

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



JANUARY 2026

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 2026 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 £410 from the Friends of Wilbury collections at our Christmas assemblies and and carol singing so **thank you** to everyone who contributed. Our KS1 concerts raised £135 (Year 1) and £218 (Year 2) which will go towards the children's trips next year.

NEW PARENT GOVERNOR: We are delighted to advise you that **Paige Griffin** has now been elected as our new parent governor and we would like to welcome her to the governing body.

EARLY YEARS APPLICATIONS: The online portal for early years applications for next September 2026 is now open. This will close for Reception on 15th January and for Nursery on the 8th 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: 2026

ALL WELCOME – drop in session – no need to book
9.30 – 11.00 am - **Thursday 8th January**

PARENTS' EVENINGS: Parents' evenings this term are:

- **Wednesday 11th February** – 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.
- **Thursday 12th 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.

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.

SMART PHONES – A REMINDER: We 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.



Friends of Wilbury: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Grand Raffle either by buying tickets or helping out on the day. We raised over £1,029 which will all go towards the children's funds. In total we have raised £4,475.69 since September – a fantastic amount.

Wilbury Community

Felix Project - food deliveries are every Tuesday. If you would like to receive some items, please contact Mrs Mohamed. Produce will be available to collect from 3.15 pm by the yellow gates. **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

LOCAL ELECTIONS: Elections will be held in the borough on **Thursday 7th May** so school will be CLOSED on this day as the premises are used as a polling station.

Please add this date to your diary.

SPARE CLOTHES: Welfare have a severe shortage of spare clothes for children how may need a change of clothes during the day. If you are given clothes please wash them and return them as soon as you can. If possible please provide a spare set for your child which can be left in their locker in case they are needed. Please ensure all their clothes are named.

NUTS & ALLERGIES: 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.

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send your child to school with a **plastic water** bottle showing their name.

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 JANUARY DIARY:



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Monday	5 th	INSET DAY – School CLOSED
Tuesday	6 th	School Re-opens
Wednesday	7 th	TWOS reopens – Toucans and Puffin Classes
Thursday	8 th	9.30 – 11.00 am - Early Years open day - - drop in session
Monday	12 th	Ducklings Class opens – pm sessions
Tuesday	20 th	Boccia tournament Lee Valley
Friday	26 th	Year 4 history workshops – Romans in Britain Time
Thursday	29 th	Year 5 history workshops – Viking Life Time

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 – After School Club closes at 5.30 pm

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 27th March** when we close

at **2.00 p.m.**

School Closure Dates: 2025/2026:

INSET DAYS: (Staff training)

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 (T)

Friday, 3rd July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

School Closure:

Polling Day – Thursday 7th May