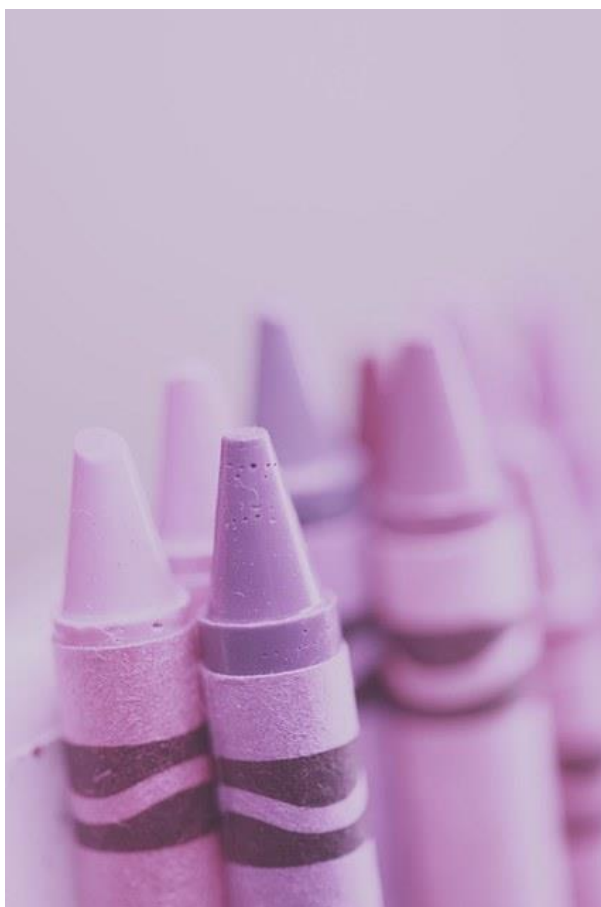




Newsletter - July 2026

Learning Value Focus: All Values



Dear Wellstead Families,

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support. Your partnership, encouragement and involvement make such a difference to our school community.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Come and Share on Wednesday - it is always a pleasure to watch the pride on your children's faces as they share with you their fantastic learning!

Since the last newsletter, and despite the heat, it has been incredibly busy in school!

Our Year 6 pupils have been absolutely amazing. Throughout the year they have demonstrated confidence, resilience and determination, but these qualities have shone through particularly since completing their SATs. Last week, they put on a fantastic performance, taking to the stage three times, alongside their dress rehearsals, in an increasingly hot hall. The energy and enthusiasm they brought to every performance was contagious, and they truly shone on stage. My sincere thanks go to the Year 6 team for their hard work and dedication, and to Mr Alexander for the creative genius behind such a brilliant script. Year 6 are now turning their attention to a special project I have set for them. Our playground is being resurfaced during the summer holidays, and I have asked the

children to help design the playground markings and consider how the space can be organised to make it even better for future play and learning.

We have also enjoyed our annual Sports Week, which this year included our focus on diversity. The week began with a visit from Aaron Phipps, Paralympic medallist, whose inspiring message resonated strongly with both children and staff. Aaron spoke about resilience, determination and developing a growth mindset – themes that align closely with the work we have been doing in school. I have received so much positive feedback following his visit, including one member of staff who commented, *"I feel that I can go and do anything now after hearing that!"* I know the children left feeling equally inspired.

The week was packed with a wide variety of sporting and paralympic activities, giving pupils the opportunity to try new experiences and challenge themselves. Sports Day was undoubtedly our best one yet! I am still smiling at the irony that we had to postpone Sports Day because of torrential rain, only to reschedule it for a day that reached 26 degrees and felt extremely hot. (I think many of us would happily settle for 26 degrees at the moment!) Huge thanks go to Coach Ruben, Mrs Priddy and Miss Mundy for organising such a fantastic week for all of the children.

The Growth Mindset poster competition that I launched in school has now closed for entries. I was so impressed by the standard of the designs for our Growth Mindset board - the School Council will be choosing their winners tomorrow and I will share these with you very soon. I was particularly impressed with the messages on the posters, the children's use of language eg "the power of yet" "I can do it if I try" to quote but a few phrases. This really showcases the work that we have been doing around Growth Mindset in school. For more information on Growth Mindset please [click here](#) for a parent information sheet.

We also enjoyed an excellent Summer Fair this year, complete with many of our traditional favourite stalls and the ever-popular InflataPlanet. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the evening together, and particularly lovely to welcome some of our new starters and their families into our community.

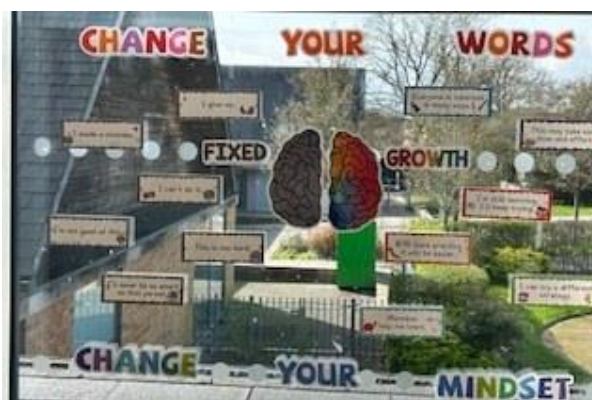
PoW raised just over £2,000 profit from the Summer Fair alone, as well as additional funds through the Coffee Pod at Sports Day (£75) and the ice cream sales (£60) during the same week. As always, we are incredibly grateful for their hard work and commitment. Every member of the team balances PoW responsibilities alongside work and other commitments, yet they continue to give so much time, energy and enthusiasm to organising events that raise vital funds for our school. Thank you to them for everything you do and to all of our parents for your support.

We have a very special assembly on Friday - Governors have asked us to choose 6 children from KS1 and 6 from KS2 to receive a Governors Prize for showing one of our 6 learning values. Teachers have considered very carefully who should receive these awards and they

We are looking forward to some exciting improvements taking place over the summer holidays. As well as the playground resurfacing project, we will be installing new carpets in the library and other shared spaces, refurbishing the hall floor and replacing the flooring in the children's toilets. There will also be some additional locks put onto some of the doors to improve the security of the building. It is certainly going to be a busy summer, but these improvements will ensure that the school is refreshed and ready for another year of exciting learning opportunities when the children return in September.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout this academic year. We look forward to celebrating the final few days of term before what is sure to be a well-deserved summer break.

Amanda Greenwood





Staffing updates

We will also be saying goodbye to Coach Ruben in September - Ruben has been an amazing member of the Wellstead team and has really put Wellstead back on the map with the festivals and competitions that he has championed over the past 4 years. I know that many of the children look forward to Ruben's PE sessions and to seeing him at lunchtimes and after school clubs. Ruben has had a busy year, he has finished his masters degree and become a Daddy and now it is time for him to concentrate on his next adventure - it will be football related of course! I know that you will join me in wishing him all the very best of luck. We are interviewing for a replacement Sports Coach early next week.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Jones - Mrs Jones has been a brilliant person to have in school, both during her time in the office and more recently as an LSA. We wish her the very best of luck as she moves on to a new role in a special school.

We have also been very busy recruiting some new members of the Wellstead team! We welcome Miss Cox to the teaching team - Miss Cox will be teaching Year 1 in September. Miss Cox has been at Wellstead since March as a trainee teacher in Year R and we have been very impressed with her enthusiasm and professionalism and look forward to working with her. We have also successfully recruited a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) for September. Miss Cross will be joining the Year 3 team and will be based in Quinoa class. Miss Dolton has also been promoted to an HLTA and will be covering classes in Key Stage 1 from September.

Miss Andrews is stepping out of class and will join Mrs Hemsworth as a cover teacher for 2 days a week from September and so will be covering classes across the school.

Lastly, I wanted to share some exciting news with you, I am delighted to let you all know that Mr Cook has stepped into the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher! This is a well deserved promotion and creates increased capacity for us to work on our leadership roles so that we can continue to have a positive impact on the strategic development of the school. Please join me in congratulating Mr Cook on this promotion!



Good Luck!!

Feedback survey

Just a quick reminder to complete our annual parent feedback survey.

<https://forms.gle/8QtXmYcWurz3Gvdf8>

Our staff work incredibly hard each day to ensure that your children are happy, safe and thriving at school. Your constructive feedback plays an important role in helping us to continue improving and providing the very best educational experience for all.

Your feedback really is valued - we read every single comment and analyse each response to help inform what we are doing well and what we can do even better. In September, we will produce a summary of the feedback received and send it out so that you can see what actions we plan to take as a result.

If you have any concerns relating specifically to your child, please contact their class teacher directly so that we can support you as quickly and effectively as possible.

The questionnaire will close on 22nd July 2026.

Thank you for your continued support.



Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RSHE) Policy

As part of our commitment to working in partnership with parents and carers, we are undertaking a short consultation on our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy.

The policy outlines how we teach relationships, health and age-appropriate sex education, helping our pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to stay safe and maintain healthy and respectful relationships.

The draft policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/page/?title=RSHE+Parent+Consultation&pid=114&action=saved>

We welcome any comments, feedback or suggestions you may have. Your views are important to us and will help ensure that our provision meets the needs of our school community.

Please take the time to read the policy and send any feedback by email to the school office.

 **Email:** adminoffice@wellstead.hants.sch.uk

The consultation period will close on 1 September 2026.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views and support our school.

Parking Signs - Thank you

A big thank you to all of the parents who have helped with our parking signs - it has been hugely appreciated and has meant that we can continue to use them to keep our children safe at busy drop off and pick ups. We are not yet sure when Mr Gleeson will be back at school, so please do continue to put them out if you see them stored away, any help is gratefully received.

Uniform Reminders

As we approach the end of the school year, I know that many of you will be looking at your children and noticing just how much they have grown over the past few months! As a result, many families will be thinking about purchasing new uniform ready for September.

With the children having been able to wear relaxed uniform during the recent hot weather, I thought this would be a timely opportunity to remind everyone of our uniform expectations for the new academic year.

Our full uniform policy can be found on the Parents section of our website:

<https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/uniform-information>

School uniform is an important part of school life. It helps to foster a sense of pride and belonging, and supports our behaviour rules of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**.

We have deliberately kept the number of logoed items to an absolute minimum to help make uniform more affordable for families. Polo shirts and PE T-shirts can be purchased from any local supermarket or clothing retailer and do not need to be branded specifically for Wellstead.

We do ask that children have the following logoed items:

- Purple embroidered school logo sweatshirt or cardigan

- Purple embroidered school logo PE hoodie (or Year 6 Leavers' Hoodie for Year 6 pupils)

We would also like to remind parents of the footwear change introduced this year. Children may wear either **black school shoes** or **plain black trainers** as part of their school uniform.

Please note that Crocs are not included within our uniform policy. This is because they do not provide the support and safety needed for children to run, play and use equipment such as the Play Trail safely during the school day.

Please remember that we do have a second hand uniform provision. Please visit '[Stock Levels Link](#)' to see what is available and then orders can be placed [here](#) for items which are in stock.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Changes to our lunchtimes

Just to let you know that starting from September, we'll be changing some of the start (and end) times for the children's lunches.

YR 11:50 - 12:50

YR 1 and 2 - 12 -1

Y3 and Y4 12.10-1.10

Y5 and Y6 12.20 - 1.20

This is to try to balance the morning and afternoon sessions for Year R, Year 1 and Year 3 and to prevent long waiting times for the kitchen.



Smartphone Free Childhood - an update

As part of our ongoing commitment to the mental health, safeguarding and wellbeing of our children, we remain committed to being a smartphone free school by September 2026. We are proud to be undertaking this initiative alongside all primary schools and both secondary schools within the Hedge End Cluster. The policy that we have adopted has been created by all of the cluster schools ensuring consistency and clarity for families. A separate communication will come out to you at the end of this week with a link to the policy for September. In the meantime, please remember that no smartphones or smart devices will be allowed in school from September onwards.

For more information, please see: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/resources-for-parents>



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



- 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?**

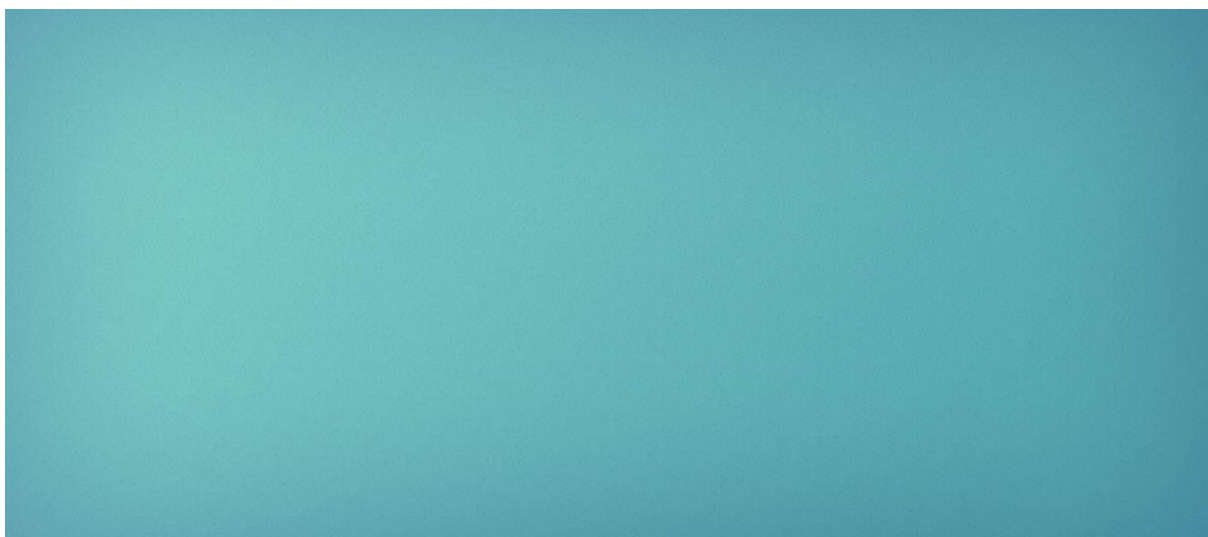
All clubs should have a person responsible for safeguarding. They should let you know who they are and how to contact them if you need to.
- 5 What training is there?**

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 thecpsu.org.uk/parents

Dates for your diary





July

22nd July - Last day of term

September

1st September - INSET

2nd September - First day of the Autumn Term

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?*

Wellstead Lunchtime Spanish Club
Thursday Lunchtime – 12.30pm to 1pm

Please sign up using the link below to secure your child's place
<https://pbb1.uk/413vr1j>

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
 Any questions?
 Please contact Pippa Chia: Email: hola@spanish4kids.co.uk
 Mobile: 07971 213619

Find out more at www.spanish4kids.co.uk


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Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children in Winchester this summer!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the summer break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code on the left to browse HAF schemes in your local area via our new booking system, or scan the code on the right to find out more about the HAF programme through the connect4communities website.



Book Schemes



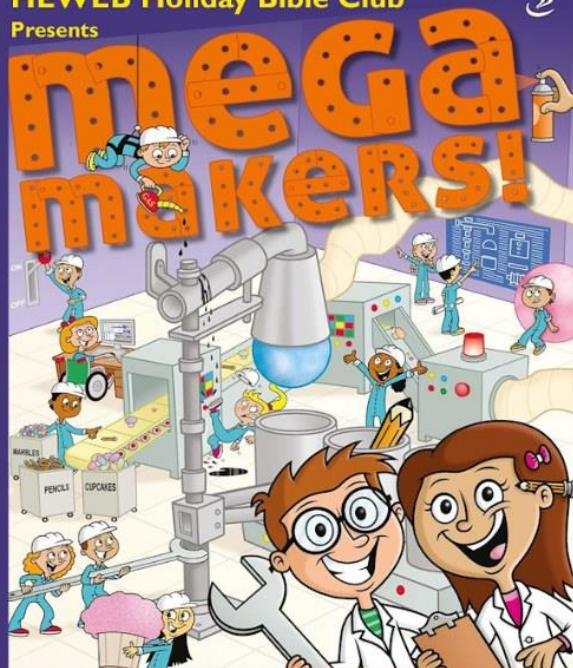
HAF FAQs

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connect4communities/holidayactivities>



HEWEB Holiday Bible Club

Presents



3rd to 7th August 2026

£8 per child for the week

For Ages 5 - 11 years

9.30am to 12.30pm

The Underhill Centre, St John's Road, Hedge End, SO30 4AF

Bookings: hewebholidaybibleclubbookings@gmail.com



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AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

SIGN UP FOR AUTUMN TERM! 2026 - 2027

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
AT WELLSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEARS R, 1 & 2	3:20PM - 4:20PM
YEAR 3	3:30PM - 4:30PM

STARTS WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER FOR 14 WEEKS
LAST SESSION WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

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£7 PER SESSION

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WEEKLY SESSIONS AT WYVERN COLLEGE, FAIR OAK

SATURDAY MORNING MINI-ICONS FOOTBALL SESSIONS
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FOR OUR FOOTBALL SESSIONS AT WYVERN COLLEGE, FAIR OAK!

BOOK NOW! **EMAIL: sam@iconsportscoaching.co.uk**
Your Child's Name, Class, Year Group, Any Medical Conditions, a Parent Name & Contact Telephone Number



Ready for fun and friends?

Beavers-25th-itchen
#SkillsForLife

Aged between 6 and 8? Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?

In Beavers, everyone's welcome (Boys and Girls, but maybe leave the pets at home!). Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, even toast a marshmallow or two.

From archery and crafts to map reading and games, no two weeks are the same.

Sound good?

The 25th Itchen Beaver colony based in Grange Park (next to the Drummond Centre), have spaces available from September 2026. We meet on a Tuesday 5.30pm - 6.45pm.

If you would be interested in coming along for a taster session to see what scouting is all about, or for more information, please email us at beavers-25th-itchen@outlook.com we would love to hear from you!

Start your adventure today.



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A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:
4th, 6th, 10th and 13th of August 2026
Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm

📍 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School,
Horsham RH13 6NX**

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit
By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking

4th August 6th August
10th August 13th August

summer holiday fun

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Growing up today brings more pressure and distraction than ever before. As parents, you want your child to feel confident, capable, and supported while learning how to navigate challenges, friendships, and expectations in a healthy way.

At **Matt Fiddes Martial Arts**, we provide a structured and supportive environment where children build confidence, discipline, and life skills while having fun and feeling part of a positive community.

We work closely with local schools and families to deliver a proven programme that supports both academic focus and personal development. Our curriculum is designed to complement your child's education and help them develop skills that carry through into everyday life.

For nearly **three decades**, we have helped thousands of children grow in confidence, focus, and resilience. Martial arts is not just about physical ability. It is about mindset, behaviour, and learning how to make positive choices.

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- Build confidence and self belief
- Learn respect for themselves and others
- Improve focus, discipline, and behaviour
- Develop teamwork and social skills
- Build strength, coordination, and fitness
- Learn how to manage challenging situations
- Enjoy learning in a positive, encouraging environment

Regular physical activity also plays a key role in supporting a child's health, energy, and emotional wellbeing. Our classes provide the right balance of structure, movement, and enjoyment.

All instructors are fully DBS checked and follow strict safeguarding procedures to ensure a safe and professional environment at all times.

We are currently running new beginner classes in the area, with limited places available. If you would like to give your child a confidence building experience that supports their development now and in the future, we would love to hear from you.

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