

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



FEBRUARY 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,

EARLY YEARS APPLICATIONS: The online portal for nursery applications for next September 2025 is still open. This will close 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.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025: This year's event will take place on **Thursday 6th March** and it would be lovely if all pupils (and adults) dress up as their favourite book character. Please ensure the outfit is safe and comfortable to wear in school all day. Children will receive a £1 book token.



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

EVACUATION REHEARSAL: We will be holding whole school evacuation rehearsals this week and next – one internal and one external - please reassure your child this is just a rehearsal to ensure everyone is aware of the process in case we ever needed a full scale evacuation.

HYGIENE INSPECTIONS: I am delighted to inform you that we were awarded the highest grade 5 on both our recent food inspections – After School Club and the food bank (Felix) project. These inspections were carried out by the local authority.

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. (Yr 6 2.00 pm start)

Booking details have now been emailed to you – please book early to avoid missing out on your preferred times. Please come and bring your child with you. The online booking service will close on 10th February – if you haven't booked an appointment at the time your child's classteacher will allocate the next available one to you. If you have booked online you will receive an automated reminder nearer the date and not a letter from the teacher.

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.



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

ASDA'S CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS: This has now closed, but I'm delighted to tell you that £225.36 was raised by parents and staff for our school. This will be paid into our Friends of Wilbury account for the benefit of the children.

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. 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.

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

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR FEBRUARY DIARY:



FEBRUARY:		
Monday	3 rd	3.45 pm: Powerleague: Boys final football matches
Thursday	6 th	Chicken Shed visit to Nursery
Wednesday	12 th	Parents Evening: 3.30 – 6.30 pm
Thursday	13 th	10.30 am KS1 Multi-sports at Lee Valley Parents Evenings: 3.30 – 5.30 pm LEARNING ROOM CLOSED Chicken Shed visit to Nursery
Monday	24 th	INSET DAY: Staff training – school closed
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**