

# Wellow School

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

This week, we were lucky enough to welcome Ranger Jim into school. He led an engaging whole-school assembly all about National Parks and why it is so important that we protect these special places for future generations.

Following the assembly, each class took part in a workshop where they discovered more about how to care for the birds and animals that live in our local area. The children learned about the importance of protecting natural habitats and the positive actions we can all take to help wildlife thrive.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came away with a greater understanding of how we can all play our part in looking after the environment.

A big thank you to Ranger Jim for sharing his knowledge and inspiring us to become champions for nature!

### Follow the New Forest code

The New Forest is a unique place with rare wildlife and free-roaming livestock. Thank you for helping us care for this special place by following the simple New Forest code:

**Keep your distance from the animals – don't feed or touch them**

**Keep dogs under control. Don't let dogs approach or chase any animals**

**Stick to the permitted cycle tracks**

**Take home litter and dog waste**

**Park only in car parks**

**Drive with care – animals on the road!**

**No fires or barbecues**

**No wild camping**

**Help wildlife by keeping to the main tracks**



## Reminders/To note

- The staff car park is closed to parents from 8:15am until 4:30pm
- Don't forget to book your parents evening slot
- We have been informed of more cases of headlice in school, please can we kindly ask you to check your child's hair

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. Anyone can make a referral.

At Wellow Primary School, Mrs Larcombe is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Bodman, Miss Pasotti and Mrs McQueen are the Deputy DSLs. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern.

# ATTENDANCE

*Attend today, achieve tomorrow...*

| This week... |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Reception    | 95.16% |
| Year One     | 93.21% |
| Year Two     | 93.57% |
| Year Three   | 96.77% |
| Year Four    | 95.81% |
| Year Five    | 91.94% |
| Year Six     | 97.59% |

This week's attendance

**94.88 %**

We are aiming for at least

**96.10 %**

Unauthorised absences this year

**74 days**

of learning have been lost  
this year because of  
unauthorised absences

## Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe

Your commitment to preparedness, kindness, and responsibility sets a shining example for others and contributes to a positive and supportive environment.

This week's shining examples are:

Year 1 - Thea  
Year 2 - Jack  
Year 3 - Iris  
Year 4 - Beau  
Year 5 - Layla  
Year 6 - Elena



**WELLOW**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED OUR  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised...**£187.37**  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 **SCHOLASTIC**

 **Places  
Leisure**  
Part of Places for People

**FREE  
October  
Half Term  
Stage 1  
Swimming Lesson  
Taster Sessions**



 **Stage 1 lessons throughout  
October half term**

**26th October–1st November 2026**

 **NO  
JOINING FEE**

**Book onto a taster lesson  
during half term and get no  
joining fee**

**26th October–1st November 2026**

 **Book from 19th  
October with  
reception**



 **Christmas  
Cards designs  
are coming  
home!**

Look out for your child's Christmas card proof in their book bag this afternoon. If you would like to order, please do so **before 29<sup>th</sup> October**, as early orders earn the school a higher rate of commission.

Thank you for your support.

# Diary Dates

Remember you can link your own calendar to sync with the school dates at  
<https://www.wellow.hants.sch.uk/Calendar/>

## October

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Parents evening  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Y2 Outdoor learning  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Parents evening  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Y3 Animation day

## **Half Term**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

## November

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 and 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival (selected children only)  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Wellow Fireworks  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Multiplication check meeting  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Children in need  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Bikeability  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Y5/6 Girls Football competition **CANCELLED**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Individual photo's  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Odd socks day  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Bikeability  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Y1/2 Multi Skills Festival (selected children only)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Y5/6 Hockey Festival

## December

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Winchester Cathedral Christmas Concert  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y6 SATs meeting  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year R Nativity  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Y5/6 Basketball competition (selected children only)  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 & 2 Nativity  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper day  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 & 2 Nativity  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Stories with Santa  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas lunch  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas parties in class

## **Christmas Holidays**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027

## January

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Inset day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 & 5/6 Sports hall athletics (selected children only)  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 Football league night 1 (selected children only)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Young Voices  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 Football league night 2 (selected children only)

\*All sporting competitions are held at The Mountbatten School unless stated otherwise. All will be communicated via email to those children that have been selected to take part (due to limited spaces).