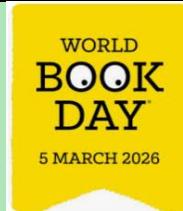




Head teacher's Roundup Friday 13th February 2026



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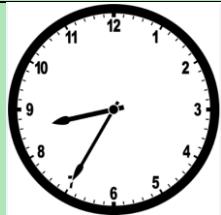
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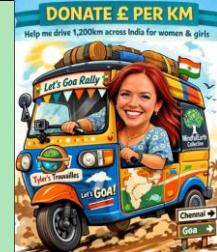


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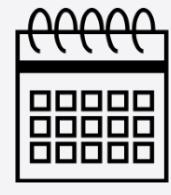
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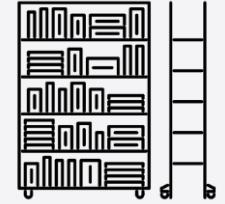
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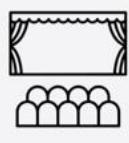


A huge thank you to all our families and friends for supporting us this half term – particularly through our broken boiler crisis!

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in school for our book look this Wednesday. We always consider ourselves fortunate to have such a supportive community.

We are particularly grateful to members of our Wyton School Community Association, who have given up so much of their time to put on some great events in school this half term, including our Nerf Wars last night.

We are grateful that the warmer weather is approaching, since our boilers are beyond repair and the Local Authority have agreed to replace them. Although this will take longer than we would have hoped, we can manage until the replacement process is completed with the help of the many radiators we have borrowed to keep our main learning areas warm. I would like to say how amazingly resilient and sensible our children have been through this period and to thank parents for ensuring that they send their children in with enough sensible clothing in to enable them to make the most of their school day.



We hope you will join us for our special poetry performance assembly at 9.15am on World Book Day!

We are looking forward to holding our whole school poetry performance to celebrate World Book Day again on Thursday 5th March.

All classes from Reception to Year 6 will be sharing a poem they have studied with you, our lovely audience.

Our performance assembly will begin at 9.15am.

As in previous years, in celebration of the power and joy of books, we are asking children to send in a photo of themselves reading their books - if they would like to – via my email address (head@wyton.cambs.sch.uk). These will be shared in the assembly.

On World Book Day, children will also be invited to bring their favourite book into school to read with a partner and to dress as a character from a book they love – if they wish.



Sadly, we must say goodbye to the fantastic Mrs. Parkinson at the end of the Spring term, as she leaves us to start her next adventure...

As I always say, we are fortunate here at Wyton to have so many talented and caring staff members and Mrs Parkinson is definitely one of those.

Although she has not been with us for long, Mrs Parkinson has made a hugely positive impact.

Though we will miss her, we are proud to have been part of Mrs Parkinson's journey as she embarks on a new full-time role advising on best practice in settings across the country.

We are delighted that Mrs Palmer, who joined us after Christmas to cover Mrs Pugh's maternity leave in our EYFS class, has agreed to take on Mrs Parkinson's hours when she leaves in March until Mrs Pugh returns in the summer term.

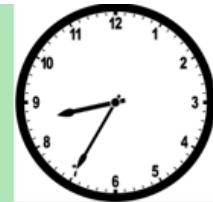


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Regular attendance in primary school is crucial because it directly links to higher academic attainment, with 95–100% attendance increasing the odds of meeting age-related standards in reading, writing, and maths by 30%. It builds essential routines, strengthens social friendships, supports mental health, and ensures children do not fall behind, ultimately creating better future, educational, and economic opportunities.

In addition – as our children will tell you – all school-aged children in the UK have a right to access the benefits of an education under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

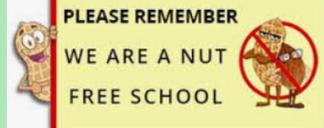
In line with guidance from the DfE and our Local Authority, we will be sending home letters after half term to the parents of pupils with attendance currently under 91% to inform them that their children's attendance data will be open to review by our Local Authority Attendance Officer and to offer a meeting with senior leaders to discuss ways in which our school can support them to remove any barriers to their children's full-time attendance.



Just a reminder that our school day begins at 8.35am and that the gates are locked shortly after.

Please could we ask that children arrive in school for 8:35am or no more than a few minutes after. If your child arrives after the gates have been locked, they can come into school and register via the School Office at the front of the school.

Unfortunately, arrival after the registration period affects children's attendance percentages and accounts for a significant amount of lost learning time.



We currently have several children with severe nut allergies in school. Please do not send in food items labelled 'May contain peanuts'.

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, in order to ensure the safety of all our children in school - particularly those with life-threatening peanut allergies - we operate a 'Nut-Free Policy' and ask that all pupils, staff, parents and carers adhere to it.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts – including pistachio nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts.

We understand that many foods that do not contain nuts as an ingredient but which are manufactured in factories where nuts are used

can often be labelled 'May contain nuts' or 'May contain trace of nuts'. In fact, it is quite difficult to avoid these!

However, if your child brings in a snack or packed-lunch item which is clearly made from nuts or has the label '**May contain peanuts' (specifically)**, a member of staff will gently remind them about our nut-free policy, designed to keep everybody safe and will replace their snack with a nut-free item such as fruit or crackers. In this case, the child's original snack along with a reminder slip.



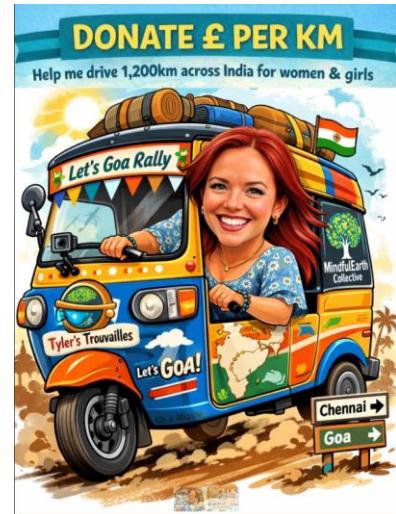
Please remember to book After School Club places for Friday in advance.

Although we prefer all our After School Club bookings are made in advance, parents are still able to book 'on the day' for After School Club places from Monday to Thursday.

However, we are no longer able to offer the same service on Fridays.

This is because our take up on Friday afternoons is lower and we have reduced staffing in accordance with the numbers who have pre-booked in order to make the Friday sessions financially viable.

You can still book ad hoc Friday sessions five days in advance.



Some of you may know me as Miss Bennett (I'm a supply teacher at Wyton and have taught all of the students at some point over my time here). This year, I'm taking on a charity challenge: driving a rickshaw over 1,200km across India as part of a fundraising rally.

I'm fundraising to support projects that help improve access to education, wellbeing and support for women and girls; values that strongly reflect what we encourage in school every day: resilience, courage and kindness.

If you are able, I would be incredibly grateful for any support. My goal is to raise £1200 to reflect £ per kilometre of my journey, finishing on International Women's Day on 8th March and every contribution — no matter the size — makes a real difference.

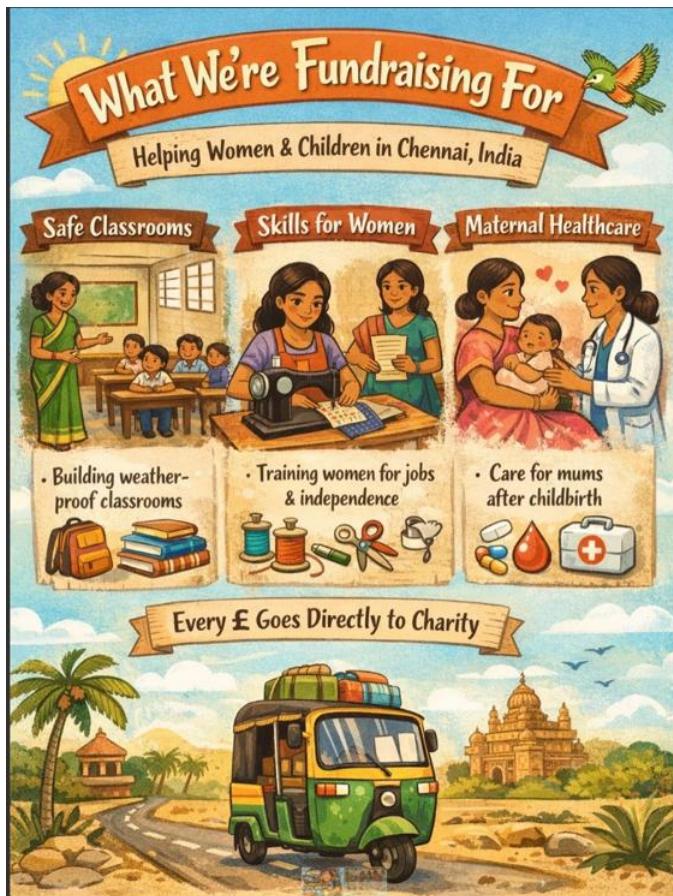
Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and for the continued support you show our school community.

Donation link: <https://gofund.me/02875f507>

*Many thanks,
Miss Bennett*

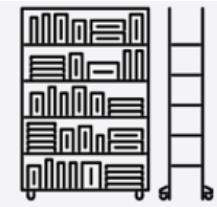


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WSCAs Events upcoming this half term:

- Fri 13th March – Film Night, 6:30-8:15pm
- Sat 9th May – Race Night, 6:30-9pm
- Sat 20th June – Summer Fayre, 12-3pm



Local Library opening times...

Don't forget that our local libraries are open again this year (opening times below) and don't forget that the mobile library service stops at Wyton on the Hill, on the main road just outside the school on the 3rd Wednesday of every month between 3.05pm and 3.40pm.

For details on how to access the mobile library service, please use this link:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/mobile-libraries>

St Ives Library:

Opening time notes

Closed on bank holidays.

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Monday:	9.30am – 7pm
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Wednesday:	9.30am – 5pm
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Friday:	9.30am – 5pm
Saturday:	9.30am – 4pm
Sunday:	Closed

Availability: All Year

For further information, including directions, please visit:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/st-ives-library>

Huntingdon Library:

Opening time notes

Closed on bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

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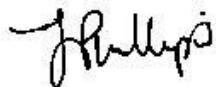
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For further information about other local libraries, please follow this link:
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And finally...

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, concerns or suggestions you may have regarding any aspect of school life. I am always happy to meet via telephone, Zoom or in person – or you can always catch me on the playground first thing every morning.

Best wishes,



Jo Phillips (Head Teacher)