

Friday 25th June 2026

# Wigmore Weekly



Our school value of the month: Friendship

British Values: Mutual Respect, Tolerance and Democracy

Quote of the Week: "What do we do when our hearts hurt?" asked the boy. "We wrap them with friendship, shared tears and time, till they wake hopeful and happy again." The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy

## Star of the Week



Acorn: Anja  
Oak: Luna  
Elm: Stanley  
Laurel: Everyone  
Willow: Addie  
Cherry: Hannes  
Sycamore: Eliot



Have you seen our new ship?  
We will be designing a new  
flag thinking of a name for our  
ship very soon!

## Value of the Week



Acorn: Hendrix  
Oak: Nora  
Elm: Dotty  
Laurel: Everyone  
Willow: Isla  
Cherry: Niamh  
Sycamore: Scarlet

Today we had the absolute pleasure of watching the Year 6 production of Wizard of Oz. It was truly fantastic and if you are watching the show on Monday or Tuesday, you are in for a treat! A huge thank you to all the families who have supported children with learning their lines. We are very grateful.

Next week we are delighted to be offering children the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sport. We are really looking forward to it! Further on in our newsletter, are details relating to Sports Day on Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## Class of the Week

Everyone!

Rebecca Williams - Head of School



# Attendance Corner

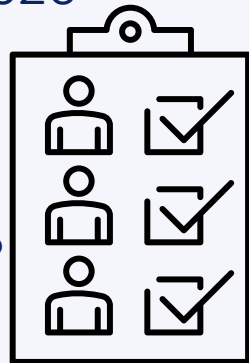


| If your child misses...               | That equates to... | Which is...       | and over 7 years at primary school that is.... |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1 day per fortnight or 90% attendance | 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 26th June 2026

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Oak      | 90.8%  |
| Elm      | 91.3%  |
| Laurel   | 88.1%  |
| Willow   | 90.21% |
| Cherry   | 85.8%  |
| Sycamore | 92.1%  |



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!



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



Y1: Poppy  
Y2: Christopher  
Y3: Ted

Y4: Ollie  
Y5: Alfie  
Y6: Daisy

# What's on at Wigmore...



## Week Commencing 29th June 2026

|           |                                                                     |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | Y5 Ice Skating - Y6 Skiing - Y6 Production                          |
| Tuesday   | R/1 (Oak) Swimming - Y5/Y6 Cricket - Bowling - Y6 Production        |
| Wednesday | Y3 (Laurel) Forest School - New YR Transition Afternoon - Soft Play |
| Thursday  | Y3 Trampolining - Y4 Roller Skating                                 |
| Friday    | Sports Day! - PTA Family Picnic                                     |

|          | JUNE                                           |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| 29.06.26 | WPS Sports Week!                               |
| 29.06.26 | Y6 Production @ 18:00                          |
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|          | 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

Acorn Class have had a super week! We have been diving into our focus story, 'What the Ladybird Heard', which has inspired lots of talk, exploring the characters and joining in with the animal sounds. The children have enjoyed making their own ladybird creations. In maths, the children have been busy exploring and comparing the length of objects around the classroom. We have also been practising our races ready for sports day next week. One of the highlights of our week was releasing our beautiful butterflies after watching them grow and change. The children have coped incredibly well with the hot weather, showing wonderful resilience. With plenty of shade and cool activities they have adapted beautifully and we are very proud of them! Have a lovely weekend! Please ensure your child brings a hat and labelled bottle of sunscreen to nursery next week.

## Oak Class

Another amazing week in Oak Class. This week the children have shown lots of determination when completing their assessments. The adults have been very proud of the children's work. In mathematics, Reception have continued to explore number bonds for numbers within ten. Year 1 children have been learning all about money and different coins. We had a lovely DT lesson on Monday getting ready to make our boats and a wonderful time at swimming on Tuesday. Have a great weekend



## Elm Class

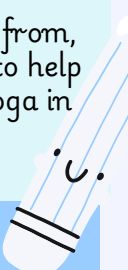
What a wonderful but hot week in Elm Class! The Year 2 children have written incredible versions of the first chapter of 'The Enormous Crocodile' even including inverted commas for direct speech. We are excited to share these with the Year 1 children too. Elm Class also had a fantastic time making pinch pots using clay and we were impressed with their detailed designs. We have also enjoyed continuing to read 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' which continues to make us chuckle!



## Willow Class

We've had a lovely week in Willow Class, despite the extreme heat! The children have worked incredibly hard completing a range of assessments, and I have been so impressed with the fantastic progress everyone has made. In English, we have finished our chapters on Diagon Alley and the children have produced some super work using all the features of direct speech. Their writing is becoming increasingly detailed and engaging.

In Geography, we explored where our food comes from, thinking carefully about the choices we can make to help protect the environment. We also enjoyed some yoga in PE on Tuesday. Well done to everyone for their continued effort this week. Have a lovely weekend!



## Cherry Class

Despite feeling very hot and sticky this week, the children have still worked hard in Cherry Class, particularly when completing their assessments. They enjoyed their taster day on Wednesday at Wigmore High School where they took part in a range of fun lessons: creating rainbow chemical reactions in science, designing a new school for the year 2050 in D.T and taking part in a dance workshop. We have also continued to explore desert features in Geography and understand how these features were formed.

**Homework- Only spelling this week**

## Laurel Class

Laurel Class have had a brilliant week! Despite the heat, the children have all been excellent in the classroom and have been working super hard! With lots of water bottle refills and by finding all the shady spots, we have managed to try and stay as cool as possible! In maths, Laurel Class have been applying their knowledge of adding and subtracting fractions to a variety of problem-solving questions. In science, the children have been learning about the parts of a plant and as a class, we have dissected a lily! In history, the children have been learning about the discovery of Skara Brae and what has been learnt about this period of time as a result. Another wonderful week for Laurel Class! I hope you all have the very best weekend!



## Sycamore Class

Thank you to everyone who has persevered through the hot weather this week. The children have worked incredibly hard rehearsing our production of The Wizard of Oz; we cannot wait to perform it for parents on Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June at 6:00pm (children should be dropped off at 5:30pm).

We are extremely proud of the enthusiasm, commitment and teamwork the children have shown throughout rehearsals and we look forward to sharing the finished performance with you.

Have a wonderful weekend!





## Sports Day!

We'd love for you to join us on Sports Day to cheer on the children. Sports Day will start at 12:45 (with Acorn Class) and the rest of the school will start at 13:00 .

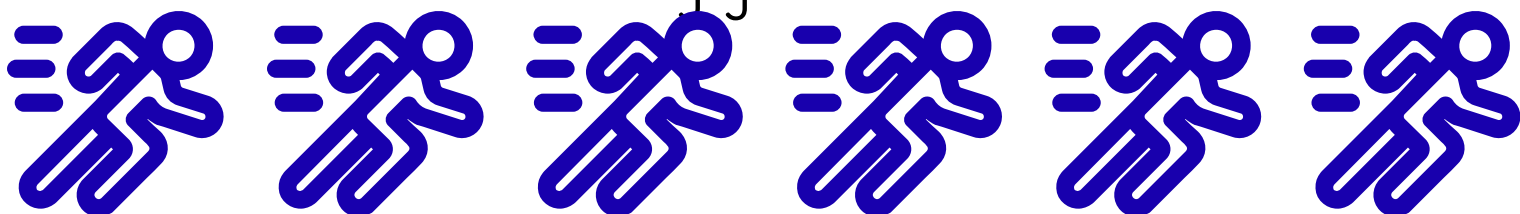
Please do not arrive on site before 12:40. Please adhere to the boundaries set out which will be on one side of the track. This will be for parents, carers and families. Do bring a rug or similar if you wish. Pupils will sit in their classes opposite and will be asked not to go over to families as we do not want them to miss their races!

Please ensure your child is in school PE kit – navy shorts or skirt and white t-shirt as per our Uniform Policy. Please provide a hat, sun cream and water bottle if it is a sunny day.

Children will return to their classes at the end and will leave school from the playground as usual. Please notify the School Office if your child is going home with someone different or has different home time arrangements.

A reminder to not take photographs of this event in line with our school policy.

Many thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you there!





## 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.

# Wigmore Noticeboard



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<br>Acorn        |                  |              | Soft Play          |                   | Sports<br>Day @<br>13:00<br>All<br>Welcome<br>! (more<br>informati<br>on to<br>follow) |
| YR/1 Oak           | Climbing<br>Wall | Swimm<br>ing |                    |                   |                                                                                        |
| Y1/2 Elm           |                  | Bowling      |                    |                   |                                                                                        |
| Y3<br>Laurel       |                  |              | Forest<br>School   | Trampoli<br>ning  |                                                                                        |
| Y4<br>Willow       | Apparatus        |              | Golf               | Roller<br>Skating |                                                                                        |
| Y5<br>Cherry       |                  |              |                    |                   |                                                                                        |
| Y6<br>Sycamore     |                  | Skiing       |                    |                   |                                                                                        |
| Sporting<br>Events |                  | Y5/6 Cricket | Y3/Y4 School Games |                   |                                                                                        |





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](#).





## PTA SPORTS DAY PICNIC



We're looking forward to celebrating together with a fun PTA Picnic after Sports Day—and we hope you can all join us!



### After Sports Day Plans

Please collect your children as usual at the end of Sports Day. Once collected, you are warmly invited to stay and enjoy a picnic. You can either find a spot on the school field or use the tables in the playground.



### What's Happening?

We've got lots of exciting activities planned for everyone to enjoy:



Laura Delicious Dairy will be selling ice creams and sorbets



The PTA will be selling cold drinks



A raffle with great prizes



A bouncy castle



Stocks (if we can persuade some brave staff to take part!)



A Treat Friday stall



A brass band performance



A special dance performance from Izzy School of Dance



### Cake Donations Welcome!

We would be very grateful for any cake donations to help make the event extra special. If you are able to contribute, please bring donations in on Friday morning—homemade or shop-bought are both very welcome!

We can't wait to see you there for a relaxed, fun-filled afternoon after Sports Day. Thank you for your support in making this a lovely community event!

The PTA Team



# Wigmore Noticeboard





## 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](mailto:schoolnurse.service@nhs.net)  
01432 363940  
Or me directly via:  
[grace.coultras@wvt.nhs.uk](mailto:grace.coultras@wvt.nhs.uk)  
07815 707507







# When they come with big questions, think Togetherness.

## Understanding your child in a changing world

Children are growing up with pressures many of us didn't face in the same way. Social media, AI, gaming, friendships, climate change, growing independence, these can all feel like big conversations with no clear answers. Togetherness is a hand to hold throughout your parenting journey. Using ideas from psychology their new pathway 'Understanding your child in a changing world' won't tell you what to do but can give you some ideas on ways to care for your family's emotional health while navigating these complex issues.

Start your learning journey on [www.togetherness.co.uk/herefordshire](http://www.togetherness.co.uk/herefordshire) and use the code APPLEHERE for free access.

**togetherness.co.uk**



# Wigmore High School presents

*A School production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd.*



## 7th 8th 9th July

Doors open at 5.30pm, Curtain up at 6.00pm

# CATS

## Young Actors Edition

**Tickets** subject to availability (includes refreshments)

**£8.00 pre-booked adult or £10.00 on the door.**

**£5.00 child**

Purchase tickets here:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/wigmore-school>

or scan the QR code

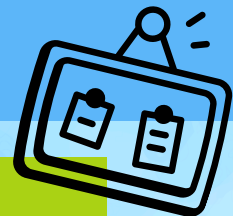


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Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber based on 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats'  
by T.S. Eliot

Orchestrations by David Cullen & Andrew Lloyd Webber Original production  
by Cameron Mackintosh Ltd. and The Really Useful Group Ltd.

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## SUMMER EVENTS AT LAR



### FILMS

Happy Feet (PG)

Toy Story 5 (PG)

Minions & Monsters (PG)

WALL-E (U)

The Greatest Showman (PG)

### HISTORY

**Mammoths & Ludlow Art Collection**

Tue 25 Aug, 10am & Wed 26 Aug, 10am

Venue: Shropshire Museums

Collections Centre @ Ludlow Library

### THEATRE

**Jack and the Beanstalk (Sort Of)**

Sat 8 Aug, 11am & 2pm

**Super Great Kids Storytelling with**

**Jason Buck Sat 29 Aug, 11am**

### WORKSHOPS

**Summer Reading Challenge**

**Footnotes Tue 28 Jul, 11am**

**Robotics Tue 18 Aug, 11am**

**Sing It Tue 25 Aug, 11am**



More information and booking:  
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