



## Important Dates:

**28th January**

Rainbow Friday

(Wear something colorful with school uniform.)

**28th January**

Give your views about Parent Consultations.

**28th January 9.30am**

Parent Support Group  
(email [Mrs Champion](mailto:Mrs.Champion@wickfordprimary.uk))

**31st January 10.30am**

PTA AGM

**1st February**

Yr5/6 Football Team Match

**2nd February**

Valentine's Lunch poster competition.

**8th February**

Yr 5/6 Football Team Match

**10th February**

Yr 5 Braintree Museum

**11th February**

Y6 Visit to Memorial Park  
(parent helpers required)

**11th February**

Valentine's Lunch  
(special menu)

**17th February**

Consultation Deadline

**14th - 18th February**

Half Term

**22nd February**

Yr 6 African Drumming & Dance Workshop

**To be confirmed:**

**w/b 21st February**

Y6 Parent Consultations

**w/b 21st March**

FS Parent Consultations

**w/b 28th March**

Y1-5 Parent Consultations

## Window Replacement

The window replacement at upper school begins on Monday (24th Jan).

Until further notice, 3AY and all year 5 children need to come into school via the year 3 quad door. 4SR need to enter and exit via the year 4 front door. At the end of the day, 5BK and 5KH will come out of their fire door onto the back playground but 5SB and 3AY will exit via the year 3 door as their windows are being replaced first.

## Chinese New Year

To enrich our curriculum, we are looking for volunteers to come into school over the next two weeks to talk to

our children about Chinese new year. If you, or anyone in your family, celebrate this festival and would be willing to share your experiences, it would really bring learning to life for our children.

Please contact your child's class teacher or the school office. Thank you.



## Attendance Letters

Children will bring home attendance letters next week. In response to parent feedback, you will notice that the letter has changed. Whilst we recognise that Covid may have had an impact on children's attendance, we have a duty to inform parents and carers of this information every term.

If you would like further support from school, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you prefer, you can make an appointment to talk to our learning mentor, Mrs Champion, or one of the leadership team via the school office (Mr Baker Y1, 2 & 3; Mr Appleby Y4, 5 & 6, Mrs Randall FS or Mrs Ramet).

Alternatively, you may find useful information [here](#) or guidance from ECC [here](#).



## Road Safety



We were delighted yesterday when the highway maintenance team turned up to repaint the zebra crossing and other road markings outside school.

## Proposed Federation Consultation

If you have any comments about the proposal for WPS to federate with Beauchamps High School, please remember to make them by **17th February**. Click here to [email](#).

## Themed Lunch Competition

On **Friday 11th February** we will be having a special Valentine's themed lunch. The dessert for this day will be special cookies and cupcakes. We would like to invite children to design a poster which will be displayed around the school advertising the special lunch. Entries need to be returned to class teachers by **Wednesday 2nd February** and must include the following in the design:

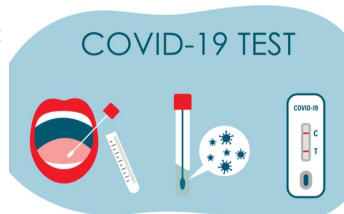


- Valentine Theme
- Date Friday 11th February
- Cookies & Cupcakes



### Covid PCR Tests & Isolation

Reminder: asymptomatic children who test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD) do not need to take a confirmatory PCR test but must immediately isolate. The result should be reported to NHS Test and Trace and school.



On day 5 and 6, they should take an LFD test. If both of these are negative, children can return to school on day 6.

If your child has symptoms, then a PCR test is still necessary.

We have had confirmed cases this week in the following classes: **Ladybirds, 1RV, 2LQ, 3YF, 4AH, 5BK, 5KH, 5SB, 6CG, 6SY**. Children from these classes should carry out daily LFD tests for 7 days after receiving the letter.

### PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Do you love taking part in social events? Are you good at finances? Are you a great communicator? If so, our PTA needs you! We are looking to form a PTA as soon as possible so that we are ready to start fundraising in the Summer term.

We need to fill a number of roles including chair, treasurer and secretary. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact the school office by Monday 24th. We will then hold an AGM meeting on **Monday 31st January at 10.30am** to discuss the roles further and vote in new members.

A zoom link will be sent out to parents nearer the time. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Parent Consultations

We are in the process of planning meetings for this term and would like to survey parent & carer opinions about the arrangements for these.

If you have a preference about time of day and whether face-to-face or virtual, please complete the survey [here](#) by **Friday 28th January**.

### Outside Achievements

**Lily Anne Wilkins 4SR** - has passed stage 4 in swimming and her 20m badge.

**Paige Wilkins 1RV** - has passed Stage 3 in swimming and her 10m badge.

**Sophie Conoley 6DB**—has completed her swimming lessons and completed stage 10.

**Hallie Nugent BB** — has won her Duckling swimming badge.



### Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We have received [this](#) thank you letter from Essex Youth Service. These generous gifts had a huge, positive impact on vulnerable children and young people from deprived areas and made what can be a really hard time of year for some, a better experience.



### Tuition Update

Fortunately we have been able to secure another tutor so more tuition will be starting next week; some will take place during the school day and others after school. Letters have been sent to the parents & carers of the children

### Y5 & 6 Football Team

Matches are being played on 1st & 8th February, so no training after school.

### Virtual Parent Support Group Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am

***Parenting can be rewarding but challenging at times!***

Our virtual parent support group is a great way to meet other parents for emotional and practical support.

It is hosted by Mrs Champion our Learning Mentor who will be there to provide practical ideas that help. Please email [Mrs Champion](#) if you would like to join.

**FS:** Beau Sargent, Grace Bailey

**Year 1:** Noah Taverger, Isla Nicholls

**Year 2:** Ernie Sharp, Lily-Hope Briggs

**Year 3:** Emma Harper, Mila Wall, Eva Rufai

**Year 4:** Lily-Louise Field, Lyla Uddin, Kiamil Mehmet

**Year 5:** Lucas Keauffling, Isla Bird, Phoebe Gray & Alfie Pearce

**Year 6:** Sophia Baker, Sophie Hassall, Mia Key, Ruby Stevens, Asher Lanigan



## PE Days



**Week 2**

There are 2 PE lessons each week.

<b>Monday</b>	Y2, 4AH, 4TS
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y2, Y4 Y5, Y6 Swimming
<b>Wednesday</b>	FS, Y1, Y3
<b>Thursday</b>	Y3, Y6, 4SR
<b>Friday</b>	Y1, Y5

### Whole School Attendance

**94%**

### Weekly Winning Class

**4TS 99%**

(w/e 14/1/22)