



Newsletter - July 2025

Learning Value Focus: Aspirational

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end another brilliant year at Wellstead, I wanted to take some time to reflect on some of the incredible achievements that the school has made. I ended my newsletter this time last year saying that "we look forward to the next academic year with positivity and a drive to make it even better than this one!" and we did just that!

The Key Stage 2 SATs results came in 2 weeks ago; we are delighted that overall we are above national figures again this year and are incredibly proud of Year 6 and how hard they worked for those results. The Year 1 children exceeded our expectations and 87% of them passed their Phonics Screening Check. 25% of Year 4 gained full marks on their multiplication tables check and 73% of children in Year R achieved a Good Level of Development. If you are interested in the breakdown you can see our performance data on our website at <https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/performance-data/>

At Wellstead, education is about much more than just academic achievement. We continue to offer a wide range of enrichment clubs to ensure there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy. Our Music and PE programmes provide opportunities for children to shine in their own unique ways. Coach Ruben has taken almost 300 children out over the year to represent Wellstead in either a sports festival or competition. We participated in Dance Live again this year and put on a truly phenomenal performance at Portsmouth Guildhall. We came back from the Lego Robotics competition with Lego trophies and certificates and the children have performed in several Beyond the Beat and music concerts and wowed us all with the Y6 production!

Our year was nicely rounded off by our very successful Ofsted inspection. It was a wonderful opportunity to proudly show off our school and everything that we do, every day for all of our children. I was delighted that the inspector went away with a real understanding of what "sowing the seeds of success" means to us and an appreciation of who we are as a school. For those yet to read the report, you can view it online here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50281661>

We say farewell not only to our Year 6 pupils and parents this week but also to other families embarking on new journeys—we wish them all the very best. We also say goodbye to some much-valued members of our staff team and they leave knowing the huge impact that they have had on the children in school.

We hope it's clear from your interactions with us just how dedicated our staff team is. Their hard work stems from a genuine care for the children and a commitment to providing the highest quality education and outcomes. I know you'll join me in thanking them and wishing them a well-deserved, restful summer break.

Wishing you all a joyful summer with your families—cherish your time together, celebrate the good moments, and create some wonderful memories.

We look forward to welcoming you back on 4th September,

Best wishes,

Amanda Greenwood

Headteacher

Staffing updates

As we say goodbye to Mrs Judd, Mrs Clark, Miss Scoggins, Kerri Ward and Mrs Buckley and wish them well on their new adventures, I am also pleased to let you know that we have some new faces joining us in September.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Heffernan to the school office team as Mrs Jones steps into the role of Learning Support Assistant. Mrs Heffernan has experience of working in a school office and we know that she will make a great addition to the team. We also welcome Mrs Butterworth to the Year 4 team, job sharing with Mrs Priddy. Mrs Butterworth is an experienced teacher and is excited to join us in September. Finally, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Batchelor to the Early Years LSA team - she has been volunteering in school since 2023 and we welcome her as a fully fledged member of staff!



Measles

Schools have been asked by Hampshire County Council to pass on the following message to our families:

From Autumn 2023 to summer 2024, England experienced the biggest outbreak of measles since 2012, particularly affecting children under the age of 10 years. Since the peak last year cases have declined, but local outbreaks have continued and we are currently experiencing an increase in activity particularly in London and the North West Regions. There is also an increase in measles abroad.

We are calling on all parents and guardians to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record (PCHR), known as the red book, or contact your GP practice. You may also be able to check their vaccination status on the NHS App. Getting vaccinated means you are also helping protect others who can't have the vaccine, including infants under one year and people with weakened immune systems, who are at greater risk of serious illness and complications from measles. They rely on the rest of us getting the vaccine to protect them. Having two doses of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine is the best way to protect your child and help prevent measles spreading, especially to those most vulnerable. Two doses of the MMR vaccine give you excellent lifelong protection.

If you or your child have missed out, contact your GP surgery to catch up as soon as possible, especially if you are travelling to other areas in England or abroad. There is information available from the NHS on the MMR vaccine. There is information about measles on the NHS website. This includes advice for parents and carers to check if their child has measles, including photos of the measles rash. The rash looks brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E, to prevent the illness spreading further.

Scooters and Bikes

It is really wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school, we love seeing the scooter pods and cycle sheds full as it means that there are less cars on the roads! Just a reminder about eScooters - it is not legal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres. Please be sure that your child is safe and operating these scooters legally on private land only. For more information, please see <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

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 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.

INSET Days - a reminder

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Wednesday 3rd September and so the first day back for children is Thursday 4th September.

A reminder of our INSET days for next year:

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.

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?

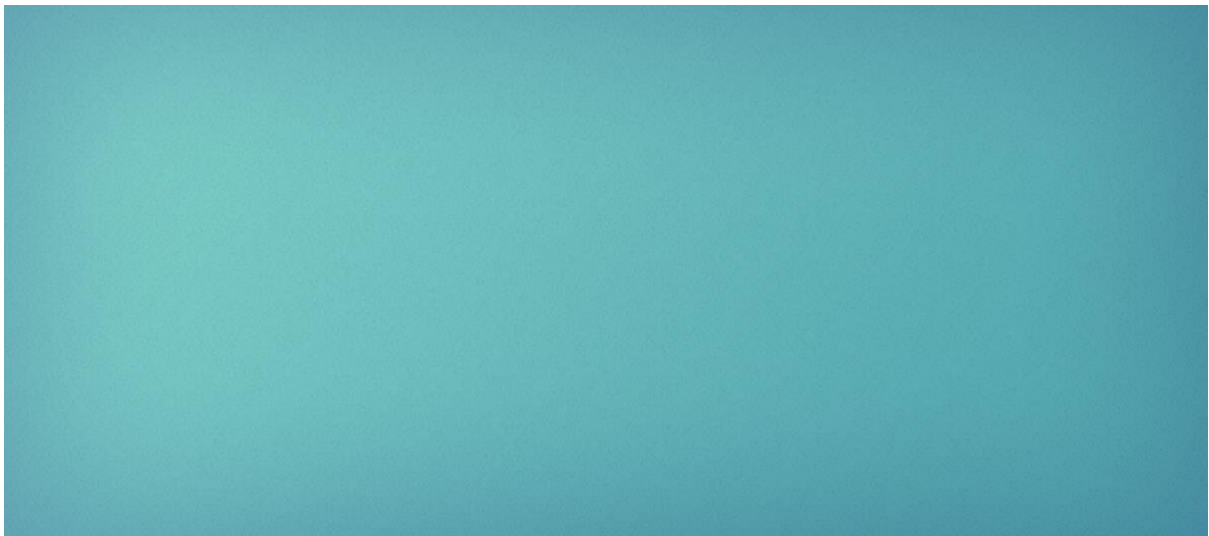
Ask the club if they have a first aider. They should also have your contact details in case of an emergency.

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

Dates for your diary



ULTIMATE SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP!

ICON
SPORTS COACHING



AGES 4-11

AT WYVERN COLLEGE
Fair Oak, Eastleigh SO50 7AN
8:30/9am Drop Off - 4/5pm Collect

DATES
Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th July
Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August
Monday 4th - Friday 8th August
Monday 11th - Friday 15th August
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August
Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th August
Monday 1st - Tuesday 2nd September

PRICES
9am-4pm £28 per Day / 10 Days £270
9am-5pm £32 per Day / 10 Days £310

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BIKEABILITY SUMMER HOLIDAYS

LOCATIONS

- Weeke Primary School - Winchester
- Barncroft - Havant
- St John's - Basingstoke
- Merdon Juniors - Chandlers Ford
- Knights Enham - Andover
- Velmead - Fleet
- Noadswood - Hythe
- Poulner - Ringwood
- Sherborne House - Chandlers Ford
- Harrison - Fareham
- Wicor - Fareham
- Brookfield - Locks Heath
- Locksheath Primary

Booking is available online
<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability>

COURSES

- Level 1 (1.5 hours) £10 Year 3 +
- Level 2 (3 hours) £45 Year 5 +
- Level 3 (3 hours) £10 Year 6 +
- 1:1 (1 hour 15 mins) £30 any age
- 1:3 (1 hour 15 mins) £10 Year 3 +



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A PLACE FOR YOUR
CHILD FOLLOW THE QR
CODE



For additional Bikeability enquiries
bikeability.enquiries@hants.gov.uk

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unguarded bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained in rescue and using an emergency response plan and know the location of lifeline and rescue lines and when needed.

2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When getting to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. A helpful tip is to ensure you and your child understand the meaning of the signs and flags that they show, which indicates the level of risk. It's also important to know the location of lifeline and rescue lines and when needed.

3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be encouraged to think carefully before they go into the water. It's important to know what the signs and flags mean, and to understand the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as: 'Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or other factors that could affect my child's safety? Do I have a water safety plan in place? Do I have a lifeline or rescue line? Do I have a lifeline or rescue line? Do I have a lifeline or rescue line?'

4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be dangerously cold. It's important to consider the temperature of the water before entering. If the water is too cold, it can cause hypothermia, which is a condition where the body loses heat faster than it can produce it, leading to a drop in body temperature. It's important to be aware of the temperature of the water and to take steps to prevent hypothermia, such as wearing a wetsuit or a dry suit.

5 INELUCTABLE SAFETY

Although inflatable toys seem like a fun idea, they can be dangerous if not used correctly. They can be used in a way that is not intended, and they can be used in a way that is not intended. It's important to be aware of the risks of inflatable toys and to take steps to prevent accidents, such as using them in a supervised area and following the manufacturer's instructions.

6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised in the water. Supervision should be provided at all times, and it's important to ensure that the supervising adult is always within reach of the child. It's also important to ensure that the supervising adult is always aware of the child's location and is always ready to respond in an emergency.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to reach shore as soon as you can. It's important to be aware of the depth of the water and to avoid swimming in deep water. It's also important to be aware of the location of the shore and to avoid swimming too far from the shore.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to prevent them from falling into a pool or tub is to keep the pool or tub drained. It's important to ensure that the pool or tub is always empty when not in use. It's also important to be aware of the location of the pool or tub and to avoid leaving it open when not in use.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should call for help. It's important to ensure that the child has a way to call for help, such as a whistle or a whistle. It's also important to be aware of the location of the shore and to avoid swimming too far from the shore.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

It's important to teach children about water safety from a young age. This can be done through swimming lessons, water safety courses, and other activities. It's also important to be aware of the risks of water and to take steps to prevent accidents, such as using a life jacket or a life preserver.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to try a lifetime of fun in the water. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could save a child's life. We offer a range of water safety courses for schools and clubs. For more information, visit www.rlss.org.uk





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- hold a bake sale
- do a sponsored run, walk or other sports event
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