

Wirksworth Junior School Newsletter- June 2026



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 wet May, but a gorgeous half term, so I hope you had time to relax and look forward to the term ahead.

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 Abigail Ashton who designed the image based on hope.

The whole of the school has been taking part in turning plastic bottles into flowers, which they have been doing in Mrs Doxey's after dinner art club. These are being stuck onto the display board in the hall, so if you are in school, please do pop into the hall to see the fantastic display of

reusing plastic waste.



We are Curious.

This month, the Year 4 and 5 have been learning about the growing. They have been planting runner bean seeds for their science unit. Their question is, "How does a bean change as it germinates?" They will be watching closely for any changes throughout its lifecycle and what impacts on their growth.

We are Caring.

The Gardening Club have again been working hard in the garden. The children have been weeding and planting a variety of vegetables in the new beds. Guided by Marion from the community gardens, and helped from Maura, we hope to have some produce to hopefully put on offer at dinnertime for other children to try.



We make every moment count.



The year 3,4 and 5 have been having lessons in golf. As you can see here, they are having lessons in putting a ball into a hoop, learning how to control your putter to hit the ball the distance you want. Many of the children were excellent at this and will go through to the cluster event at Anthony Gell in the coming weeks.

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

Please let us know anything you would like to share on the newsletter about what your children have been getting up to outside of school to we can share with the whole school community. Just let your teacher know or email into the office at office@wirksworth-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

Creative. Curious. Caring. We make every moment count.

Misogyny - There is a new resource out about online hate and misogyny on the 'Kids online safety' website.

The website has been written to help parents and carers understand and get support dealing with online misogyny.

This new section is designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online.

Online hate: misogyny

Learn what misogyny is and how it can have a negative impact on your child's life and those around them.

The updated content includes:

- * What misogyny is
- * Why you should talk to your child about misogyny spotting the signs of misogyny.
- * How you can support your son or daughter

A great night at the bingo with the PTFA!

Thank you everyone that came along to support the PTFA bingo, they managed to raise a huge £290.72 and as many of you that attend, said what a great family night out with tea provided too.

As always this wouldn't have been possible, without the help of Mrs Bradbury and her husband Mark, who volunteered to be our bingo caller, thank you to you both. A huge thank you for Penny in the kitchen for cooking the chips and Danielle and Marie from the PTFA for organising.

We would like to thank Holdsworth Foods and The Miners Arms Carsington for supplying the chips and cobs for our bingo night tea too.

Thanks again for supporting our event, we look forward to seeing everyone at our next event, which is the Summer Fayre on Thursday 25th June.

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. To read this please follow the link. [home-school-agreement-review-may-2026.pdf](#)

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, by have recruited extra staff to offer more opportunities to prepare for the sporting events and even an after-school competition club on a Monday after school. We also have spent a great deal of time on updating our behaviour policy and have invited some of you in to review this which has created the half termly rewards for the children achieving 20 Class Dojo points a week. I hope you feel there has been a huge amount of work gone in by staff to improve the education at Wirksworth Junior School. So, we can continue to improve please can you complete the parent survey for 2026. This should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete, and we value your thoughts so we can improve the school together. [Parent survey- June 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Creative. Curious. Caring. We make every moment count.

Sports Day news – An update from Mrs Cooke

We will be holding our sports day **at Anthony Gell** on the field – **Date to be confirmed**.

All parents are invited to join and support us throughout the afternoon. We will be aiming to start at 12.30 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 soon.

Classes for next year

On **Wednesday 8th 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. A letter will go out later this week with an update on classes for next year.

Attendance figure

95.5%, 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.

Important dates

Thursday 4th June – Class photos

Thursday 25th June – Summer Fair - 3.30pm

Tuesday 21st July - Year 5/6 production at Anthony Gell on the evening- details to follow nearer the date.

Thursday 23rd July – Year 6 leavers' Service in the school hall from 9:30 am.

Reminder of INSET days 2025-2026

- Friday 26th June

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

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

Wirksworth Junior School, Wash Green, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4FD

Tel/Fax: (01629) 822457

Email: office@wirksworth-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Isabel Webb

Chair: Wilma Hyde

Creative. Curious. Caring. We make every moment count.