

Newsletter – 16.5.25

Wear it Green Day yesterday

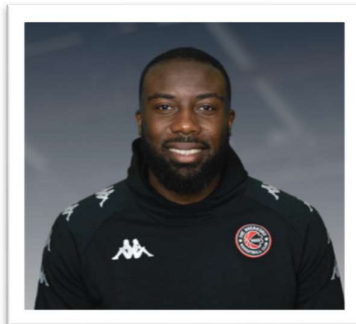
To boost our well-being and mental health this afternoon we all enjoyed some time on the field being happy and enjoying some fun activities. There was colouring, lots of outdoor games equipment, rounders and finished off with ice pops. Our assembly focused on learning how to cope when our mental health needs help, and, what are good ways to support our mental health. It was lovely to see students and staff support the occasion by wearing green. Thank you for all your kind donations we have raised an amazing £85.91 for the Mental Health Foundation.



Sports for Champions Visit Reminder

As you know, British Basketballer Chris Tawiah will be visiting our school next Wednesday (21st). All children will need to come to school in their PE kits, as they will be taking part in a number of fitness circuits.

Sponsorship - all sponsorship forms and money must be handed into the office **no later than Tuesday 20th May**. Alternatively, sponsorship donations can be made online, using the following link. Please remember to fill in your child's name if submitting online so that rewards for amount raised can be allocated correctly.
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-william-penn-school-fundraiser>



Fox Class at The Weald

Fox class recently had the opportunity to take part in a Multi Skills festival at The Weald. Organised by Mr. Meaney and with activities led by Y10 sports leaders, our Y1 and 2 children were a credit to the school.

During the afternoon, children took part in various activities including golf, tennis, football, running and balancing alongside other local primary schools. It was certainly thirsty work and great for stamina.

May I thank parents and carers for organising transport for the children to/from The Weald and Mr. Phillips for working with them to provide these fantastic opportunities!

Children's Parade: The Horshamosaurus is coming to life!

As part of our preparations for the upcoming children's parade, we were recently invited to a fantastic 'Making Day' to begin constructing our very own dinosaur – the Horshamosaurus! Miss Thomas and Mrs Kerry teamed up with local artist Paul to bring the project to life.

Using willow, masking tape and a great deal of patience, they have created the impressive structure that will lead our parade.

We're now ready for the next exciting stage where Paul will be joining us in school to help children add the outer layers and paint the dinosaur. We can't wait to see the Horshamosaurus in all its colourful glory!



PTA NEWS:

PLANTERS

Please speak to one of us, or let us know via email williampennpta@outlook.com if you would like to sponsor a planter or make a monetary contribution! This allows the plants to be refreshed each season, encouraging our children's interest in gardening and watering the plants to keep our playground looking wonderful!

SUMMER FAIR

DONATIONS - Prior to the summer fair we will be asking for donations of bottles (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), sweets, uniform, books, fancy dress, toys, games, tombola prizes (toiletries etc) so please keep this in mind if you are having a sort out at home in the coming weeks.

VOLUNTEERS - Planning is under way for the summer fair and we are looking for volunteers so please contact us williampennpta@outlook.com. If you are able to give any time to help set up, run a stall/ share running of a stall or can offer help with the planning, it would be very much appreciated!

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Thank you for the donations that we have received so far. Keep bringing in old uniform if you are having a sort out!

SAVE THE DATE

12.00 pm FRIDAY 23rd MAY - MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

See the flyer below for details.

3.00 pm THURSDAY 26th JUNE - GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP

Accompanied by an adult, children are invited to design and paint wine glasses or glass cups and saucers. Ticket price to be confirmed but will include specialist glass paint, the glassware, soft drinks and snacks. This event will run alongside the art exhibition of our children's work. All funds raised will be invested back into the school and look out after half term for some prototype example glasses that resident artist Miss Thomas is going to kindly provide.

11.00 am - 3.00 pm SUNDAY 13th JULY - SUMMER FAIR

Please spread the word to friends and family to put the date in their diaries! We had a fantastic turn out last year and are excited to confirm that the *fabulous live band 'Carbon Copy'* shall be returning again this year.



WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL

May Pole Festival

12PM

FRIDAY
23RD MAY

FAMILY PICNIC

MAY POLE DANCING

STRAWBERRIES &
CREAM

LEMONADE

UNIFORM SALE

Tennis at the Weald

On Thursday 15th May, four pupils from Fry Class represented William Penn in the "Tennis Skills" competition held at the Weald.

Layla, Arlo, Fabien and James learnt a variety of techniques and skills, including footwork and ball control. The team competed in seven different skill zones earning points against other schools. William Penn showed great determination to do their best with a smile on their faces and a few giggles. Their teamwork and encouragement and great communication skills helped them win Silver.... Congratulations!



Attendance Ladder



Attendance Matters

Class attendance this academic year:

Date	16.5.25
Year R	93.4%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	92.9%
Whole school	93.2%

We have increased by 0.1% since 2 weeks ago - a small increase but an increase no less! Let's keep improving our attendance this term to help it to get nearer to our target of 96%. Please continue to check your child's attendance on the MCAS app.

16.5.24	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Oscar Wow – you have really led your own learning this week. You have brought curiosity and interest to our water tray and the creative area. So much talk about boats this week!	Evie You are a writing machine! I have been truly INSPIRED by the amount of writing and the quality. Keep working hard and you will be SO ready for Y2!	Ava I have been really pleased with your phonics progress. Not only that, your chirpy, smiling nature means learning with you is great fun! Thank you!	Marnie J For having a super attitude to work this week. You have been focused and completed all work expected of you. You should feel very proud of your hard work this week. Well done Marnie!	Amaris For showing a new confidence not only in lessons but also on the field this week. It has been lovely to see you joining in with your peers. Well done Amaris!	Ollie For applying yourself in maths this week. You have taken a tricky concept (algebra) in your stride so keep up your great attitude to learning! Thank you, Ollie!	Violet For showing such resilience and determination this week, particularly in maths. You initially found the new learning tricky, but you kept going and have now mastered it, well done!
Learning Leaders	Poppy (Y1) You love to learn and are always eager to get going. You listen brilliantly, and show the skills needed to make great progress. We can all look to you. Thanks, Poppy!			Charlie For having an amazing attitude to learning recently. Since returning from the Easter holidays you have shown a mature attitude in all your lessons. It is also great to see you being a role model to your peers. Keep it up Charlie!			

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Golden Children	Harrison It has been lovely to see you caring for your friends in Cadbury this week. You have worked hard this week – keep it up!	Ellie Goodness me! You have shown such a grown-up and can-do attitude this week. I have been delighted with your writing, what focus! Keep it up!	Fraser Thank you for your insightful comments, great listening and fantastic attitude this week. I have noticed you really pushing for better and this is going to be great as you get ready for Y3. Look at that's handwriting! Wow!	Arthur For coming back after chicken pox with a fantastic attitude to learning. You have got right back into the swing of things and you even spent time at home working through your maths. Well done Arthur!	James For always being kind and thoughtful to your peers and adults. You have a wonderful sense of humour and you are a great advocate of laughter being the best medicine! Thank you for being you and continuing to work hard!	William You have completed your tests with full eagerness and energy. It is evident to see how much you have already learned this term and now starting to apply this in context. Well done.	Rory Your attitude and positive outlook towards the tests this week have been admirable. You have worked your absolute socks off, so you should be IMMENSELY proud of your efforts! Awesome work Rory!
Learning Leaders	Summer Well done for always using your learning time wisely! You are always ready to learn with an adult or independent learning. You use your exploring time well and include others. What a superstar!			Year 6 You have worked remarkably hard this week! All of you should be incredibly proud of your efforts and it will be worth it when we get the results back. I could not be prouder of each and every one of you. Thank you for being such superstars, especially for being my first year 6 cohort! You will go down in history!			

Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Indie for her end of season Football trophy and certificate. She wowed her coach this season as she never stopped working hard for her team. She affects the game with each touch of the ball! Amazing effort Indie.

Diary dates for the Summer Term

May 2025	
23 rd	May Day Celebration and family picnic: 12:00pm
26 th – 30 th	Half term holiday
June 2025	
4 th	Welcome Meeting for new parents 6pm
5 th	New intake taster sessions 1:00 – 3:00pm
6 th	May Day Celebration Rain Off 1.30pm
12 th	New intake taster sessions 9:00 – 11:00am
20 th	Mission Masterpiece Art Day
26 th	Mission Masterpiece Art Exhibition 3:20pm
27 th	Sports Day 1.30pm
30 th	Science Day
July 2025	
4 th	Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm
6 th	Horsham Children's Parade
13 th	PTA Summer Fayre
14 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
16 th	KS2 Leavers disco: 3:30 – 4:30pm. Year 6 Pizza and award ceremony: 4:30 – 5:30pm
TBC	Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol
18 th	William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly: 1:00pm Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
21 st	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
22 nd	INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Above are the dates for the term. Please note that there are Rain Off days for both May Day and Sports Day. This year, as we did last year, we would like to invite parents to a family picnic on the field for May Day from 12:00pm. Family and friends can bring their own blanket and picnic to the event and your child will be able to join you.