

# Weald News



## Term 3 Week 1

Happy new year to you all - although it does seem a distant memory that we moved into 2026.

It has been a fantastic start to the term with children coming back eager to learn, and the school is once again full of fun and activity. At today's assembly I shared how impressed I had been at the behaviours and attitudes this week and may it continue

### Extension to Forest school

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> January, we now have the lease for the field at the back of Forest school. This is an area of just under 0.5 acres with the field and surrounding trees. We will need to do some maintenance before full time use but I believe this will be an asset for both sport and outdoor education.

### Gamelan Workshop

I shared at the start of December year 5 heading to Sevenoaks for a Gamelan workshop, it was year 4s chance this week. Gamelan is the traditional ensemble music of the Javanese, Sundanese, and Balinese peoples of Indonesia, made up predominantly of percussive instruments. The children had the chance to try different instruments and produce a musical performance together, a great opportunity and some musical fun in the first week back.

### Snack reminders

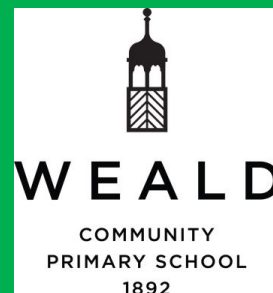
We still continue to see lots of rubbish being left around the site and a lot of the packets and wrappers. Could I ask again that children follow the rule of a healthy snack at break time, this supports their own understanding of healthy eating but also will mean less food wrappers and a reduction in rubbish, thank you. Well done to those children who have been litter picking in their break and lunch times supporting the environment.

### Through the classes

**Year 6** – The theme for this terms PSHE topic is 'The Same but Different.' The children have been using the game 'Guess Who' to understand how many things we all have in common but what also makes us unique. The children in Neptune have started the book 'Jemmy Button', which allows for lots of critical thinking. It was the first week of swimming for the year 6 children, a national curriculum requirement is that children at the end of year 6 should be able to swim 25m unaided, and it was great to see so many confident swimmers who will achieve this goal.



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## Term 3 Week 1 - continued

**Year 5** – Year 5 have been out in the wet and cold this week down to forest school. It was worth it though, as they tried their hand at making catapults. In English Mars class have started a book with about space and Aliens, this has led to some interesting discussions about space and whether there is life on other planets. The class were also back in the swing of tricky Maths, continuing to work on long multiplication.

**Year 4** – Jupiter continue where they left off in History, talking about the Romans, however, this is the end of the Roman Empire and why they left and who came after. In science they began their topic on teeth. **How do you know if a tooth is successful at school? ..... It has a little plaque!** Sorry.

In English the class have been writing what might be the fear for a mouse, based on the book Little Mouse's big book of fears. Some of the writing has already made it onto our wow wall.

**Year 3** – The children have enjoyed having Mr Barter back and have been working hard. They begun their Art and DT rotation at Sevenoaks school yesterday with the children creating pots with Clay in Art and designing model planes in DT. In topic they also have moved onto Anglo Saxon settlers.

**Year 1/2** – Saturn class have been deep in reading this week, listening to the tales of Beatrix Potter this has led to some fantastic writing about the characters they have encountered. They have also started their local history topic on Sevenoaks, looking at how it has changed.

**Pluto:** Pluto class have been enjoying learning about planting this week, with their new topic 'Beautiful creatures'. A hardy bunch the reception children, still in the outside area playing and enjoying being back.

### Awards

Although only the first week back, there has been lots of fantastic learning in school this week, the headteachers award winners this week were. Ava in Year R, Joseph in year 1, Reuben in year 3, Mia in year 4, Cleo in year 5 and Travis in year 6

'Wow work' of the week. For outstanding pieces of work - well done to Angelique in year 2, Wilbur in Year 3, Ivy, Rory, Molly and Xander in Year 4 and Bethany in year 5

Have a great weekend

Best wishes

*Mr Taylor*

### Up and coming events:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Autor visit  
KS2

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 trip  
to Bore Place

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Debating  
Competition at Sevenoaks school.

