals or young  
people to come and chat  
to our CAMHS clinicians,  
ask questions, get advice  
and resources.



[hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk](https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)

## Sistema Teracycle Recycling project

You will remember that Wellstead took part in the recycling competition before Christmas. We came 6th overall nationally whilst we didn't win, we certainly did our bit for recycling and our environment. Thank you to Mrs Zimmer-Rouse who continues to collect various items for recycling. Thank you to everyone that took part!

## Support Hayley Redmond and Diabetes UK

Hayley Redmond is walking 20miles from Fratton Park to St Mary's on 22nd March in aid of Diabetes UK. If you feel that you are in a position to donate, please do so through her just giving details below. There is also a chance to win a 2 night stay at Haven Holidays!

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/hayley-redmond-1733426125902?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/hayley-redmond-1733426125902?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

**DIABETES UK**  
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

**BE IN IT TO**  
**WIN IT!!**

Please support me in my 20 mile walk from Fratton Park to St Mary's Stadium on 22nd March 2025

I am raising money for Diabetes UK, a charity very close to my heart after being diagnosed Type 1 diabetic in 2024. Diabetes UK plays a vital role in providing support, information and resources for individuals living with Diabetes. They also contribute to research aimed at improving the lives of those affected by the condition.

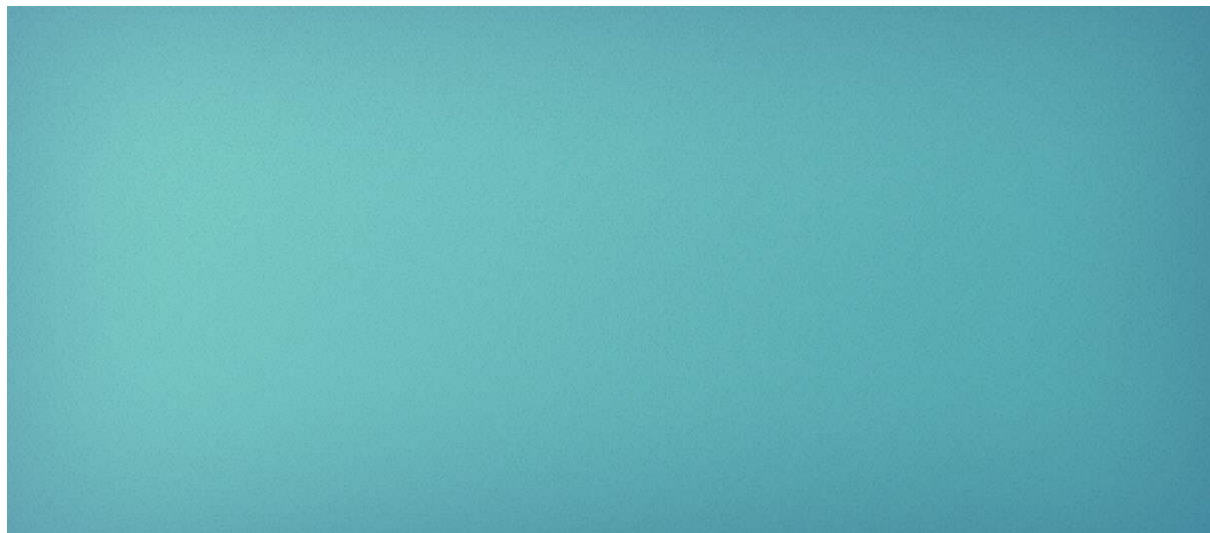
You could win a 2 night stay @ Haven Littlesea, Weymouth for up to 6 people. Friday 18th - Sunday 20th July 2025 (T&C's will apply)

Each £10 donated to my "Just Giving Page" will enter you into the draw. Multiple donations of £10 will give you more entries. Draw to take place Sunday 23rd March.

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## Dates for your diary



### March

3rd March - Multiplication Tables Check Parent meeting

4th March - Maths Competition at The Gregg School

6th March - World Book Day  
10th March - Year 6 Mock SATs this week  
14th March - Lego Competition  
18th March - Class Photographs  
18th March - PoW Spring Discos  
20th March - Dinosaur Dome visit Y5  
20th March - Y4 to Butser Ancient Farm  
25th March - Beyond the Beat Spring Performances  
27th March - Year 2 visit Royal Victoria Country Park  
27th March - Come and Share  
28th March - PoW Easter/Spring Wreath making event

## **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

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>



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**SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING DAY**  
Saturday 15th March 2025

Highfield Campus and  
Boldrewood Innovation Campus,  
Southampton



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BARCLAYS WOMEN'S  
CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY  
**MAR 22**

KICK-OFF  
5:30 PM

ST MARY'S STADIUM

FREE TICKETS



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## Hampshire HAF Schemes

**Good news: funding for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme has been announced for 2025!**

Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access schemes across Hampshire during the Easter school holidays at no cost.

Schemes will be open for bookings in early March - visit the [connect4communities](https://connect4communities.org.uk) website via the link below for guidance on how to register your child(ren) for their unique HAF booking code:

[HAF Programme Registration Guidance](https://connect4communities.org.uk)  
([connect4communities](https://connect4communities.org.uk))





**First Aid for Babies & Children**

5th March 2025  
6.30pm - 9.30pm

Perfect for new or expectant parents, grandparents or carers

**Hedge End,  
Southampton**

**Only £22pp**