

# The LWPS Weekly Bulletin

Week Commencing Monday 10th February 2025

## Headteachers Comment

Dear Families,

Another week has flown by and it has been great to see children getting so involved in their learning. I am pleased to say that the number of children arriving late to school has decreased since the start of term and this has had a noticeably positive impact in the classroom. When children are in school on time, they are able to get settled alongside their peers and they can access all of the learning opportunities they are being offered. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school by 8.45am. All attendance is monitored regularly as we know how important this is for a child to thrive socially, emotionally and academically. Our school starts at 8.45am each day. If a child arrives 5 mins late each day, they will have missed nearly 2 hours learning over the course of a month. This shows just how crucial every minute is. If you do have any concerns regarding your child's attendance that you would like our support in tackling, please do contact the school office and a member of the staff team will get in touch.

I would also like to draw your attention to some dates towards the end of this newsletter. My conversations with parents/carers have led me to understand that you would welcome the opportunity to find out more about your child's learning. With this in mind, we have planned some afternoons where we would love to invite you into your child's classroom for an informal session. Once in your child's class, you will be able to sit with your child, have a look at their books and see some of the work they have done over the last couple of months. We hope this time will give you the opportunity to talk to your child about what learning they found tricky, what they enjoyed most and also the pieces of which they are most proud. These informal afternoon sessions will then be followed up a few weeks later with parent/teacher consultations and you will of course be asked to book these nearer the time. We have shared the dates for these at the end of the newsletter in case it helps you with your planning. We hope that both these approaches will enable you to feel informed about your child's learning and also feel confident about how you can support him/her at home.

Finally, Miss Shaw (teacher in Woodpeckers Class on Mondays and Tuesdays) will shortly be having a planned medical procedure and will need to have some time away from school in order to recover. This means that, after the half term holiday, Years 1 and 2 will be taught by Mrs Clark at the start of every week and then Mrs McHarg will continue to be in the class for the second half of the week. Mrs Clark is an experienced teacher and I am pleased to say she is already a familiar face to the children as she has covered the class at points during this term as a supply teacher. Miss Shaw will be absent for the second half of the spring term but we are looking forward to her return after the Easter holidays.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Griffiths  
(Headteacher)



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## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (3rd - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025)

When we take notice of ourselves and how we feel, we are able to make better choices and be more connected with our feelings and behaviours.

Noticing these things can help us recognise when we need support. Sometimes we can feel like we are in the middle of a tussle of emotions: – feeling joy, then sad, angry and jealous, all at the same time! In Inside Out, Sadness asks Joy if she can go down into the memory pool with her. Joy takes Sadness' hand into hers and says to her friend, "Of course! Remember Sadness, wherever I go, you go too."

These emotions help us to understand ourselves better – what we like and dislike, where we feel comfortable and where we are scared. Getting to know yourself and each other is a wonderful way to grow, make connections and support others.

In school, staff work in a variety of ways to support pupils with learning about their emotions. For example, in PSHE lessons teachers help pupils learn strategies for managing positive mental health and we also offer more targeted pastoral support through 1:1 ELSA sessions.



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### WINFRITH SITE PLAY AREA

We have recently conducted Health & Safety reviews around aspects of our school sites and I therefore wanted to share with you some aspects from our current risk assessments to do with the play area on the Winfrith school site. Lots of families wait in this area for children to arrive in the minibus after school. I would ask that **children of any age are only allowed to use the play equipment if they are being supervised by their parent/carer**. During school hours, pupils will only be able to use the equipment when supervised by staff members and this is why we are unable to let unsupervised play continue either before or after school. I am aware that some key stage 2 pupils wait in this area before the start of the school day for the minibus so would be grateful if you could please remind your child/ren of this expectation.

You will also be aware that there is a dry stone wall in this area and we have noted some bricks are becoming loose which is making it more dangerous. **It is unsafe to climb on the wall and I would therefore remind all families that children are not allowed to sit, stand or walk along this wall**. The Spiritual Garden is currently taped off because the area needs clearing before it can be used safely. Again, we would appreciate your help in ensuring children do not go into this area. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.



### LULWORTH PLAYGROUND AREA

We have made some amendments to enable a smoother transition for our Lulworth pupils to move from the school building to the minibus at the end of the school day. This means there will no longer be a staff member waiting on the playground at the end of the day. Teachers will see pupils out to parents/carers at 3.15pm and children waiting for the minibus will be inside the building being supervised by staff until their transport arrives. **All other pupils therefore need to either be collected by adults at 3.15pm** or, if they have been granted permission on Arbor, walk home independently. **No pupils will be able to remain on the playground unsupervised after 3.15pm** so we would ask for your support in ensuring your child is collected from school by the end of the school day.

### AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS (LULWORTH)

An email was sent out earlier this week informing you that the KS2 sports clubs are to resume after half term. These clubs will commence from Monday 24th February 2025 and are six weekly sessions booked directly with District Sports South. Please refer to the letter within the email sent with details on how to book.



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## Schedule of Events

Month	Event	Agreed Time/Date	Location
February	Last day before Half Term Pupils and staff return Informal Open Classroom to share learning books with your child	Friday 14th @ 3.15pm Monday 24th @8.45am Tuesday 25th @ 2.45pm to 3.15pm Wednesday 26th @ 2.45pm to 3.15pm	Lulworth children ONLY Winfrith children ONLY
March	World Book Day Parent/Teacher Consultations	Thursday 6th Week Commencing 17th (See next page for details)	
April	Easter Service	Wednesday 2nd (Time TBC)	Holy Trinity Church, Lulworth

## Afterschool Sports Clubs (KS2 ONLY. Lulworth. 3.15pm to 4.30pm)

Activity/Coach	Day
Quidditch with Tom	Monday
Dance with Connor	Tuesday
Hockey with Stuart	Thursday

## PE Timetable

**NO CHANGE**



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### Parents Evening: Week Commencing 17th March 2025

Class & Teacher	Date	Time	Location
<b>ROBINS</b> M Williams	Monday 17th	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Winfrith
	Wednesday 19th	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Winfrith
<b>WOODPECKERS</b> L McHarg	Tuesday 18th	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Winfrith
	Wednesday 19th	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Winfrith
<b>BINDON</b> H Stopforth	Monday 17th	3.30pm to 5.50pm	Lulworth
	Tuesday 18th	3.30pm to 5.50pm	Lulworth
<b>HAMBURY</b> H Cameron	Monday 17th	3.20pm to 5pm	Lulworth
<b>HAMBURY</b> S Collins	Wednesday 19th	3.20pm to 5.15pm	Lulworth
<b>WORBARROW</b> M Leeming	Tuesday 18th	3.30pm to 5.50pm	Lulworth
	Wednesday 19th	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Lulworth

