

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



MARCH 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,

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents evenings last month – it was lovely to see so many parents and carers around the school. If you did not manage to see your child's teacher, please contact us and we will arrange this for you.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025: This year's event will take place next **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.



Year 1 will be holding a Story Café from 9.10 – 9.40 am in the Lower Hall.

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

LOST PROPERTY: Lost property will be on display on **Tuesday 1st April**, in the Dining Hall from 3.15 p.m.—so if your child has lost an item of clothing in the past term, please come and have a look. All items will then be disposed of.
PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES ARE NAMED.

TWO YEAR OLD PROVISION: The eligibility rules have now changed to extend to families where both parents are working. If you feel you may be eligible please contact the school office for further details. This would cover 15 hours per week/38 weeks term time – 3 hours per day over five days.

BAG-2-SCHOOL – We will be holding another bag-2-school day on **13th May** – please bring in any unwanted clothes shoes etc., in black bags by 9.00 a.m. on that day. The funds raised will be used by Friends of Wilbury towards trips and visits for the children next term.



DOWNS SYNDROME WORLD AWARENESS DAY – Friday 21st March we would once again like to raise awareness in school by wearing odd or colourful socks. Please encourage your child to take part.

NON-UNIFORM DAY: We will be holding another non-uniform day on **Wednesday 2nd April** – please pay £2 on parentpay in advance. These funds will go towards reducing the costs of school trips in the future and also for the updating and repair of our school play equipment in the playgrounds. We will also be selling doughnuts after school in the playgrounds.



Friends of Wilbury

Wilbury Community

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

LATYMER SCHOOL OPEN DAY: Current **Year 5** pupils – for entry in **September 2026** – please access Latymer’s website for all their admission details.

17th March 2025: Year 7 online applications opens.

1st May 2025: Year 5 open afternoon for prospective parents (timings tbc).

16th June 2025: Year 7 online application closes.

3rd, 6th and 7th September 2025: assessment test days.

CLASS DISRUPTIONS: Please try to avoid our having to disrupt classes by dropping off late lunches or jackets etc to classes during the school day. This causes disruption to all the children and the teachers. Please ensure your child has all they need for the day before they come to school.

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.

PUNCTUALITY: Several children are late arriving in class each day – this disrupts the whole class every time. Please ensure your child is on time every day ready to start lessons at the normal time.

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.

EASTER HOLIDAYS: We close for the Easter break on Friday 4th April at **2.00 p.m.** Please note the last day for **Ladybird and Puffins** Classes will be on Thursday 3rd April.

L. Wise (Mrs)
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR MARCH DIARY:



MARCH:		
Monday	3 rd	10.30 am: Advance Group Recorder Showcase – Millfield Theatre
Tuesday	4 th	8.40 am: Reception Classes parents meeting – Listen to your child read – EY Hall
Thursday	6 th	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character 9.10 – 9.40 am Year 1 Story Café Lower Hall
Thursday	13 th	Fluoride applications catch up
Monday	17 th	1.30 pm Football match (H) v St John & St James Primary
Wednesday	19 th	9.00 – 9.30 am Bookies & Cookies – Learning Room 2 parents and children
Friday	21 st	Chinese New Year Assembly Downs Syndrome Awareness – odd sock day 2025
Tuesday	1 st	Classes 3D & 3L at Epping Visitors Centre Lost Property display – 3.15 pm Dining Hall
Thursday	3 rd	Classes 3G & 3PH at Epping Visitors Centre Last day for Ladybird & Puffins Classes
LAST DAY OF TERM: Friday 4th April – school closes at 2.00 pm		

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.** We reopen after EASTER on **Tuesday 22nd April**, after the Easter Bank Holiday Monday.

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**