

Newsletter – 21.3.25

School Council:

News from School Council

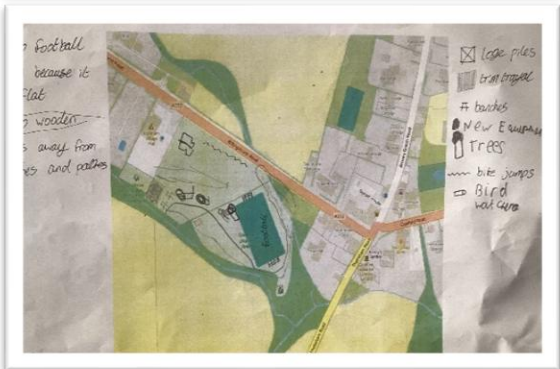
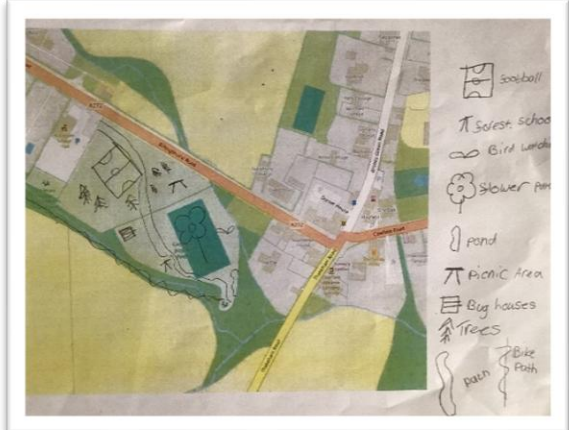
Greener Shipley delivered an assembly this week all about the Coolham Playing Field Project. They gathered our ideas about how the playing fields could be made even better.

It was fantastic that they wanted to speak to us and for us to be invited to have a say. We were able to share ideas and think what children would like to see. We agreed that it could be made more wild-life friendly and can't wait to hear more news about this exciting project! School council have put together some ideas that we would like to see as a school and hope that we can enjoy the area much more when it is complete! It can be a great place for the school to use during school or after school to meet our friends.

This relates to the UNICEF Children's rights

Article 12: Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and have their views taken seriously.

Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children.



Forest School

Remember that children will be going out in all weathers and that they will potentially get muddy even if it is not raining so please send them into school with a **change of clothes** including sturdy footwear, long sleeved tops, fleeces and waterproofs. Sessions are on **Wednesday afternoon** on the following dates:

Class	Date
Fry Class	26.03.25
Fry Class	02.04.25

JBB and Cadbury Class will have sessions in the Summer term from June after the half term holiday.



Macbeth Production in JBB



Lennon writes:

The production of Macbeth by JBB Class is outstanding. The main star is George Baker, the best actor in William Penn's history who is accompanied by the young actor, Bethany Kerry. Providing extra support to the main stars are: Jenson Roberts, Ava Dancy and Indie Lobow – playing the three witches. Andrew Nyadzo and Lennon Hicks play Banquo and Malcolm.

The dark and bloody story about power and ambition by William Shakespeare was published in 1606. It is a massive challenge bringing the Bard's work to life but there is so much respect from the cast for this script. The modern adaptation of Shakespearean language makes his words easier to understand. Definitely watch till the end as there is a surprise worth waiting for! To conclude, I really do recommend watching this production. Congratulations to JBB! In my opinion, this is five stars. You can watch it on the whole school Google Classroom.

Attendance matters

Class attendance this academic year:

Year group	7.3.25
Year R	93.9%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	94.6%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	96.3%
Whole school	94.6%

We have been hit by Chicken Pox along with some other nasty winter bugs. Consequently, in a small school where every child's attendance impacts the overall data, this has meant that we have dropped by 0.1% to 94.6%. As the weather warms up and colds, flus and respiratory illnesses decrease, we will be able to work together to aim for 95% next term.

Attendance Ladder



PTA News:

THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 3.15pm

SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA TICKETS and SPRING THEMED NON-UNIFORM
(IN EXCHANGE FOR A CAKE PER FAMILY OR £1)

Spring themed non-uniform day - anything that reminds you of spring, so we look forward to seeing lots of colourful outfits! Please bring a cake donation per family or £1 donation in exchange for non-uniform day on Thursday 3rd April.

Spring Hunt 3.15pm - can you find all the clues hidden around the school to claim a prize from the 'Prize Shop'? Straight after school, grab your clue sheet and start hunting around the school!
All welcome to include siblings not at William Penn!

£2 a child (please book your space on [Classlist https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1251420666](https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1251420666)).

Join us for the spring hunt and end of term Spring treats: refreshments (tea, coffee and hot chocolate), cakes, biscuits, uniform Sale and Usborne Book Fair!!

Please speak to Mrs Constable if you have any financial concerns as we would like to make sure every child can be included.



SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

- **OWN CLOTHES DAY:** Wear your own clothes to our Spring Extravaganza!
- Spring colours, flowery clothes/accessories, spring animals.....
- Prizes will be given to the most creative 'Spring' outfit for each year group.
- Please can we ask for cake/biscuit donations to sell after school. (Bring them in on the morning of the 3rd at drop off please)

AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS

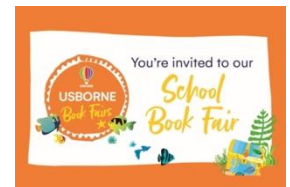
SPRING HUNT:

- Can you find the clues hidden around school and solve the secret word? Choose a prize from the PRIZE SHOP when you have finished!
- Purchase your 'hunt ticket' on Class list.
- £2 per child - siblings welcome.
- Parents to support children please.



USBORNE BOOK FAIR:

- Come and take a look at the lovely books Nikki has brought in and shared with the children.
- Books will be available to purchase after school.



UNIFORM SALE:

- Do you need new uniform ready for the warmer months?
- Come along to the uniform sale on the playground.



CAKE & BISCUIT SALE & HOT DRINKS

- A selection of cakes, biscuits and hot drinks will be available to buy on the playground.

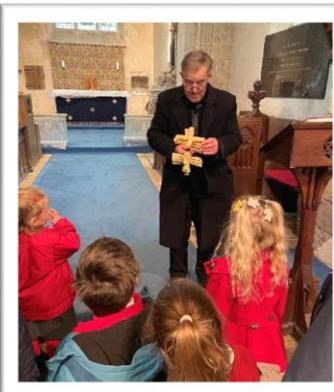


WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL!

Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly

We were very lucky last week to be joined by Darren Sanders and Ben Cornelius who came in to explain their faith as Jehovah Witnesses in a very informative assembly. Layla and Pippa helped out as they answered important questions like: why don't they celebrate Christmas and birthdays?

Children also watched a couple of really informative videos from their jw.org website – that has been translated into 1,100 languages!



Cadbury visit to Shipley Church

It was a pleasure to join Rev. Chris Allen at Shipley Church this week. Rev. Allen was able to show the children around the beautiful church and talk to them about any questions they had. Rev. Allen discussed why Christians celebrate Easter and why Easter is such a special time for Christians.

Weald Book Awards

Spencer and Lennon:

On Tuesday 11th March, Year 6 attended the Weald Book Awards. There were six books that had been selected this year for children to read and create responses to. The authors of these books talked about how they had come up with ideas for their stories. They were mainly English teachers this year. Children from 8 schools got to ask them questions about their childhoods and what inspired them. They then handed out certificates for the winning work the children had entered: All the boys won for their rap and came second for their trailer; Andrew won the new book cover and Oscar for his caught reading photograph. The book that won overall was Skylar and the K-Pop Headteacher written by Luan Goldie.

It was a great experience. We even got our books signed by the authors.

Football Competition at the Weald

Jenson and Andrew:

On Wednesday 19th March, 9 children went to participate in a football tournament against six other schools at the Weald. Although we came 5th, we all had a great time. We were the only team to beat the winning team from Barns Green. Thank you, Mr Phillips – we loved going to play and represent William Penn.



14.3.25	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Summer For working so hard on her phonics this week. She has been able to use all her sounds independently on the writing table Well done!	Felicia What a great week! You listen, learn and are hungry for information. Your handwriting is BEAUTIFUL!	Gracie For some fantastic, independent maths. You made equal groups with different numbers of counters and had fun counting in different amounts. Well Done!	Connor For trying your hardest to stay focused on the task in hand. It has been great to see you taking a mature attitude to your learning. Keep it up Connor!	Fabien For working hard on your presentation this week. We are proud of your efforts in all subjects and it is lovely to see you being proud of your hard work too! Well done Fabo!	Indie For applying yourself when writing your review of the class production of Macbeth. You have already started to sound like a top West-End critic! Well done!	Andrew For supporting your classmates in maths this week. You are always eager to help others once you have finished your own work to a very high standard. Good job!
Lunchtime Stars	Lilly for eating beautifully and making a fantastic effort with her lunch!			Tiffany for helping Miss Thomas all week with the chairs for lunch, setting a GREAT example!			

21.3.25	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Delfina – You have shown such positive attitude towards your learning. Approaching new tasks with a ‘can do’ attitude! Well done.	Kingsley You have had a great week of listening, asking questions and learning. I have been really pleased with your writing!	Zachary You are great at focussing! Some amazing learning this week – especially your writing which is really getting better! Wow!	Jimmy For having the most brilliant week. You have worked so hard and been a superstar in class. Keep it up!	Arlo For having a great week. When things have got tough, you have powered through. Great attitude! Well done Arlo!	Ollie For making a real effort with your handwriting. ALL of your letters are suitably sized! Well done Ollie.	Oliver For finding your inner resilience during English and Hooked on Books this week. You initially found the task difficult, but managed to turn it around. Keep this attitude up!
Lunchtime Stars	Beaux For looking after her younger peers at lunchtime and setting a really good example of how to behave whilst eating lunch.			Violet (Y3) For sitting beautifully every lunchtime and being a superstar by helping to tidy the chairs away in the hall.			

Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Oliver W for receiving his second belt (purple) in his Mixed Martial Arts class.

Well done to Spencer, who has been practising hard and competing with Atlantis Swimming Club. He came 4th out of 13. Excellent effort!

Congratulations to Harry for completing his Stage 4 and William, his Stage 2 swimming classes and receiving badges and certificates. William had to dive down 2 metres to retrieve items from the pool floor!

Well done to Lola who has passed her Stage 3 swimming and has moved up to stage 4!

Well done Marnie L and Elena for completing Stage 3 and Stage 1 in gymnastics by listening well and working hard on their beam, bar and floor work.

In the Eat them to defeat them campaign, congratulations to Pippa, Layla S, James, Gracie and Arthur for managing to devour those veggies. Layla even tried tomatoes!

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail office@williampenn.co.uk.



March 2025	
25 th and 27 th	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.30pm-6pm. Booking Via MCAS
April 2025	
3 rd	PTA Spring Extravaganza: 3:15pm Spring themed non school uniform
4 th	Whole school Singing Concert: 1:00pm Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
22 nd	Summer Term commences
30 th	Class photographs
May 2025	
5 th	Bank Holiday
w/o 12 th	Test Week for Years 5&6
23 rd	May Day Celebration and family picnic: 12:00pm
26 th – 30 th	Half term
June 2025	
4 th	Welcome Meeting for new parents 7pm
5 th	New intake taster sessions 1:00 – 3:00pm
6 th	May Day Celebration Rain Off 1.30pm
12 th	New intake taster sessions 9:00 – 11:00am
27 th	Sports Day 1.30pm
July 2025	
4 th	Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm
6 th	Horsham Children's Parade
13 th	PTA Summer Fayre NEW DATE
14 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
16 th	KS2 Leavers disco: 3:30 – 4:30. Year 6 Pizza and award ceremony: 4:30 – 5:30
TBC	Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol
18 th	William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly: 1:00pm Last day of term: 1:30pm finish
21 st	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
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