

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



JANUARY 2025

Children at the heart of all we do!

This Newsletter can be accessed on our School website:

www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year 2025 and welcome to the Spring term at Wilbury School. We hope you had a restful break and enjoyed the children's shows and performances last month. Thank you to everyone who attended – we raised almost £471 from the Friends of Wilbury collections at our Christmas assemblies, the raffle and carol singing so **thank you** to everyone who contributed. Our KS1 concerts raised £130 (Year 1) and £162 (Year 2) which will go towards the children's trips next year.

EARLY YEARS APPLICATIONS: The online portal for early years applications for next September 2025 is still open. This will close for Reception on 13th January and for Nursery on the 10th February, so please ensure you apply in time if your child is of the relevant age. Please contact the school office if you are having any problems with an application.

EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY: 2025

ALL WELCOME – drop in session – no need to book

9.30 – 11.00 am - **Thursday 16th January**

EARLY ARRIVAL: Please note that children should not be arriving for school early and sitting in the shelter unsupervised. It is cold and dark, especially at this time of year, and the school gates do not open until 8.35 am. Before this time children are still the responsibility of the parent or carer and if required you can book your child in to breakfast club by contacting the school office. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE – THIS IS NOT A DROP-IN CLUB.**

Daily rates for breakfast club as follows:

- 7.45 arrival: £3.00
- 8.00 arrival: £2.00

SCHOOL UNIFORM: in line with the other schools in our Trust, we have now transferred all our uniform sales to MAPAC the uniform providers. You can still place online orders which can either be delivered directly to your home address incurring a postage charge or have it delivered to the school without a postal charge. Deliveries are likely to be every two weeks so please bear this in mind when placing your orders. The complete range of uniform is available from MAPAC and is shown on their website – www.mapac.com/education/parents

NUT ALLEGIES: We are a healthy eating school and several of our children have severe nut allergies. Please **DO NOT** send any child into school with nut products (peanut butter, sesame seeds, nutella etc) or chocolates or biscuits and cakes containing nuts in their lunch boxes. Even the smell of these products can cause an allergic reaction to another child sitting nearby

PARENTS' EVENINGS: Parents' evenings this term are:

- **Wednesday 12th February** – 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.
- **Thursday 13th February** – 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Full details and booking information will be sent out in due course.

CURRICULUM STATEMENTS: These will be emailed to you later this week advising of the subjects the children will study this term.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: We have a small stock of used uniform that's been donated to the school – please contact the office if you would like to make use of this offer.



Friends of Wilbury

Wilbury Community

School Uniform: If your child has outgrown their uniform and it is still in good condition please donate this via the school office so that it can be 'rehomed'.

Donated uniform is available to collect from the office.

Felix Project - food deliveries are every Tuesday. If you would like to receive some items, please contact Mrs Mohamed. PLEASE BE AWARE - The Felix Project collects fresh, nutritious food from suppliers that cannot be sold. Please visit <https://thefelixproject.org/about/our-story> for more information

SMART PHONES: We would like to work together with parents to address the serious matter of online bullying and harassment on children's mental health and wellbeing in school. From the beginning of this term, if a child brings a smart phone to school, the phone will be confiscated by school staff and we will call the parent or carer to collect it. We will not hand it back to the child. Through this decisive action, we are sending a strong message to parents and children about the dangers of social media.

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send your child to school with a **plastic water** bottle showing their name – not a metal bottle.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE: ROAD SAFETY & Parking in Wilbury Way/ Weir Hall Road: Please remember that road safety is the responsibility of everyone and we must ensure all our children are safe at all times. **Please remember to park sensibly outside our school for the safety of all our children and DO NOT stop on the mini roundabout to drop off your child as this is extremely dangerous.** In consideration of our neighbours, please do not park across their driveways whether the car is there or not. If they have a dropped kerb you could be fined up to £250 if traffic wardens are in attendance and it is towed. **Always ensure you are never blocking emergency vehicle access.** Please keep well away from the bus stop area as this is very dangerous for children boarding or leaving the buses.

L. Wise (Mrs)
Headteacher

SEVERE WEATHER: Please note that if we experience severe weather conditions you can access our website for the latest school information.

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In the unlikely event that we have to close, signs will be placed on the school gates – gates into Nursery/yellow gates/Wilbury Way stating 'School is closed today'.

Information on our website will be transmitted as soon after 7.00 a.m. as possible.

If school is closed then there will not be any staff in school to take phone calls.

We will also try to text as early as possible, so please ensure that you have given us your updated contact numbers. Obviously I hope this will not happen—if school is open, we do expect all children to attend as usual.

DATES FOR YOUR JANUARY DIARY:



JANUARY:		
Monday`	6 th	School CLOSED – Staff training
Tuesday	7 th	School reopens: Nursery – Year 6
Monday	13 th	School reopens for TWOs, and Ducklings classes Classes 4B & 4F commence swimming lessons
Wednesday	15 th	Class 5C commence swimming lessons
Wednesday	22 nd	Reception & Year 6 – height & weight measurements
Monday	27 th	Reception classes audiology testing – 3 x am sessions
HALF TERM: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February		

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please register your child at the school if you would like to attend either club at any time.

Please be aware that we cannot accept children in the clubs as emergency child care.

Each child must be registered with all your contact details and given a regular place for health and safety as well as insurance reasons. We need to be fully staffed for the group in the club. All places must be paid for in advance via parentpay.

Breakfast Club now opens at 7.45 am

SCHOOL STREETS: Please be aware that our school is part of the School Streets scheme - this means you cannot drive through Weir Hall Road between **08.30 – 9.15 am and 2.45 – 3.30 p.m.**). The area covered is between Wilbury Way/Lansbury Avenue.

Our address is also included in the ULEZ extended charging zone.

The last day of the Spring Term is **Friday 4th April** when we close at **2.00 p.m.**

School Closure Dates: 2024/2025:

INSET DAYS: (Staff training)

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Monday 6th January 2025
- **Monday 24th February 2025**
- **Monday 21st July 2025**
- **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**