

Friday 19th June 2026

Wigmore Weekly



Our school value of the month: Friendship

British Values: Mutual Respect, Tolerance and Democracy

Quote of the Week: It's so much more friendly with two. Pooh Bear by A.A. Milne

Star of the Week



Acorn: Dominic
Oak: Bobbie
Elm: Brooke L
Laurel: Raife
Willow: Elise
Cherry: Kyle
Sycamore: Sofia



Well done to everyone involved in the cricket on Monday!

Value of the Week



Acorn: Wren
Oak: Esmae
Elm: Poppy
Laurel: Henri
Willow: Jack
Cherry: Layla
Sycamore: Jaxon

Laurel Class had a BRILLIANT time at their sleepover last Friday. It has been a joy to hear all the memories that come from these moments. We also had some really wonderful feedback from FlipOut about Laurel Class (well done!):

Your school group was such a pleasure to host – super polite, considerate, prepared, simply delightful – THANK YOU!

This week, some girls in KS2 took part in the Y5/Y6 cricket tournament with great success! All the children were superb with 2 of our teams playing one another in the final! Both of these teams will progress to the grand final in a few weeks time. Good luck to our Y3/Y4 teams that are playing cricket today!

Class of the Week

Laurel Class!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rebecca Williams - Head of School



Attendance Corner

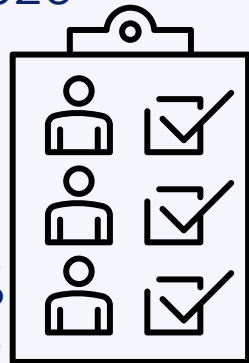


If your child misses...	That equates to...	Which is...	and over 7 years at primary school that is....
1 day per fortnight or 90% attendance	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	28 weeks - more than 2 whole school terms!
1 day per week or 80% attendance	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	56 weeks - more than 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 19th June 2026

Oak	98.1%
Elm	96.0%
Laurel	98.6%
Willow	94.8%
Cherry	96.6%
Sycamore	99.6%



Congratulations SYCAMORE 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.

What's happening at Wigmore...



Class Assembly Dates

Term	Class	Date	Time
Summer ii	Oak Class (YR/1)	09.07.26	@ 9:00

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

Laurel Class, don't forget Forest School is every Wednesday this half term.

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

DON'T FORGET

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](#).

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Finn Fish Challenge!



Laurel Class were invited to a Y9 geography lesson at WHS to create earthquake proof buildings using marshmallows and spaghetti!



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



Y1: Coady
Y2: Stanley
Y3: Ted

Y4: Sammy
Y5: Seth
Y6: Emily

What's on at Wigmore...



Week Commencing 22nd June 2026

Monday	Rounders - Y5/Y6 Cricket Festival
Tuesday	Grow and Create - Cricket - R/1 (Oak) Swimming
Wednesday	Y3 (Laurel) Forest School - Darts - New YR Transition Afternoon - Y4 History Trip - Y5 Taster Day @ WHS
Thursday	Build, Make and Play - Hockey
Friday	YN/R/1 (Acorn and Oak) Forest School - Dance - Clubs End

	JUNE
22.06.26	Y5/Y6 Cricket Festival
24.06.26	Y4 History Trip
24.06.26	Y5 Taster Day @ WHS
26.06.26	Clubs End
29.06.26	WPS Sports Week!
29.06.26	Y6 Production @ 18:00
30.06.26	Y6 Production @ 18:00
	JULY
02.07.26	Y6 Intake Day @ WHS
03.07.26	WPS Sports Day
07.07.26	YR Reports
07.07.26	Y1-Y6 Parents' Evening
08.07.26	Y1-Y6 Parents' Evening
09.07.26	Silent Disco!
10.07.26	EYFS/KS1 Barry Island Trip
09.07.26	YR/1 Class Assembly @ 9:00
16.07.26	Y6 Leavers Assembly and Picnic (14:00 - 17:00)

What's happened at Wigmore...



Acorn Class

A wonderful week in Acorn Class! This week we have been learning about our new focus story 'Owl Babies' and taking part in activities linked to the book. The children explored the characters feelings throughout the story, helping them to recognise and discuss different emotions. As part of our topic on growth and change, we looked at some baby photos and talked about how babies change as they grow. In maths, we have been exploring the concepts of heavy and light using the balance scales. The children compared objects from around the classroom, predicted which items would be heavier or lighter and tested their ideas. Our older children had an exciting transition afternoon in Oak Class, where they enjoyed exploring their new classroom and having fun with different activities. They came back full of excitement! Have a lovely weekend!

Oak Class

Another great week in Oak Class. This week we have completed our descriptions of a fabulous pie linked to our class story. The children had lots of incredible ideas and used ambitious vocabulary. In maths, Reception children have been exploring odd and even numbers. Year 1 children have been learning all about money. We had a lovely science lesson on Monday learning all about the seasons and a wonderful time on Thursday practising for Sports Day!

Elm Class

What a super week in Elm Class! We have enjoyed writing instructions about 'How to Catch a Star' and even included some top tips. In maths, the Year 2 children have shown great perseverance when learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and have made great progress from the beginning of the week. We learnt about the importance of having good hygiene in science and enjoyed using Glogel to test our handwashing skills! We have also had great fun looking at some photos of the children when they were younger and discussing how they have all changed. Have a lovely weekend!

Laurel Class

Laurel Class have had a fantastic week! Looking back to last week, the children had the best time at Flip Out and at the School Sleepover! The children all represented the school incredibly well and they even managed to get some sleep! During our maths lessons this week, Laurel Class have been learning to add and subtract fractions. In English, they have been writing a setting descriptions about the Grotto from our class text. In science, Laurel Class have been comparing the nutrients in different foods and have presented their results using a bar model. On Monday, we had the wonderful opportunity to visit the High School for a geography lesson all about earthquakes! Towards the end of term, Laurel Class are going to be making their own castles out of cereal boxes. If the children could please bring in any empty cereal boxes to use, that would be fantastic (the more the better)!

Willow Class

In English, we have begun writing our exciting chapter based on Diagon Alley. The children have focused on using fronted adverbials to add detail and interest to their sentences, as well as ensuring they use inverted commas correctly when writing speech. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering mixed number fractions. The class has shown great determination in developing their understanding and applying their skills to correctly sequence fractions of different values. In PE on Wednesday, we enjoyed a fun and active session playing cricket. The children worked on understanding the rules of the game and demonstrated teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. In Music, we learned about the famous singer-songwriter Dolly Parton. The class explored her life, achievements, and contributions to music, gaining an appreciation for her lasting influence. Another fantastic week.

Cherry Class

We have had a busy few days in Cherry Class. We looked at gestation periods in science where children ordered the animals with the shortest and longest gestation periods. In maths, we have been looking at angles: measuring angles, drawing angles and finding angles on a straight line and in English we have been revisiting sentence types and speech punctuation. In Geography we continued to look at deserts and used google maps to locate the largest deserts in each continent. **Homework: Maths Pg. 66 English: Pg. 5**

Sycamore Class

This week, a group of girls from Sycamore (and other classes) represented the school brilliantly at the Year 6 Girls' Cricket Qualifiers. An incredible two of our three teams qualified for the county finals, with only four teams progressing to this stage of the competition.

The children have also been working hard to polish their dance routines for The Wizard of Oz, and the performance is really starting to come together.

Please remember to submit ticket requests and return any outstanding forms relating to the Year 6 leavers' events. Have a great 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.

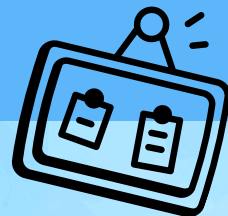
Please note, toys/cards are not allowed in school as part of our school policy. Thank you for your support with this.



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.



We are looking forward to one of our favourite times in the year - Sports Week!
29/06/26 - 03/07/26

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YN Acorn			Soft Play		Sports Day @ 13:00 All Welcome ! (more information to follow)
YR/1 Oak	Climbing Wall	Swimming g			
Y1/2 Elm		Bowling			
Y3 Laurel			Forest School	Trampoli ning	
Y4 Willow	Golf			Roller Skating	
Y5 Cherry					
Y6 Sycamore	Ice Skating	Shrewsb ury Town			
	Skiing				

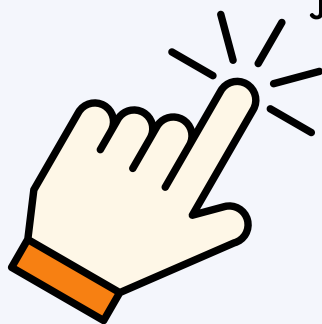


Thinking of booking a holiday?

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.

Find the latest Herefordshire SEND Newsletter [here](#).





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PTA

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

The PTA is delighted to announce our next fundraising focus: updating and refreshing our school library. A vibrant and welcoming library plays a vital role in inspiring a love of reading and supporting learning across the school. With your support, we hope to purchase new furniture and books that reflect our pupils' interests and encourage a lifelong enjoyment of reading and

To help raise funds, we warmly invite all families to join us for a family picnic after Sports Day on FRIDAY 3rd July. Once the races are finished, bring along your own picnic, relax on the field and enjoy time together as part of our school community. There will be ice cream, refreshments and fun activities available, with all proceeds going directly towards the library fund. We are also excited that our school brass band will be performing, creating a wonderful atmosphere for the afternoon.

To help make this event a success, we kindly ask for raffle prize donations, which can be given to Mrs Edwards. We are also in urgent need of volunteers to help run the picnic and activities. Without enough support, the event will unfortunately not be able to go ahead.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact
PTA@wigmore.hereford.sch.uk or speak to a PTA member.
Thank you for your continued support—we hope to see you there!





PTA NEWS



We had our PTA meeting on Wednesday, and it was great to meet some new parents.

We discussed the upcoming Sports Day Spectacular on Friday 3rd July. After the sports events, we are encouraging families to bring a picnic and make an afternoon of it.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following stalls — the more volunteers, the better:

Bottle stall

Stocks

Jumble

Plant stall

Raffle

Tea, coffee and squash stall

Hook-a-duck

Possibly a lucky dip

We are also looking for talented face painters, as this is always a very popular stall. Ideally, we would like two people to help meet demand.

Oaker Wood will be running the bouncy castle and there will also be an ice cream van.

If you can offer any help, please contact Mrs Edwards or any member of the PTA. Thank you.





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.

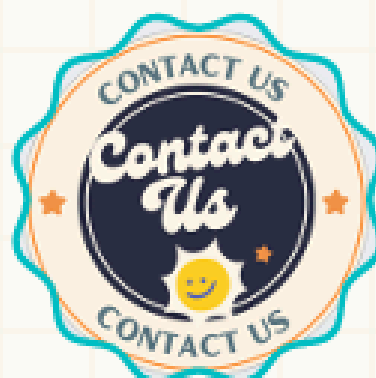


Who am I?

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:
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