



Newsletter - December 2025

Learning Value Focus: Reflection

Dear Wellstead Families,

Christmas has truly arrived at Wellstead! Last Friday, the Parents of Wellstead (PoW) hosted a fantastic and very festive Christmas Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the stalls and joining in with the Christmas Carols. My thanks go to everyone who helped organise the event and to all the staff who generously gave up their own time to support PoW. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Andy Stockton from Hampshire Music Service for conducting our talented Beyond the Beat Musicians and to the Salvation Army for keeping the Christmas spirit alive with their wonderful ensemble!

The Year 2 Christingle Service on Monday evening was truly magical! It absolutely marks the start of Christmas for me and it was a delight to watch the Year 2 children deliver their lines and their songs with confidence and pride. A really big well done to them and a big thank you to parents and families for coming along to support them.

Year 1 are busy rehearsing for their Nativity (parents, you are in for a treat!) and Year R are practising singing and signing their own Christmas songs. As I write, I can hear the Beyond the Beat musicians practising Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer - it sounds perfect and I am sure that they will perform it just as well tonight at Deer Park.

Although it is a busy time in school, with Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday and a very special visitor next week, the children are still thoroughly enjoying their learning. I have seen some amazing character descriptions of Varjak Paw in Year 5, some super maths work and seem to have used up all of my headteacher award badges!

I hope that you are able to take some time as a family in the busyness of Christmas preparations.

Warm regards

Amanda Greenwood

Headteacher



Staffing updates

We welcome Mrs Abi Fernando to the office team. Mrs Fernando is a very experienced Finance Officer and joins us from a local school with a wealth of knowledge and is already working hard on streamlining our finances! Mrs Sword has been promoted to a Senior Administrative Officer and she will continue to lead on the administration side of the school office. Mrs Robson and Mrs Heffernan will continue to support them in their new roles.

A huge "welcome back" to Kerri Ward. Kerri left us in the summer to return to Social Work but has missed working closely with families in a school setting and so will be working with us again on a Thursday and Friday starting this week. We are delighted to have her back on board as our Wellstead Family Support Worker and I know that many families will feel the same.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Wellstead who work so hard every single day to ensure that our children have the very best support and education that we can offer. Staff work incredibly hard and often give their own time to make sure that we can run trips and events. We couldn't offer the range of experiences that we do without their support, enthusiasm and energy!



Morning reminders

Just a couple of reminders about drop off in the mornings.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you about driving, parking and dropping off safely. We have had reports of drivers using their phones whilst driving and have witnessed drivers parking unsafely, driving too fast and even more concerning, driving along the pavement to avoid waiting traffic. We are working on a strategy to support safer drop-offs,

but until we are able to share that with you, please support us to keep our children safe in the mornings.

A reminder about the gates - the main gates (front and back) open at 8.30am and close at 8.50am, they are manned daily by a member of SLT. We are keen to offer families that 'soft start' with a 20 minute window for dropping children to school. Those that are in at 8.30am will have learning tasks to do with their teachers until the registers are taken at 8.50am. Please be aware that the gates **must** close at 8.51am - we need to have them locked to ensure that children who come outside at that time are safe. If you do arrive after 8.50am, please drop your child to the school office where they can be marked into the register.

The Year R gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.50am



Payments into school

We have been experiencing some real difficulties with our current payments system which has been frustrating for us and for parents as well. From February Half Term, we are moving to Arbor Payments to manage our trips and wraparound bookings. We know that the change is likely to bring some challenges as changes in software always do, but we also know that it will be worth it to have a sleek, efficient and easy to use system.

In order for us to make the move, some preparation work will need to be done. If you use our Wraparound Care provision, please see our separate communication on this. In addition **we are going cashless!** From 5th January, we will no longer be able to take cash, so please use Scopay (for the time being) or SwiftKitchen to pay for your trips and lunches. If you are having difficulty with using Scopay, please let the school office know - we are happy to help.



Wraparound Care

At the last time of writing we were reacting to the increased uptake in parents needing wraparound care - we have secured more staff to support the increase in numbers. As part of this, we are currently reviewing the provision for both Breakfast Club and Stay and Play so that we can ensure that we are offering what our families need. Please could we ask you to complete the following short survey for us to give us your feedback.

<https://forms.gle/5jQYpiLj3BBYEUGw7> thank you.



A note from Mrs Street

Anger management in children is one of the top mental health concerns in childcare. Anger and the ability to control it are key skills of adulthood. Children must learn to overcome anger so that they do not fall a foul of strict controls on violent conduct in society, however, this is difficult for children to learn to manage since anger is remarkably powerful. Yet as parents and teachers there is no choice but to teach them to reign these emotions in but this can be hard knowledge to impart, so the NSPCC has produced helpful resources to aid you in that vital mission. If interested, please follow the link

below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>



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.

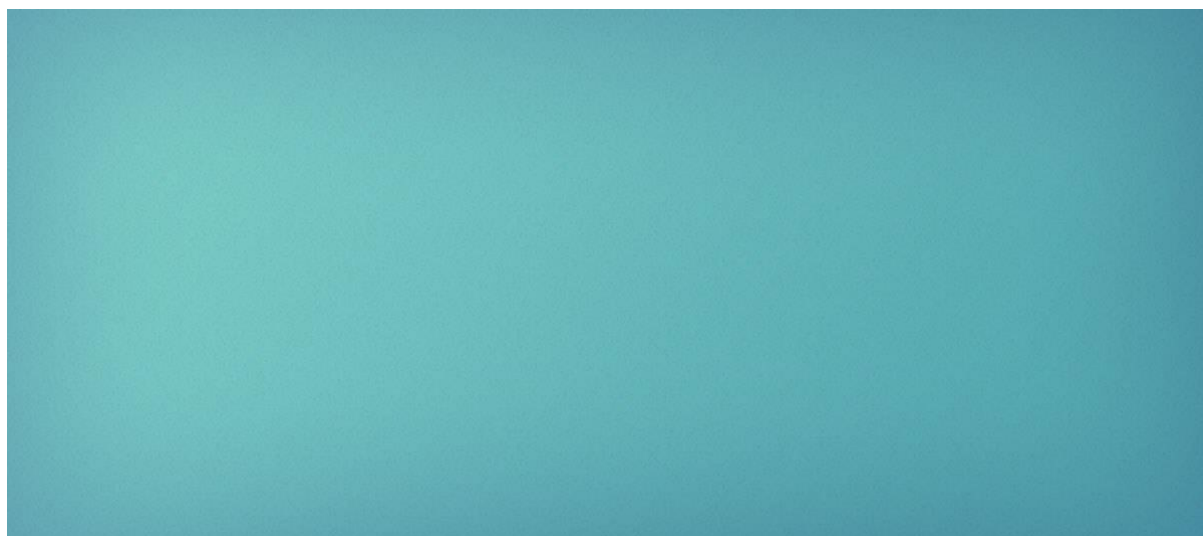
4 Who can you talk to?
All clubs should have a person responsible for safeguarding. They should let you know who they are and how to contact them if you need to.

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 the cpsu.org.uk/parents

Dates for your diary



December

10th December - Beyond the Beat Concert at Deer Park

11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

11th December - Christmas Discos

12th December - Bake off for Young Voices

15th December - Year 1 Nativity to Parents (Afternoon performance)

16th December - Year 1 Nativity to Parents (Evening performance)

19th December - Santa visit to school

19th December - Last day of the Autumn Term

January

5th January - First day of the Spring Term 2026

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

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

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/>



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PLACES LEISURE EASTLEIGH

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

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RainbowRoots SEND Foundation

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES FOUNDATION RAISING FUNDS FOR THOSE WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Non-profit Organization

RainbowRoots was created because SEND holds a very special place in my heart.

Funds raised are used to buy or make SEND resources, equipment, accessories and special toys etc.

You can help support our foundation by donating, gifting items to sell, purchasing from us, recommending us to family and friends!



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SCAN ME

Christmas Holiday Camp

ICON SPORTS COACHING

- Ofsted Registered Childcare
- Indoor & Outdoor Facilities
- Wyvern College, Fair Oak Eastleigh SO50 7AN
- Highly Experienced Coaching Team

3 DAY MULTI-SPORTS CAMP
 Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December
 8:30-9am Drop Off - 4pm/5pm Collection
 8:30/9am-4pm £30 per Day
 8:30/9am-5pm £34 per Day

Wednesday 24th December
 8:30-9am-12:30pm £16

25% Sibling Discount Available

WHAT TO EXPECT
 Athletics, Archery, Basketball
 Cricket, Competitions, Dance
 Dodgeball, Football, Gymnastics
 Invasion Games, Tag Games
 Table Tennis, Tennis & More!

BOOK & PAY ONLINE
www.iconsportscoaching.co.uk
 Email info@iconsportscoaching.co.uk
 or call Steve on 07415 888851

AGES 4-12 **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

Trauma

Understanding the impact of trauma on a young person's brain, body and behaviour and how we can guide them from surviving to thriving

4 June Basingstoke
 7 October Havant

Anxiety

Understanding & strategies to support young people

28 January Basingstoke
 11 November Havant

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSIONS

The first Wednesday of every month
 10am - 2pm
 The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB

You can book an appointment on our website
 Or just drop in and see us

NHS
 Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS EVENTS 2026

BOOK YOUR SESSION SPACES AT:
hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

P.A.C.E. 2026

PARENT & CARER EVENTS

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION
26 February	Basingstoke
16 April	Eastleigh
8 May	Lyndhurst
25 June	Andover
5 October	Havant
23 October	Waterlooville

Scan this QR code to view our session itinerary for the day

EMBRACING AUTISM

Three days that focus on skills and strategies for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism

4 February Havant
 9 July Eastleigh
 17 November Andover

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Three days that focus on skills and strategies for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD

5 March Eastleigh
 16 September Havant
 3 November Andover

Stopping Avoidable Suicides Initiative SASI

Hampshire CAMHS are offering a one-day training event on suicide prevention across three different locations in Hampshire.

27 February Andover
 11 June Waterlooville
 2 October Eastleigh

HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

Three one-day events focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

22 January Winchester
 15 May Eastleigh
 30 September Basingstoke

Christmas Holidays

Dress for meals at all our workshops

Table Decorations for all ages with Victoria Goss
 Saturday 21 December | 10.30am - 12.30pm or 1pm - 3pm | SeaCity | £18

Art School Plus: Paint, Draw (and Breathe!) (11 - 16 yrs)
 Monday 22 December | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Art Gallery | £26

Art for All: Gonk O'Clock (5+)
 Tuesday 23 December | 10am, 11.30am or 1pm | Art Gallery | £6.50

Christmas at Hogwarts (7+)
 Tuesday 23 December | 10am - 12 noon or 1pm - 3pm | Tudor House | £12

Art for All: Penguin Print Thank You Cards and More (4+)
 Friday 2 January | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art gallery | £8

Discover Titanic
 Friday 2 January | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | SeaCity | £8

Christmas at Tudor House
 Sat 6, Sun 7, Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20, Sun 21 and Mon 22 December | 10am - 6pm | Tudor House | £25
 Join us in Southampton's oldest building for a special visit with Father Christmas in the Banqueting Hall. This festive experience includes getting creative with a fun craft activity, then unwinding with a sweet treat in our cafe.

Culture Club for Kids: Christmas Holiday Activity Days (8½ - 12 yrs)
Week Theme - Polar Bears and Penguins
 Mon 22, Tues 23 December
 9am - 4pm (drop off from 8.45am) | SeaCity | £95 per day £60 for both days
 Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days!

Drop off your young people

See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



from St Luke's Church

Christmas Services

- 14th Dec 6:30pm Carol Service
- 21st Dec 6:30pm Reflective Service
- 24th Dec 4pm Christmas Eve All-Age Celebration
- 24th Dec 11pm Midnight Communion
- 25th Dec 10am Christmas Day All-Age Service

All are welcome



stlukesledgeend.co.uk
 St Luke's Close, Hedge End SO30 2US





Christmas

Come & celebrate Christmas 2025 with us....

Events at Hedge End Salvation Army | Whites Way | Hedge End

SAT 29th November 10am to 1pm *(last entry 12 noon)*
NATIVITY ADVENTure *(booking required, see our Facebook page)*

SUN 30th November at 6pm
ADVENT ENCOUNTER WORSHIP *(Youth led)*

MON 8th December at 11am to 12 noon
A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE

SUN 14th December 10.30am
CAROLS ON THE STREETS
then at 4pm
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUN 21st December at 10.30am
CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Eve at 5pm
CAROLS IN THE CAR PARK

Christmas Day
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 10am
and
CHRISTMAS MEAL *(booking required, see our Facebook page)*

Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you!



The Salvation Army is a Church and registered Charity in England (214779), Wales (214779), Scotland (SC009355) and the Republic of Ireland (0166399)