



Newsletter - May 2026

## Learning Value Focus: Aspirational



Dear Wellstead Families,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. We hope that everyone has enjoyed a happy and relaxing break and has been able to spend some time in this beautiful weather, making special memories with family and friends. With the summer term now well underway, we are very much looking forward to the exciting weeks ahead, with plenty of events and opportunities planned to round off the academic year.

Before half term, our Year 6 children completed their end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs), and they did a fantastic job. They approached the tests with maturity, determination and positivity, demonstrating all of the Wellstead Learning Values. To celebrate their hard work, we enjoyed a well-deserved visit from the ice cream van — a small way to say a big well done to them all! As always, we remind the children that these tests do not define who they are; they are simply a snapshot of one moment in time. We know the breadth of talent, character and potential in this cohort, and we are proud of them in lots of different ways. I know that parents will join me in thanking Mr Trickett, Miss Mundy and the Year 6 team for all of their hard work and extra hours to support the children through.

Auditions have also taken place for the Year 6 production, and we are now looking forward to hearing lots of singing, seeing plenty of acting, and the practising of lines over the coming weeks. It is always a highlight of the year, we are looking forward to seeing it come together!

We are also very excited about our upcoming Sports Week, which will take place during the week beginning 8th June. This is earlier than usual, as we hoped to avoid the hotter weather — although recent sunshine suggests that may still be a challenge! This year, we will be combining Sports Week with Diversity Week, encouraging the children to think not only about physical skills but also about the values and attitudes that underpin success. This closely links to our ongoing work on Growth Mindset — the idea that abilities can be developed through effort, perseverance and learning from mistakes. We encourage children to embrace challenges, keep going when things are difficult, and understand that making mistakes is all part of the learning process.

To further celebrate this, I have also launched a Growth Mindset poster competition, which teachers will be introducing to the children this week. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity and thought that goes into these, with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

To launch Diversity and Sports week, we are delighted to welcome Aaron Phipps into school. Aaron is a medal-winning Paralympian and a member of the Great Britain wheelchair rugby team, who has competed at both World Championship and Paralympic level, including winning gold at the Tokyo Paralympic Games. Aaron will be leading assemblies for all children and delivering workshops for our older pupils, focusing on resilience, determination and the importance of a positive mindset. We are very much looking forward to his visit and the inspiration he will undoubtedly bring.

It was great to see many Wellstead parents attend the recent Lorraine Lee workshop on building resilience in our children - I hope that you found it useful and informative. Lorraine always presents such an insightful perspective and I know that many parents enjoy hearing the science and child development aspects behind the many positive strategies that she shares.

A reminder also that Sports Day will take place on Thursday 11th June — we hope to see many of you there supporting the children.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned revisiting our Learning Values. Staff have already begun this work, and we will shortly be involving the children in sharing their thoughts and ideas. We will also be inviting feedback from families, as your views are important to us — please do watch this space for opportunities to contribute.

For those who have had a chance to look, you may have noticed that our new school website has now gone live over the half term break. We will continue to refine and streamline it, but in the meantime, do take a look at [www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk](http://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk) for a first glimpse.

We are really looking forward to the excitement that this busy half term brings and to making it a memorable one — particularly for our leavers.

We hope to see many of you at our upcoming summer events. In the meantime, best wishes for the week ahead.

Kind regards,

Amanda Greenwood

**Headteacher**



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## Parking Signs - help needed

We are aware that many parents have noticed that our parking signs have not been put out recently. Unfortunately, Mr Gleeson is currently unable to do any lifting, and other staff are busy preparing for the school day in the mornings, so the signs have not been set out as usual.

We know that parents who live nearby have commented on how much safer Wellstead Way feels when the signs are in place. With this in mind, we are keen to keep up the momentum, as they really do make a difference.

If any parent happens to have a spare five minutes in the morning and sees that the signs are not out, we would be very grateful if you could help by putting them out for us. Please note that they are quite heavy and will probably need to be dragged rather than lifted.

The signs are stored just inside the main gate to reception when not in use. Any support would be very much appreciated.

## INSET Days 2026-27

In case you missed it, we have set our INSET days for the academic year 2026-27. We have worked to match these to our local secondary schools wherever possible to support families with children across the schools. Our INSET days are:

1st September 2026

22nd and 23rd October 2026

27th November 2026

7th June 2027

Don't forget that we still have 2 2026 INSET days coming up in June: 26th and 29th June.

School is closed to all pupils on these days to allow for staff training and development.



## Transition

At this time of year, we begin to turn our attention to transition and start planning carefully for classes and staffing for September. While I am not yet able to confirm teaching arrangements, I would like to share that this year, there will be changes in all year groups with the exception of Year 1.

We know that this can feel a little uncertain for some children and families, but please be assured that this is something we approach with great care. Creating well-balanced classes is key to ensuring the best possible learning environment for all children. As they grow and develop, friendships, dynamics and learning needs naturally change, and at times additional support needs become clearer. Taking all of this into account allows us to place children where they will feel supported, confident and ready to thrive.

Your child's current year group teachers will be putting classes together for next year. They are 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 at least 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:

25th June, 30th June and 9th July.

All classes will be finalised by the first Shuffle Up date of the 25th June. On that date, your child will bring home a letter letting you know who their class teacher is for next year. If you do have concerns, please talk to your child's class teacher.





## Staying safe around Open Water

We have been asked to share this information with you following the recent tragic events where several young people lost their lives swimming in open water.

As the weather warms up, children and young people are more likely to be around water – whether at home, on days out or on holiday. Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher. Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in children in the UK, but most incidents are preventable. Babies and young children are most at risk at home, while older children and teenagers are more likely to encounter dangers in open water such as rivers, lakes and the sea. Research shows that teenagers and young adults are at increased risk during very warm weather, particularly when temperatures reach or exceed 25°C.

Most drowning incidents can be prevented with the right knowledge, supervision and preparation. The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) [Water Safety Toolkit](#) for parents and carers offers simple, practical advice to help families stay safe.

The toolkit is designed to be clear and accessible, helping families build confidence and make safer choices around water. It includes guidance on:

**Everyday risks at home** – including bath time safety and garden hazards

**Staying safe outdoors** – such as the beach, around rivers and in open water

**Practical safety advice** – including the Water Safety Code and how to “Float to Live”

**Age-specific guidance** – for babies, young children, older children and teenagers

**What to do in an emergency** – including simple first aid steps and where to find further support

Small actions – such as close supervision, choosing safe places to swim, and having regular conversations with children - can make a significant difference.



## Warmer weather

As the warmer weather arrives, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a hat and a water bottle. We kindly ask that sun cream is applied before school; however, children may also bring a small, clearly named bottle for reapplication during the day. Please make sure that children are able to apply this themselves—roll-on types are particularly suitable. A reminder that full school uniform should be worn at all times unless it is your child’s PE day. Children should wear school shoes or plain black trainers with their uniform; crocs and open-toed sandals are not appropriate or safe for school play. For more information on school uniform, please see: <https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/uniform-information>

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.



## Some reminders

We know that we have mentioned this before however, we would like to remind parents and carers that children should not use any school play equipment after school or while waiting to be collected at the end of the day. This includes the Year R outdoor area and the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playtrail. Following our most recent Health and Safety inspection, the KS1 playtrail is subject to a very specific risk assessment and is only considered safe when it is supervised by school staff, who carry out daily safety checks and follow agreed guidance.

It is really wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school — our sheds have been bursting this week! Just a polite reminder that children need to come off their bikes and scooters as they enter the school gates and not ride them in the playground. This is to keep our younger children and siblings safe from being knocked over.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep all of the children safe.



## 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.

# How safe is your child's sport club?

5 questions you should be asking

## 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.

## 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.

**NSPCC**



## 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.

## 3 What happens if there's an accident?

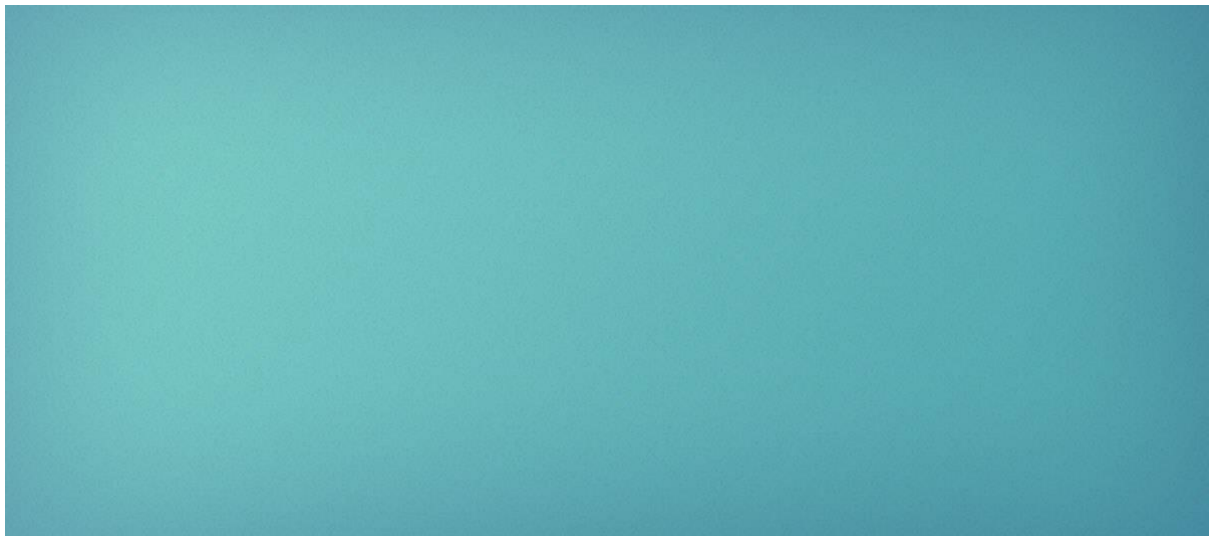
Ask the club if they have a first aider. They should also have your contact details in case of an emergency.

## 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.

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

Dates for your diary





## June

4th June - New Year R for September 2026 Information Evening

4th June - Y1 to Hilliers

8th -12th June - Sports and Diversity Week

8th June - Visiting Paralympian

10th June - Y3 to Bath

11th June - Sports Day

16th June - Y4 to Butser Hill

17th June - PoW Summer Fete

18th June - Year R to Longdown Dairy Farm

19th June - Reserve Sports Day (in case of Sports Day being cancelled due to the weather)

25th June - Wildern and Deer Park Transition Day for Y6

25th June - In school 'Shuffle Up'

26th and 29th June - INSET days

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

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

## Local events, clubs and opportunities

**From *Hola* to *Hablando*:**  
**Spanish lessons for everyone**



**Join our Spanish Club!**

**Did you know Spanish is in the TOP 3 most spoken languages?**  
**Lunchtime Spanish Club – Thursday**  
Lunchtime Spanish club at Wellstead Primary School is now open for bookings!

Please sign up using the link below to secure your child's place  
<https://pbbl.uk/413vrj1>

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

Muchas gracias!

Any questions? Please find my contact details below  
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Find out more at [www.spanish4kids.co.uk](http://www.spanish4kids.co.uk)



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**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS**  
With Coach Ruben

MONDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CRICKET</b> (KS1 & KS2)	<b>DODGEBALL</b> (KS2)	<b>MULTI-SPORTS</b> (KS1 & KS2)
BATTING, BOWLING & FIELDING SKILLS FOR KS1 & KS2	FAST-PACED, ACTION-PACKED GAMES	A MIX OF SPORTS & GAMES EACH WEEK

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Collection: Main Office | PE Kit not required (recommended) | Bookings: All clubs must be booked via Arbor

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.