

Wirksworth Junior School Newsletter- June 2025



Welcome back to the final term of a very busy year, and as usual, we have lots to look forward to in the final 8 weeks. It has been a very dry May, so we have been able to enjoy the weather and get out and about. The Year 6 have finished their SATs and, as you can see below, have received their Y6 leavers hoodies. Don't they look lovely in the different colours reflecting the diversity of the thoughts at our school.



We are Creative.

The Y6 were asked to design and create a picture following the scriptures as part of our annual well dressing. The winning entry was Laurel Langford, who designed the image based on freedom and celebrating that we have freedom and choice, and we need to cherish this as not everybody has this right.

We are Curious.

Stepping Back in Time with 1940s fun as our school grounds were filled with the joyful sounds of laughter, music, and celebration as we marked VE Day with a nostalgic nod to the 1940s. Children and staff alike embraced the spirit of the era, taking part in a variety of traditional games and activities that brought history to life in the most delightful way.



From skipping ropes whipping through the air to the rhythmic clatter of marbles and pick-up sticks, the playground was transformed into a scene from the past. Hopscotch grids were chalked onto the ground, and the ever-popular game of elastics had everyone jumping with excitement. Indoors, the classic Beetle Drive brought out our competitive sides, while outside, the sounds of swing and big band music had everyone dancing and smiling.

These simple yet timeless games offered a wonderful opportunity for children to connect with the past, experience the joy of play without screens, and understand the significance of VE Day in a fun and memorable way.

It was a day full of energy, learning, and community spirit—just as it would have been in the 1940's.

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We are Caring.

The Gardening Club has been in full swing for the past three weeks, and our young horticulturists have been hard at work!

With great enthusiasm, the children have been weeding and planting a variety of vegetables in the school's polytunnel. Guided by Marion from the community gardens, our keen gardeners are aiming for a bumper crop of radishes, sweet peas, and tomatoes.

Their dedication and teamwork are already beginning to show, and we can't wait to see the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labour.



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The girls had a fabulous time at the #thisgirlcan event! They had the opportunity to try out a range of activities to encourage them to be active and have a healthy lifestyle. This was quickly followed by the Year 6 celebration day. After working so hard for their SAT, they had the opportunity to take part in the local celebration event organised by the sports partnership. This involved them taking part in 15 mini sporting events throughout the day. Over 400 children attended. There was something for everyone – a highlight to not only for the children before the teacher's year too!

We make every moment count- Pupil spot. Their time to shine!

Four of our Year 5 girls have been getting fit and healthy and winning football finals with the Girls under 10s Wirksworth Colts Football Team over the bank holiday weekend.

Well done what a great achievement Girls. You will have to teach me a few football skills.



🎉 Premier Education Wrap around School Club 🎉

Fun, Learning, and Adventure – Every Morning and Afternoon!

Looking for a safe, exciting, and enriching place for your child after school? Premier Education is here to help your child thrive with their dynamic After-School Club! They have just updated their activity timetable for 4-11 year olds which is attached.

Free collection and drop off at the infant school

👤 What's New Next Term?

- 🎨 Creative Arts & Crafts – Let imaginations run wild
- ⚽ Active Play & Sports – Stay fit with games and teamwork
- 💃 Dance – Express through movement and performance
- 📖 Homework Help & Reading Time – Support for school success
- 📅 When: Monday to Friday | 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- 📍 Where: Wirksworth Junior School
- 💬 Sign Up Today: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12808/>

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Fire Safety Learning.

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in a vital fire safety session led by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue. The session was both informative and engaging, equipping the children with essential knowledge about how to stay safe in the event of a fire.

The firefighters spoke about the importance of having a fire escape plan, how to check smoke alarms, and what to do if a fire breaks out at home. The children were encouraged to ask questions and think critically about safety in their own environments.

Each child should have brought home a **fire safety worksheet** and a **home safety checklist** to complete with you. These activities are designed to spark important conversations at home and ensure that every family has a clear plan in place.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to go through the checklist together—it could make all the difference in an emergency.

NSPCC assemblies and workshops

Before half term the children have been learning how to keep themselves safe. All the children watched the NSPCC assembly and Year 5 and 6 had a separate workshop with volunteers from the NSPCC on what to do if they are worried about things at home, school or online. The children learnt the number for Childline so if they need to, they can report things that make them feel unsafe. The number is 0800 1111 if you want to share this with them again.

Your PTFA needs you!

Your next PTFA meeting will be on **Monday, 9th June 8pm** at the Hope & Anchor pub, Wirksworth. All parents/guardians of pupils at Wirksworth Junior School are invited to this meeting. For more information call the school office 01629 822457 Or ptfa@wirksworth-jun.derbyshire.uk

We will be talking about the next disco and the future of the PTFA.

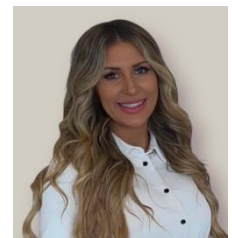
Home school agreement and Code of Conduct for parents.

The governors have just recently updated the home-school agreement and code of conduct for parents these have been attached alongside the newsletter for you to read.

Staffing update

We have a new addition to a midday supervisor team. Ms Annable who will be starting before the end of the term. She has included a few words for us.

Hello! My name is Ms. Annable and I'm excited to introduce myself as a new midday supervisor. I love to travel and explore new places. Over the past five years, I've had the opportunity to live and work around the world, which has been an incredibly enriching experience. Now, I'm looking forward to settling down with my daughter and becoming part of a warm and welcoming school community.



Parent survey

It is that time of year again. We want to know your views and ideas and tell us what we are doing well or could do better. Last year we took on your thoughts and prepared more for sporting events, we know we need to go further than this and include a pupil spot in the newsletter.

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The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete, and we value your thoughts so we can improve the school together. <https://forms.office.com/e/Px3b6v89QD>

Sports Day news – An update from Mrs Cooke

A date for your diaries. We will be holding our sports day on **Wednesday 2nd July at Anthony Gell** on the field.

All parents are invited to join and support us in the afternoon. We will be aiming to start at 2pm and will run up to 3pm.

AGS have asked us to enter the field via the top gates, just off the path from the railway bridge. Please be aware there will be no access to the toilets or drinks, so please bring your own.

More details to follow nearer to the date.

Classes for next year

On Wednesday 9th July, in line with the year 6 attending AGS, children will be having a trial day with their new class and teacher. Year 2s will be joining us for the whole day, and you will have the opportunity if you wish, to meet your child's new class teacher after school.

Attendance figure

94.49%, which is below the school target of **96.5%**. Do remember that every school day missed is vitally important to a child's education. All holidays during school time will be unauthorised and may result in a penalty fine, unless in exceptional circumstances. Holidays that are taken, and the school finds out afterwards, will always be marked as unauthorised and sent for a penalty fine. Please do contact the school if you are finding it hard to get your child into school and need support.

Summer Fair

We are very excited to welcome you all to our summer fair after school on Thursday 26th June. On Friday 20th June we have organised a non-uniform day, in return please could we ask for a Chocolate or Bottle donation for our summer fair.

Important dates

Wednesday 4th June – AGS Transition Day – Auton Class

Monday 9th June – Y6 Sailing at Carsington

Thursday 12th June – South Peak Sports (more details to follow)

Monday 16th June – Y6 Sailing at Carsington

Thursday 19th June – AGS Transition Day – Radcliffe Class

Friday 20th June – Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate/Bottle donations please

Monday 23rd June – Y6 Sailing at Carsington

Tuesday 24th June – School Disco

Thursday 26th June – Summer Fair

Friday 27th June – INSET Day

Monday 30th June – Y6 Sailing at Carsington

Wednesday 2nd July – Sports Day, AGS field at 2pm

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Monday 7th July – Y6 Sailing at Carsington

Wednesday 9th July – Transition day for all year groups

Tuesday 22nd July - Year 5/6 production at Anthony Gell on the evening- times to follow nearer the date.

Thursday 24th July – Year 6 leavers' Service in the school hall from 9:30 am.

Reminder of INSET days 2025-2026

Our INSET days for the next school year will be as follows:

- 4th and 5th September 2025
- 24th October 2025
- 23rd February 2026
- 26th June 2026

** 2026-27 – Friday 4th September 2026 – first day of term **

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