

Wirksworth Junior School Newsletter- March 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fun packed month of events, including a drumming concert from Y3/4, new members of staff joining the teaching team and the blossoming of the crocuses and daffodils in the school garden. Definitely lots to be thankful for.

We are Creative.



After weeks of hard work, Year 3/4's drumming performance was a resounding success! The children captivated the audience and sent us into half-term with a burst of energy. Luckily for them they'll be keeping the rhythm going, as they'll be playing samba drums from now until the summer term. Look out for the concert at the end of term.

We are Curious.

Fuelling their inherent curiosity, students delved into online relationships and responsible information management during E-safety day this month. This Demonstrated how we safeguard them, they also updated the school's E-safety policy, accessible on our website through the [children's policies link](#).

We are Caring.

A few weeks ago, Auton Class had a fantastic morning out at Anthony Gell where they took part in the Sports-hall Athletics. They took part in a range of activities and showed great teamwork, supporting one another to achieving. I am very proud of everyone for being amazing role models for Wirksworth Junior School!



We make every moment count.

Ten Year 5/6 students made the most of their wheelchair basketball experience. They had a blast, learned valuable new skills, and discovered firsthand how challenging it can be to play basketball in a wheelchair. This is just one of the many ways we encourage learning about equality, equity, and inclusivity at our school.

Welcoming New Staff:

We're delighted to welcome Mrs. Todd-Lenthall (Y5/6 Teaching Assistant, temporary) and Mrs. Styles (Y3/4 Teaching Assistant, temporary), who are providing valuable support in our classrooms.

Mrs. Oakley joins us as a permanent Midday Supervisor, and Mr. Oleg Foiner-Arrand our new Sports Coach, is keeping our lunchtimes active with exciting activities like breakdancing, badminton and netball.



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Easter Challenges

The year is whizzing by, and it will not be long until we will be celebrating Easter again. Our service will be on Friday 4th April at 9:30am at St. Mary's Church. Also on this day will be our Easter Challenges, please see the poster opposite for more information, which can also be found on Class Dojo. There will be prizes for all children that take part.



World Book Day 2025

This will be on Thursday 6th March, and we all get to wear animal characters from books. I know Mrs Meehan has planned some exciting events, including inviting you in to read with your child/children. If you have not done so already, please email/message your child's class teacher to let them know you will be attending.

Rev Neil handing out free cakes on Tuesday Rev Neil, will once again be handing out free cakes on Tuesday 4th March, pancake day to just say thank you. He was reminding us to be thankful for everything we have and to be mindful of the wonders we have in the world which God has given us.



Mother's Day Celebrations in church on Wednesday 26th March start at 2pm at St. Mary's church. All children will be walking back to school. Any carer welcome to join us.

Valentine's disco

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the Valentines disco. It was a fantastic event, and we managed to make £249.34 from your kind donations. Thank you once again for supporting the school.

Attendance figures.

Attendance this month was 95.1%, which is below our target of 96%. The DFE have brought out comparison figures for the whole of the country and although we are currently above the national figure for attendance since September, we are well below for children who receive free school meals and have SEND needs. If your child fits into these categories and you are struggling to get your child into school please contact us, we are here to help.

Panda Club in school

Jamie and Katie are offering wraparound care from 7:30 to 6pm every day. If you are interested, please follow the link to find out more.

Breaktime Snack

We'd like to send a friendly reminder about our school's policy regarding break time snacks. To help us reduce plastic waste and promote healthy eating, we encourage all students to bring in fresh fruit for their break time snack. Think juicy apples, sweet grapes, or refreshing slices of watermelon! Not only are these options delicious and packed with vitamins, but they also help us in our efforts to be more environmentally friendly. We understand that sometimes convenience is key, but by making a small change like switching to fresh fruit, we can make a big difference together.



Thank you for your cooperation in supporting our school's healthy eating and sustainability initiatives.

Premier Education Easter Holiday Camp

Premier Education will be running their holiday camp over the easter holidays from Monday 14th – Thursday 17th April. We are happy to welcome them back for another holiday camp.

10:00am – 14:00pm

£15.38 per child

Please see the link below to find out more information and how to book on:

[Wirksworth Junior School – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)

Important Dates

INSET days for 2025/2026.

- Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of September 2025
- Friday 24th October, 2025
- Monday 23rd February, 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026
- * Friday 4th September 2026 – first day of term*

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (see letter for more details, emailed on 26.02.2025)

Tuesday 11th March – Y5/6 Tag Rugby finals (More details to follow)

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th March – Y5/6 Residential to Caythorpe Court

Wednesday 26th March – Mothering Service at St Mary's Church 14:00pm

Friday 4th April – Easter Service at St Mary's Church 9:30am

Friday 4th April – Last day of term

Tuesday 22nd April – First day of term

Wednesday 23rd April – Parent's Evening (More details to follow)

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Headteacher: Mrs Isabel Webb and Chair of Governors: Wilma Hyde.

PREMIER BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY CAMP TODAY!

Free HAF spaces also available for free school meal children! More info to follow

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Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

10:00 - 14:00

£15.38 per child per day

5 years - 11 years

book now!

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The poster features a QR code, a globe icon, and three circular images of children playing sports: a boy with a soccer ball, two boys playing tag, and a group of children in a field.