

A Happy New Year to all our families as we start the new term in 2026. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and restful holiday.



Everyone has settled back in well to the term here at Wymondley in spite of the icy weather and freezing temperatures making it seem less than inviting to head outside at times! We are endeavouring to give children the opportunity for fresh air at break times when this is possible - thank you for the good response to our request earlier this week to provide additional outdoor shoes in case the play is on the field during the wintry weather.



The teachers began the school year at HfL's Big INSET conference in Harpenden on Monday, which was a great opportunity to focus on assessment for learning and talk with staff from other schools to share ideas.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our termly curriculum mornings, which will be held in the Life Learning Room straight after morning drop-off at 8:45am.

These meetings are for you to hear about the learning your child will be following in the Spring Term and how you might be able to engage their curiosity or further their learning at home. Partnership with parents is so valuable to us at Wymondley and we appreciate your attendance at these events.



Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.



Mrs Chadwick



Press release regarding our 75th anniversary coming soon...!



This month, we are collecting the following items for the charity 'Feed Up Warm Up':

- Carrier Bags
- Toilet Rolls
- Crisps
- Breakfast Bars
- Tinned Meals
- Baked Beans / Spaghetti Hoops
- Microwavable Rice
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauces

Please drop items into the library - thank you in advance!

Regular Reminders

We have a **pre-loved uniform** rail available in the school library that anyone can utilise free of charge however if you would like to make a donation, please use the QR code found on the rails.



Our uniform policy can be found on our website [HERE](#)

As per the national guidance, please ensure that if your child has suffered from any aspect of **vomiting or diarrhoea** that they stay away from school for at least **48 hours** from the last episode.



If your child is **absent** from school for any reason, please email: admin@wymondley.sch.uk or call 01438 354583 and leave a message on the absence line **by 9:15am**, daily.

Any non-urgent appointments should **not** be made during school time.



PE Days weekly for each class

- Puffins • Wed
- Toucans • Wed & Fri
- Peacocks • Mon & Wed
- Eagles • Mon & Wed



As our **school lunches** are cooked offsite, we have to provide our meal registers daily by 9:30am. If your child arrives after this time, please can you provide a packed lunch. Click [HERE](#) for the menu



Click [HERE](#) for the extra-curricular **club timetable** for Spring Term 1. Please make sure you sign your child up via Arbor for after school clubs.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 08:15-08:45					
Lunchtime 12:30-13:00	Sports Club (All Years) Mr Sinclair	Ukulele Club (Years 1-6) Mrs Chadwick Colouring/Craft Club (All Years) Mrs Payne	Sports Club (All Years) Mr Sinclair Card Trading Club (All Years) Mrs Chadwick		Buddy Club (Year 6 & Reception) Miss Chegwyn
After School 15:15-16:15	Sports Club (Years 3-6) Mr Sinclair	Young Voices Choir (Invite only) Mrs Chadwick	Sports Club (Reception & Year 1 & 2) Mr Sinclair	Homework Club (Eagles) Miss Linnert	



Community Resources

Click [HERE](#) for all the latest **community flyers**

Click [HERE](#) for all the latest **SEN & Wellbeing** resources

Hello, my name is

CATARINA ASKHAM

I am an educational mental health practitioner. This means I help children and young people with their mental health.



ALL ABOUT ME

FUN FACTS:

1. I am tall - 5'10"
2. My favourite food is chocolate & pasta (not together!)
3. I love pretty much every sport, but I played basketball growing up
4. I have tons of nicknames from my friends and family

MY PET



My pet cat is called Egor. I adopted him from a rescue shelter in Romania. He is very cuddly and loves to play chase.

I work for the North Herts Mental Health Support Team and I love being able to support people with their mental health.

But, I know it can sometimes feel scary to meet me for the first time.

I hope this leaflet helps you get to know me and feel a bit less afraid.

MY FAVORITE COLORS:



Hello, I am Catarina Askham an Education Mental Health Practitioner within the NHS North Herts Mental Health Support Team (MHST). I work to provide evidence-based interventions to support children and young people with their mental health and wellbeing. In primary schools, I offer two different parent-led interventions which focus on supporting parents to help their children with behaviour difficulties or fears/worries. These interventions are usually 6-9 weeks in length with one session a week. If you feel this might be beneficial for you or your child, please speak with Ella Chegwyn (Wymondley JMI School's Mental Health Lead) to discuss further.

THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50% of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS
Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER
Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may overbalance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS
Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice they will be others around to raise the alarm and get help.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and gull yourself to the bank, you may find it easier to do this if you are carrying a child, wait for help and breathe, call 999, always keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for **'HELP'** and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

St@yWise

Is your child poorly this winter?

Don't ask 'Dr. Google' first.

Understand common symptoms in children and where to access care with our symptom checker this winter.



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NHS Trust

Friends of Wymondley

For FoW events, please book here: [PTA Events](#)



Weds 28th Jan
Drop off by 8.45am

Drop off location:
 Bike shed on main playground



September - December 2025 Fundraising Review



WELCOME BACK BAKE SALE	£152.64	XMAS ART	£126.99
GLOW DISCO	£462.79	CLOTHING DONATIONS	£175.10 INC £50 REFERRAL BONUS
£97.96 STIKINS	£12.50	SECRET SANTA	£149.79
CHRISTMAS FAIR	£660.60	PAINT & SIP	FIREWORKS £110.37
Donated: £770 - PANTO COACHES £220 - PANTOMIME INTERVAL TREATS £99 CHOCOLATE SANTA GIFTS		Total Fundraising for term: (after general costs) £2,066.71	



Puffins



We have had a fantastic first week back, filled with new sounds, clever counting, and a school-wide mystery!

The Mystery of the Missing Marble

This week, our literacy focus was the beautiful book "It Fell from the Sky." In a strange twist of fate, the "Wonder from the Sky" (our very own marble) vanished from the classroom!

The Puffins were straight on the case. We spent a busy afternoon:

- Designing Missing Posters: Using our best mark-making and drawing skills.
- Hunting High and Low: Exploring every nook and cranny of the school.
- The Big Interview: Students turned into little detectives, questioning adults and children across the school to gather clues.



The Result: After a long and tireless investigation, we found some mysterious clues and finally discovered the culprit! Ask your little detective at home if they can tell you who it was...



In our Phonics sessions, we have been busy mastering four new digraphs "two letters that make one sound":

- ai (tail in the rain)
- ee (sheep in a jeep)
- igh (a light in the night)
- oa (soap that goat)

Mighty Mathematicians

We have been practicing subitising—this is the clever trick of looking at a group of objects (like dots on a dice) and knowing how many there are without counting them one by one!

Next Week



Monday

All Clubs Re-Start

Tuesday

Curriculum Coffee Meeting (8.45-9.15am)

Wednesday

PE

Shared Reading (2.45-3pm)

Thursday

Rocksteady Lesson

HCL Census Lunch

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Sharing Assembly (2.45-3.15pm)

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"IT DEVELOPS ME AS A STRONG INDEPENDENT READER"

"THE CHALLENGES ALLOW ME TO GROW."

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BURGER DAY JAN 15TH

MAIN MENU
Breaded Chicken Burger or Beef Burger or Plant Grill (Ve) (Free From*) or Jacket Potato with Various Toppings or Roll with Various Fillings

SERVED WITH
Baked Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Colestlaw

DESSERT
Golden Krispie Cake

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Toucans



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peacocks



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Eagles



Happy New Year!

In English this week, we immersed ourselves in the book *It Fell From The Sky* by the Fan Brothers. The story follows a mysterious object that lands in a garden on an ordinary Thursday, sparking a debate among the insects about what it might be. Inspired by this, we used an image of a giant marble landing in the playground as a visual stimulus. We applied our sensory writing skills to compose our own descriptive paragraphs about the object.

In maths, our focus shifted to multiplying and dividing fractions. We placed a special emphasis on finding the most efficient strategies to solve these equations.

In history, we began our new topic based on the Sikh Empire. In our first lesson, we explored the origins of its rise to power and created a timeline to map out the key events.

We look forward to seeing you at next week's curriculum meeting.



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Diary Dates



JANUARY

Monday 12th

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Friday 16th

Monday 20th

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 22nd

Friday 23rd

Monday 26th

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th

All Years

Puffins

Peacocks

Puffins & Toucans

Toucans

Eagles

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- After School Clubs start up this week
- Curriculum Coffee Meeting (8:45-9:30am)
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- Sharing Assembly (2.45pm)

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Event
- Parent Talk at Pirton School (7.30-8.30pm)
- Young Voices Concert
- Sharing Assembly (2.45pm)

- Football match v Highover (A)
- National Puzzle Day
- Sharing Assembly (2.45pm)

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

Monday 9th

Tuesday 10th

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

Friday 13th

Monday 16th-Friday 20th

Monday 23rd

Friday 27th

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Eagles

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- Football match v Samuel Lucas (H)
- PCP Meetings
- Sharing Assembly (2.45pm)

- Performance of 'Chess The Musical' at TPS
- Health Screening
- Safer Internet Day
- Parents Evening (2.30-6.30pm)
- Parents Evening (3.30-4.30pm)
- Your Day Your Way (Non-Uniform)
- Sharing Assembly (2.45pm)

• **HALF TERM**

- Pancake Racing
- Sharing Assembly (2.45pm)



TERM DATES

Spring Term

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - Half Term

Friday 27th March - End of Spring Term (School finishes 1.30pm)

Summer Term

Monday 13th April- Start of Summer Term

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May - Half Term

Friday 17th July - End of Summer Term (School finishes 1.30pm)

Monday 20th July - INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July - INSET Day

Wednesday 22nd July - INSET Day

Thursday 23rd July - Occasional Day

