



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to both of our Year 5 and Year 6 Dodgeball teams who took part in our first sporting festivals of the school year over the past fortnight at Wildern School. The children had a fantastic (and exhausting) time. What a great start to the sporting season!



We were delighted and proud to have been awarded the Gold Standard School Games Mark on our return to school this term for our sports opportunities and achievements for children at Key Stage 2 in the 2023-24 school year.

A reminder to you all that if you feel your child needs a mid-morning snack, to please only send in a piece of fruit. Children in Blue and Yellow classes will be given fruit from us as part of the 'fruit for schools scheme'.

DSA AGM and Bags2School

The DSA will be holding their virtual AGM on **Wednesday 9 October at 7:30pm**. We will send the link out for everyone to join us nearer the time to hear about the fundraising successes of the year and how your money is being spent. The committee are always looking for new members, so if you think you might like to be on the committee or would like to know more about it, please speak to our DSA Chair Chloe Collins, staff in the school office or myself.



Our next Bags2school fundraiser will be on **Tuesday 1 October**. Items for collection can be brought to the school hall at morning drop off (before 9:00am)

Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run

Our thanks to you all for your sponsorship last year which raised enough money to buy a flat screen for the school library which is constantly in use. We would now like to upgrade our IT facilities in the school hall.

Your child will be taking part in our annual Sponsored Sports Fancy Dress Fun Run next **Wednesday 25 September**. The children will run laps around the school field – dressed in fancy dress!

Please ensure your son or daughter has their trainers in school for this event. All money raised will go towards a new interactive flat screen panel for the school hall. Children in:

Blue and Yellow classes will run from 2:30pm

Red, Green and Purple classes from 2:50pm.

Please could children bring in their fancy dress outfit in a named carrier bag on the day. Parents are very welcome to come along and join in the fun from 2:30pm. Your child will be given a Sponsored Sports card before the event, please ensure that it is brought into school on the 25th, to have the form signed. Donations can be made through the Gofundme site: <https://gofund.me/d415b576>

Safeguarding

In response to this years update on Keeping Children Safe in Education, we have been reviewing our filtering and monitoring of ICT across the school with the help of our school IT providers Harrap ICT. In updating the acceptable use of the internet forms for all children and staff in school we have also been looking at new agreement forms for parents, carers and Governors. Next week we will be sending you an agreement form which we would be grateful if you could sign and return to the school office by **Monday 30 September**.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 26 September at 9:15am** in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to join us. This year, we will be supporting the local Food Centre at Hedge End, which would welcome any non-perishable produce to be brought in on the day. Please see the attached list of suggested items.

Family Reading Night – Thursday 3 October 5:30-6:30pm

Many apologies for the change in date for our Family reading night which is now to be held on **Thursday 3 October**. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join us. Once again the reading evening will be supported by the book fair where you can purchase books for your home library. We were thrilled to find out that Durley School had the highest percentage of pupils taking part in the summer reading challenge at Hedge End Library this year thanks to the promotion from our school librarian and the enthusiasm of our families for reading.

Breakfast and After School Club Bookings

Please can I remind parents that if you have made bookings for the either of the childcare clubs, if you no longer require certain dates that you inform the school office as soon as possible in order to be able to free up the space for another pupil.

Café Church in School this Sunday 22 September

All welcome to come along to the Church service in school this Sunday, 22th September with Coffee, juice and croissants from 9.30 am and service starting at 10.00 am. We would be very grateful if you could let us know if you are able to join us.

Kind Regards

Kirstie Baines

Kirstie Baines – Headteacher

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2024-2025

Friday 20 December 2024

Monday 2 June 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Diary Dates for the 2024-2025 school year – all dates can be subject to change. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

Autumn Term 2024

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| Friday 20 September | Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons start |
| Sunday 22 September | 9:30am for 10:00am start café church in school hall. |
| Wednesday 25 September | 1:30pm sponsored sport event – parents welcome to watch! |
| Thursday 26 September | 9:15am Harvest Festival |
| Wednesday 25 September | Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run |
| Tuesday 1 October | Bags2School – more information to follow |
| Thursday 3 October | 5:30pm Family Reading Night |
| Wednesday 9 October | 7:30pm DSA Annual General Meeting (TEAMS virtual) |
| Thursday 10 October | OPEN DAY for new parents 2025 |
| Thursday 10 October | 5:00-6:15pm EYFS/KS1 disco |
| Tuesday 15 October | 3:00-6:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher |
| Thursday 17 October | whole school nasal flu immunisation |
| Thursday 17 October | 4:00-7:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher |
| Friday 18 October | Year 6 Bikeability |

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| Monday 21 October | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Thursday 24 October | Red and Green class visit to Butser Farm museum |
| Friday 25 October | 6:30-8:00pm KS2 disco |

28 October – 1 November Autumn HALF TERM

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| Monday 4 November | Year 6 visit to D-Day Experience in Portsmouth |
| Monday 11 November | 10:45am Remembrance Service |
| Friday 15 November | Children in Need |
| Thursday 21 November | Photographer in school (portraits) |
| Wednesday 27 November | Year 6 ROAR concert Portsmouth Cathedral |
| Friday 29 November | Non uniform day for sweet tombola |
| | DSA Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 2 December | School Christmas Post Box open |
| Wednesday 4 December | Non uniform day – bottle tombola |
| Saturday 7 December | DSA Christmas Fayre |
| Wednesday 11 December | 9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity |
| Thursday 12 December | 9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity |
| Friday 13 December | am. KS2 church rehearsal |
| Friday 13 December | Final after school activity club |
| Tuesday 17 December | pm Class Christmas parties |
| Wednesday 18 December | Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 19 December | 1:30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church |
| | School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care club. |

Spring Term 2025

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| Monday 6 January | 8:45am start of the Spring Term |
| Thursday 9 January | 3:35 SAT's meeting for Year 6 parents and their children in Green class. |
| Monday 13 January | pm NSPCC workshops for children in Years 2, 5 and 6 |
| Monday 20 January | Visit from Fire Brigade for children in Years 1 and 5 |
| Thursday 30 January | pm Red and Green class visit to children's concert in Central Hall, Southampton |
| Friday 31 January | 1:30pm Christingle Service in Durley Church. Parents welcome to join us. |
| Tuesday 11 February | Safer Internet Day |

17-21 February Spring HALF TERM

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| Tuesday 25 February | 3:00pm-6:00pm Parent's Evening |
| Thursday 27 February | 4:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Evening |
| Thursday 6 March | World Book Day |
| Thursday 6 March | 5:30-6:30 Family Reading Night |
| Thursday 13 March | Y5/6 vocal festival in Thornden Hall |
| Friday 14 March | 6:30-8:00pm KS2 outside disco |
| Thursday 20 March | 5:00pm-6:15pm EYFS/KS1 Disco |
| Monday 24 March | 2:30pm Music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music |

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| Friday 4 April | 1:30pm Easter service in Holy Cross Church School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care or clubs |
| 7 April – 21 April | Easter Holiday |
| Summer Term 2025 | |
| Tuesday 22 April | 8:45am start of the Summer Term |
| Monday 5 May | School closed for Bank Holiday |
| 12-15 May | Y6 SAT's testing week |
| Thursday 15 May | Y6 end of SAT's picnic and rounders |
| Monday 19 May | Whole school class photos |
| Friday 23 May | School Grounds morning |
| 26-30 May | Summer HALF TERM |
| Monday 2 June | In-Service training day for staff. SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Thursday 12 June | 7:30-8:30 New Parents meeting |
| Wednesday 18 June | 1:30pm Whole School Sports Day (parents and carers welcome) |
| Saturday 22 June | Holy Cross Church Summer Fete |
| Friday 27 June | Non uniform day – sweets for sweet tombola |
| Monday 30 June | 2:30pm - Music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music lessons |
| Tuesday 1 July | Wyvern Transition Day for new intake – Children make their own way to Wyvern. |
| Wednesday 2 July | Non Uniform day – bottles for bottle stall |
| Thursday 3 July | Family Reading Night |
| Saturday 5 July | School Summer Fayre |
| Tuesday 8 July | 1:30pm KS2 School Play |
| 9 and 10 July | 6:00pm KS2 School Play |
| Thursday 10 July | Annual Reports to parents |
| Friday 11 July | Y6 to Portsmouth cathedral for morning workshops and afternoon leavers service. |
| Friday 18 July | Final day of term. 1:30pm Leavers' service in Holy Cross Church |
| Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July School closed for staff training | |