

Friday 10th July 2026

Wigmore Weekly



Our school value of the month: Joy

British Values: Individual Liberty and Democracy

Quote of the Week: The best way to find joy is to give it to others. Robert G. Ingersoll

Star of the Week



Acorn: Felicity
Oak: Ivar
Elm: Elm Class
Laurel: Ruari
Willow: Una
Cherry: Isabella
Sycamore: George

Value of the Week



Acorn: Elowen
Oak: Alice
Elm: Coady
Laurel: Lillian
Willow: Jenya
Cherry: Alfie
Sycamore:
All members of the cricket teams

Class of the Week:

Acorn Class!



Congratulations to all of our cricket teams that made the county final and a big well done to the Year 5/6 girls who were runners up and the Year 5/6 team who are now COUNTY CHAMPIONS!

We all attended a very special wedding this week! Miss Williams (soon to be Mrs Hooper), was treated to a surprise mock wedding which we had been keeping under wraps for the past few weeks!

It was wonderful to see everyone in their new classes on Wednesday, along with some of the children that will be joining us in September. All of the teachers will remain in the same year group but there is a reminder of who is where, further on in the newsletter.

Finally THANK YOU to everyone who came along to Parents' Evening and THANK YOU to everyone who came to the disco yesterday! It was brilliant!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Rebecca Williams - Head of School



Attendance Corner

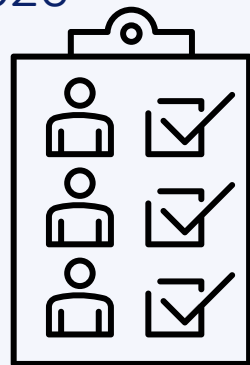


If your child misses...	That equates to...	Which is...	and over 7 years at primary school that is....
1 day per fortnight or 90% attendance	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	28 weeks - more than 2 whole school terms!
1 day per week or 80% attendance	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	56 weeks - more than 1 whole school year!
2 days per week or 60% attendance	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	112 weeks - nearly 3 whole school years!

Please remember that every day counts in order to allow children to make good progress. There is an overwhelming connection between those children who are frequently absent from school and those who go on to underachieve. If you have any difficulties getting your child to school, please do reach out. The expectation is that a child's attendance is above 96%.

Class Attendance Figures W/E 10th July 2026

Oak	94.6%
Elm	94.6%
Laurel	98.06%
Willow	95.2%
Cherry	85.8%
Sycamore	97.7%



Congratulations LAUREL Class!

Arriving late everyday...	Equals...	Which over the school year is
5 minutes	25 minutes per week	16.25 hours or 2.5 days of
10 minutes	50 minutes per week	32.5 hours or 5 days of
15 minutes	75 minutes per week	48.75 hours or 7.5 days of
30 minutes	150 minutes per week	97.5 hours or 15 days of

Absences and Illness

Please ring the school office if your child is off for any reason and support the school by adhering to our absence policy. Children must be off school for 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Please do not arrange holidays during the school term. We are unable to authorise this and you could be fined as a result. Research shows that children that attend school everyday are far more likely to do well in school and as a result, have better opportunities in the future.

**DON'T
FORGET**

**MUFTI Day on
Friday!**

Oak Class, don't forget swimming
is every Tuesday.

Acorn, Oak and Elm Class, your
last Forest School session is
Monday 13th July. Please come in
Forest School clothing!

Over the month of June and July, Finn
is taking on a challenge to raise money
for Macmillan Cancer Support. He aims
to swim 21 miles throughout the months
of June & July! If you would like to
support Finn, you can donate [here](#).

Finn Fish Challenge!

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Well done to Finn who represented
Worcestershire in a three counties
swimming gala recently, gaining seven
medals!

Congratulations Finn - we are super
proud of you!



Well done to the following children who
achieved the most correct answers over
the last seven days:

Y1: Roman

Y2: Christopher

Y3: Ted

Y4: Ollie

Y5: Seth

Y6: Victor

What's on at Wigmore...



Week Commencing 13th July 2026

Monday	Wigmore's Got Talent!
Tuesday	R/1 (Oak) Swimming - EYFS/KS1 Stay and Play (9:00 - 10:00)
Wednesday	YN Celebrations! (13:30)
Thursday	Y6 Leavers Assembly and Picnic (14:00 - 17:00)
Friday	MUFTI Day!

	JULY
13.07.26	Wigmore's Got Talent!
14.07.26	EYFS/KS1 Stay and Play
15.07.26	YN Celebrations!
16.07.26	Y6 Leavers Assembly and Picnic (14:00 - 17:00)
17.06.26	MUFTI Day

Class Teachers for the Academic Year 26/27

Class and Year Group	Class Teacher
Acorn (YN)	Mrs Weaver, Miss Holmes and Mrs Phillips
Oak (YR/1)	Miss Bufton
Elm (Y1/2)	Mrs Hooper (nee. Miss Williams)
Laurel (Y3)	Miss Bulman
Willow (Y4)	Mrs Edwards
Cherry (Y5)	Mrs Morgan and Mrs Tarling
Sycamore (Y6)	Mr Sallis

What's happened at Wigmore...



Acorn Class

Acorn Class have had a fabulous week! Our focus story has been Sharing a Shell and the children have enjoyed exploring the story together. We have talked about the importance of friendship, kindness and sharing. The children have loved exploring a range of seaside themed activities. In maths, we have been making comparisons between objects focusing on size. On Monday, we had a wonderful time watching the Cats performance at the High School and on Thursday we enjoyed listening to the poetry recital. We have made the most of the warm weather with lots of water play to help keep us cool in the heat. A reminder that our end of year **Nursery Celebration is on Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm**. We look forward to celebrating with you! Have a lovely weekend!

Oak Class

Another wonderful week in Oak Class! The children did an incredible performance of their class assembly on Thursday. We are all very proud of them! Year 1 children have been busy learning about how to tell the time using o'clock and half past. Reception children have been comparing length and height. We had a great time watching the high school performance on Monday and an amazing time at swimming on Tuesday. Have a great weekend!

Elm Class

What a lovely week in Elm Class! We have enjoyed reflecting on our year together and loved having a look back at lots of photos from our learning journey. We talked about our favourite moments from Elm Class and all the things we have enjoyed learning about! The Year 2 children have also been working hard to measure length, mass and capacity and have used their knowledge of number lines to read different scales. Elm Class have also impressed us with their auditions for both the Poetry Recital Competition and Wigmore's Got Talent! We have also had a fabulous day enjoying a range of beach activities to end the week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Laurel Class

Laurel Class have had another brilliant week! In maths, Laurel Class have been learning all about time, including the days and months of the year, reading analogue clocks and understanding 24-hour time. In English, the children have been planning their own playscripts and have enjoyed exploring how a chapter from our class text can be adapted for performance! During science this week, Laurel Class completed an exciting investigation to discover how water is transported through plants and enjoyed observing the results. During PE, the children had a fabulous time playing rounders and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Additionally, the children had a fantastic time watching the Poetry Slam Competition! We are very proud of the children who took part and represented the class incredibly well. Another wonderful week for Laurel Class!

I hope you all have the very best weekend!

Willow Class

In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time using a 24-hour digital clock. The children have practised reading and converting times and have shown growing confidence in using 24-hour time. We have also been exploring line symmetry, identifying lines of symmetry in a variety of shapes and patterns and discussing what makes a shape symmetrical. In English, we used our editing skills to improve and refine a story, carefully checking for spelling, punctuation and grammar. We have also been preparing for the Poetry Slam competition, practising our performances and developing confidence when speaking in front of others.

On Wednesday, the class enjoyed a visit to Year 5, where they had the opportunity to experience learning in a different classroom environment. On Thursday, excitement filled the classroom as we prepared for Wigmore's Got Talent. The children took part in auditions and impressed everyone with their enthusiasm, confidence and wide range of talents. Have a lovely weekend.

Cherry Class

It has been another hot week in Cherry Class but the children have coped with the heat brilliantly. In English, Cherry Class enjoyed watching Goodnight Mister Tom and have been writing their own film review based on the film. The children all thoroughly enjoyed it and noticed some key differences between the book and the film. We have been revisiting place value in maths and looking at numbers with up to 6 digits. On Wednesday Cherry Class enjoyed their afternoon in Year 6 in preparation for September and have started to think about the extra responsibilities they may take on board. Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

Sycamore Class

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. It was lovely to talk about the fantastic progress the children have made this year and to celebrate their many achievements as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Sycamore who represented the school at the County Cricket Finals. The girls' team finished as County Runners-Up, while the mixed Year 5/6 team were crowned County Champions - an incredible achievement that everyone should be immensely proud of!

The children have also worked hard this week consolidating their writing skills by producing a final piece of writing to support their transition to high school. Enjoy the glorious sunshine this weekend!



Important changes to Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2026 – Act Now!!

There are important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from September 2026. The Government has announced an expansion of the Free School Meals scheme, meaning that all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for a free school meal from September 2026, regardless of household earnings. This change is expected to help many more families access support.

Why should you apply?

Even if you are unsure whether your child qualifies, we strongly encourage all families receiving Universal Credit to apply. A successful application may:

- Provide your child with a nutritious free meal every school day.
- Save families money on school lunches.
- Ensure eligible pupils receive the support available to them.
- Help schools access additional funding for pupils who meet the targeted eligibility criteria of the funding.

What else is changing?

The temporary protections that have allowed some children to continue receiving free school meals regardless of changes in family circumstances will end in summer 2026. From September 2026, eligibility will be reassessed under the new rules. The new Free School Meals (FSM) funding system will operate on a tiered basis, with only pupils who qualify for Targeted FSM will be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Currently, the school uses Pupil Premium to help reduce the cost of revision materials, educational trips, residential visits, and music lessons for eligible pupils. If families who may meet the higher eligibility criteria do not apply for Free School Meals, the school will receive significantly less Pupil Premium funding. This reduction could affect the additional support and opportunities available to pupils.

Therefore, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 and already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), we strongly encourage you to apply for Free School Meals. Doing so helps ensure that the school can continue to access vital funding to support pupils and enrich their educational experience.

What do you need to do?

If your family receives Universal Credit, or if your circumstances have changed recently, we encourage you to apply now! To apply through the school please complete the form: [Free School Meals Eligibility 2026-2027](#) – Fill out form If you have any questions about Free School Meal eligibility or the application process, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wigmore Noticeboard



Reminders

Arrival in the Morning - Please remember that children should not be left unsupervised in the playground before 08:30am when the door opens. This is to ensure children are safeguarded at all times.

Please don't walk your children through the High School car park.

Healthy Snacks - Please remember that we are a healthy school and NUT FREE. In line with school policy, children should only bring in healthy snacks for break (fruit, cereal bars) not crisps, cake or chocolate.

School Dinners - Please remember to ring the School Canteen to cancel school dinners if your child is off poorly. School dinners need to be on Arbor by Tuesday for the following week.

Head Lice - Once a week, take a peek! Please park respectfully at the start and the end of the day. We know how tricky it can be. There is a carpark on Bury Lane which can be utilised.

Please note, toys/cards are not allowed in school as part of our school policy. Thank you for your support with this.



Uniform

We believe that wearing a uniform is a way of encouraging a sense of identity and connection with the school, which helps to inspire a community spirit. We would like all children to wear the correct uniform and be as smartly presented as they can for each school day. It is lovely to see children that are proud to belong to Wigmore Primary School. Our expectation is that all children attend school in the uniform outlined on our website and within our uniform policy.

Please note, black trainers are not part of the school uniform. School shoes should be plain black.

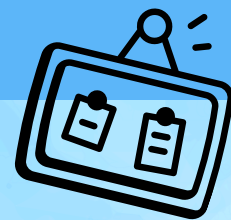


Thinking of booking a holiday?

We know this is the time of year when many families start planning trips—just a quick reminder: please make sure any holidays are booked within the school holidays. Government guidance is clear that term-time holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and these need to be agreed with the school in advance by the Head of School via the Exceptional Leave of Absence Request Form. Unauthorised absences can lead to fines, and more importantly, missing school can really impact your child's learning and confidence. Before you confirm any bookings, please check our [school term dates](#) (insert link to school term dates)—it's the easiest way to avoid stress later. If you think your situation might be exceptional, get in touch with us early so we can talk it through. For further information please see our [school attendance policy](#) and this [parent guide to attendance](#). Please note that holidays attached to the start or end of a term/half term are still reported to the Local Authority and could result in prosecution.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT CAME TO THE
SILENT DISCO!**





Poetry Slam 2026

This year's poetry slam was outstanding! Thank you to all the children who took part and especially to those who made it to the final. We had some superb recitals and even some self-penned entries. It was such a special experience to watch all of the children, from nursery to our year six leavers, take part in this event. I certainly remember poems that I learnt when I was a little girl – I hope the children remember their poems for years to come and continue to enjoy expressing themselves through the medium of poetry!

Many congratulations to our slam winners: Emily in year six and Cerys in Oak class, who received gift vouchers and a certificate. Well done.

Mrs Forrester x





LAST DAY

WIGMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

IT'S THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

MUFTI
DAY!

THURSDAY

17TH JULY



CHILDREN TO COME
IN THEIR
OWN CLOTHES



LET'S CELEBRATE AN

AMAZING YEAR TOGETHER!



LAST DAY



School Nursing



What do we do?

Here at the school nursing service we can offer support for physical and emotional wellbeing, if we feel we are not the appropriate service we will refer and signpost you to another service.

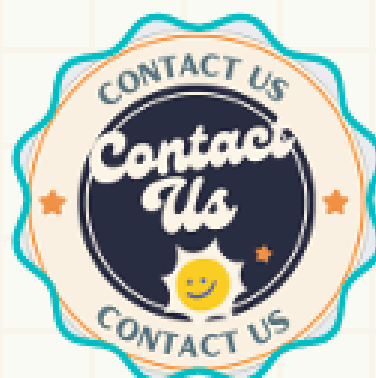


Who am I?

My name is Grace and I work within your child's school, I am able to support you and your child. I host a drop in once a term but please feel free to contact me to arrange to see me sooner or if you have a query.

How to contact us

You can contact school nursing via:
schoolnurse.service@nhs.net
01432 363940
Or me directly via:
grace.coultras@wvt.nhs.uk
07815 707507





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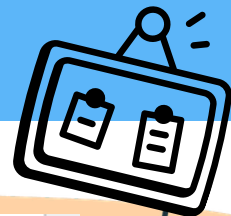
- Two Night Kids Camp, 12th-14th Aug
- Holiday Clubs: £25 per day
- Teen Adventure Days
- Family Fun & Adventure
- Glamping for groups

*Pre booking essential

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Introduction to Bouldering Sessions for children

We will be running a number of fun bouldering sessions during the summer holidays aimed at introducing children to bouldering.

These are small group sessions and suitable for ages 10 and above

Date	Time
Monday 20 th July	10:00 – 11:00
Monday 27 th July	11:00 – 12:00
Thursday 6 th August	11:00 – 12:00
Thursday 13 th August	14:00 – 15:00
Monday 17 th August	14:00 – 15:00
Wednesday 26 th August	11:00 – 12:00

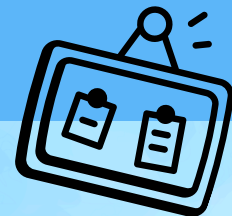
COST - £14.00 per person

(Payment required at time of booking)

Please call to book your place on 01432 359392

Boulder Barn, Unit 1A Holmer Trading Estate, College Road, Hereford
HR1 1JS

www.boulderbarnclimbing.co.uk



Hotshots Netball club

Our under 11 squads are looking for
more players in September!

Priority given to yr 5 & 6

All abilities Welcome



U11: Year 4/5/6:

Ludlow College

Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30pm

Email:

join.hotshots@outlook.com

September 2026- April 2027

