Friday 13th November 2026

# Wigmore Weekly

Our school value of the month: Resilience
British Values: Individual Liberty
Quote of the Week: "Fall seven times, stand up eight." Japanese Proverb

## Star of the Week

Acorn: Marloe
Oak: Harvey
Elm: Coco
Laurel:Maysie
Willow: Raife
Cherry: Freya
Sycamore: Niamh

## Value of the Week

Acorn: Max
Oak: Naya
Elm: Penny
Laurel: Brooke L
Willow: Leni
Cherry: Letty-Lou
Sycamore: Izzy C

## Head Girl and Head Boy Award

Albert (Y6)

## Class of the Week

Well done Elm Class!




We have been learning all about Remembrance Day.

This week, the children have been learning about Remembrance Day and why it remains so important that we remember those who served and sacrificed during times of war.

As part of our learning, we took part in the "Who's Your Tommy?" project in conjunction with West Mercia Police, encouraging children to reflect on and share stories of family members, local war heroes as well as create poems and artwork.

A big thank you to Mrs Tarling for organising the week and a special thank you to Steffan in Year 6 for playing The Last Post. We were incredibly proud of the thoughtful and respectful way the children embraced this important week.

Have a brilliant week.

Mrs Rebecca Williams - Head of School

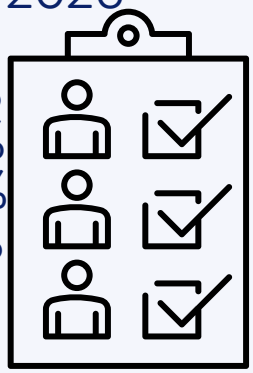
# Attendance Corner

| 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 13th November 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| Oak | 80.77% |
| Elm | 89.83% |
| Laurel | 96.8% |
| Willow | 94.5% |
| Cherry | 91.8% |
| Sycamore | 87.8 % |



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.

Attendance

# Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

## Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

**YES** Keep them off school until it goes away.

**NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

### Should go in

**A cough, cold or sore throat**

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

**Threadworms**

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

### Should go in (let the school know)

**Cold sores**

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

**Conjunctivitis**

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

**Head lice & nits**

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

**Hand, foot & mouth disease**

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

**Slapped cheek syndrome**

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

### Seek treatment before returning to school

**Impetigo**

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

**Ringworm**

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

**Scarlet fever**

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

**Chickenpox**

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### Keep them off (at first)

**Ear infection**

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

**Measles**

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

**Vomiting & diarrhoea**

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

**Feeling worried or anxious:** It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

# What's happened at Wigmore...

## Acorn Class

This week in Nursery, we have been enjoying our story Pip and the Poppy, which linked in nicely with Remembrance Day and gave us lots of opportunities to talk about remembering those who have helped us. In maths, we have been learning all about 3D shapes, exploring their names and different properties. The children have enjoyed looking for shapes and talking about what makes them different. Our Acorn children have also started learning their Nativity songs, which is getting us all excited for Christmas

## Oak Class

Another wonderful week in Oak Class! This week we have continued to explore the story 'Traction Man'. Reception children have enjoyed writing CVC words to describe the story and Year 1 children have written some amazing sentences. In mathematics, Reception have been exploring the composition of different numbers. Year 1 children have been writing subtraction sentences for numbers within one hundred using a part-part whole model. We had a great science lesson on Tuesday looking for different birds and a lovely PE lesson learning an under the sea dance sequence!

Have a great weekend.

There will be no Forest School this coming Friday.

## Willow Class

Another busy week of learning in Year 4. In English, we began exploring our new class book, The Great Kapok Tree. We used the front cover, title and illustrations to make predictions about what we thought the story might be about. We have also identified the key features needed to write our own fictional stories, including setting descriptions, character development and exciting plot ideas. In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of column addition, focusing on calculations that require more than one exchange. We have also been practising subtraction and applying our skills to a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions.
In Science lessons, we became investigators as we planned an experiment to discover how to create the most successful string telephone. We discussed how to make our test fair and made predictions about which distance would allow messages to be heard most clearly. In Geography, we have been learning about the different layers of the rainforest. The children were fascinated by the wide variety of animals and plants found in each layer and were particularly surprised by some of the creatures that live on the forest floor.

## Elm Class

What a wonderful week we have had in Elm Class! We have loved reading The Magic Box poem and using it as inspiration to write our own contrasting poems. The children thought carefully about what they would keep inside their magical boxes and what they would look like, sharing some wonderfully imaginative ideas. In PE, we enjoyed buzzing like busy bees, creating our own dances and working together creatively! We have also learned about the importance of Remembrance Day, exploring what the poppy represents and why people wear it. The children showed great curiosity, creativity and respect throughout the week.

## Cherry Class

We have had a great week in Cherry Class. We have been looking at features of persuasion in English , and the children have planned a speech to persuade the people of Pompeii to leave before Mount Vesuvius erupts! In maths, we have been dividing using the short (bus stop) method which the children have a got to grips with well. We had a great science lesson on Wednesday, where the children tested various surfaces to see how the force of friction was affected when a shoe was pulled along it. We also started our geography topic all about the Alps and located them on a map finding all the countries they run through.

## Laurel Class

Laurel Class have had another brilliant week! In English, the children have been planning their firework poems, exploring exciting vocabulary and thinking carefully about how to include features such as alliteration and onomatopoeia. In maths, we have been learning to measure and compare lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres, as well as converting between these units. In science, Laurel Class have been investigating how reflective different materials are and have enjoyed testing a variety of materials to find out which were the most reflective! In gymnastics, the children have practised a range of shape jumps, focusing on control, balance and safe landings. In art, the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their Ancient Egyptian scrolls and have shown great creativity in their designs. A fantastic week for Laurel Class!

## Sycamore Class

This week in Year 6, we have developed our understanding of the long multiplication method in Maths, building confidence and accuracy when solving increasingly challenging calculations. In English, we have focused on editing and revising our work, ensuring that our writing creates the picture we intended our readers to have in their minds. The children have shown great determination when improving their writing and responding to feedback. Children are enjoying our whole-class reading book, Skellig, which has already captured the children's imagination and sparked some thoughtful discussions.

# What's happening at Wigmore...

| Class Assembly Dates | | | |
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| Term | Class | Date | Time |
| Spring i | Laurel Class (Y3) | 10.02.27 | @ 9:00 |
| Spring ii | Willow Class (Y4) | 17.03.27 | @ 9:00 |
| Summer i | Cherry (Y5) | 19.05.27 | @ 9:00 |
| Summer ii | Oak Class (YR/1) | 14.07.27 | @ 9:00 |

well done!

Well done to all the runners from KS2 that took part in Running Club at lunchtime!

| Results (Top 5 Girls and Boys) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Steffan H | 1 | Freya W |
| 2 | Dima M | 2 | Otti W |
| 3 | Alfie C | 3 | Martha G |
| 4 | Mostyn G | 4 | Nuala D |
| 5 | Henry M | 5 | Elsie M |

DON'T FORGET

Cherry Class, don't forget swimming is every Friday.

Willow Class, don't forget Forest School is every Wednesday.

Acorn and Oak Class, don't forget that Forest School is every Friday.




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




Y1: Jem
Y2: Hudson
Y3: Stanley
Y4: Advit
Y5: Ollie
Y6: Nuala

# What's on at Wigmore...

## Week Commencing 16th November 2026

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| Monday | Hama Bead Club (Group 2) - Darts Club - Odd Socks Day |
| Tuesday | Lego Club - Hockey Club - Quicksticks Hockey Tournament |
| Wednesday | YN/R/1 (Oak) Road Safety Walk |
| Thursday | Multiskills Club - Football Club - Netball Club - Orchestra Club |
| Friday | Cheerleading Club - Y5 Swimming |

| | NOVEMBER |
|---|---|
| 16.11.26 | Odd Socks Day |
| 17.11.26 | Quicksticks Hockey Tournament |
| 18.11.26 | YN/R/1 (Oak) Road Safety Walk |
| 20.11.26 | Children In Need (dress as Pudsey Bear or Joe Wicks!) |
| 20.11.26 | School Nurse Friendship Assembly |
| 26.11.26 | Whole School Flu Vaccinations |
| | **DECEMBER** |
| 03.12.26 | Christmas DISCO! |
| 03.12.26 | Y5/6 Football Tournament |
| 09.12.26 | YN/R/1/2 Nativity @ 14:00 and 17:00 |
| 11.12.26 | Christmas Lunch |
| 11.12.26 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 14.12.26 | Whole School to watch WHS Cinderella |
| 15.12.26 | Whole School Trip to Ludlow Theatre |
| 16.12.26 | KS2 Carol Concert at WHS @ 18:00 |
| 17.12.26 | Whole School Rudolf Run |
| 18.12.26 | Last Day of Term |

# 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 ensure that children keep to the path and/or pavement on arrival or when leaving school to respect our neighbours' properties. Thank you.



## 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.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Herefordshire Council

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Reception admissions for 2027-2028

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2027
(to commence September 2027)

Applications can be completed from
**14 September 2026** online
(scan QR code) or visit:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or **schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk**

# Wigmore Noticeboard

20th November

BBC Children in Need

Let's make a difference!

## Wigmore Primary School

# Dress up as Joe Wicks or Pudsey Bear!




£1 Donation

## Join us for a Pudsey Run to raise money!

Come dressed as Joe Wicks or Pudsey Bear ready to run for Children in Need!