

Wavendon Gate School

Summer 1 newsletter 2024

Current whole school attendance

95.8%

Class attendance winner last half term

6B with 97.1%

Number of children with attendance above 98%

282 out of 414

House team wins so far this year

Caldecotte 6, Willen 4, Furzton 5, Tongwell 6

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a lovely break.

This school year has flown by and we are now in the summer term with lots of exciting events to look forward to.

Please remember, as the weather warms up, it is important that children have sun cream applied in the morning before school and wear a sun hat.

Please check the school website diary for important events and keep reading your ParentMails so you don't miss anything.

Thank you

Ms Jarman

Classes for September 2024

Friendship choices

We are currently making preparations for the new class allocations for September. Just like last year, we will be mixing classes. There are a number of reasons we do this including changes in friendship groups, conflicts between children, mixing ability, the objective to even out the needs within one class, allowing children opportunity to work with other children and gain new friends, and an even mix of gender. We understand that for children friendship is very important, so I would still like to offer the children the opportunity to be with a friend in their new class. During the week beginning 6th May, your child will be asked to choose 3 friends that they would like to be with in their next class. Due to the large number of children in each year group, I can only guarantee that your child will be with one of their friends on their lists, although quite often they are with at least 2 of their choices. If you would like to be involved in this, please make sure you speak with your child prior to this week. If you have any further questions, please email admin where I will be happy to help and try to accommodate any problems.

Once we have sorted out classes, and decided on teacher allocation for September, we will inform you of your child's new class and teacher. This will be early on in June.

Transition day for children to go to their new class for the day is provisionally booked for Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

Thank you

Ms Jarman

KS1 and KS2 SATs

May is always a busy month with year 2 and year 6 SATs.

Year 6 SATs are the week beginning 13th May and year 2 are the same week.

Year 2 SATs are no longer a statutory requirement but we feel they are still beneficial as it helps us with progress and learning.

During these weeks, can I ask that children in year 2 and 6 go to bed early and they have a good breakfast in the morning before school so they are focused for their tests.

Children should not be absent during the test week, but if a child is feeling unwell, please let me know so we can work around this.

I am sure the children will all do very well. They have been working really hard.

Thank you.

Staff announcements

Congratulations to Mrs Davies who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in March. They are both doing very well. We look forward to seeing the baby.

Mrs Poulter and Miss Thimaya have now joined us in year 2 as 2A's class teacher. All the staff welcome both teachers to Wavendon Gate School.

School Value for summer 1

Growth

We have growth mindsets!

We always believe we can improve and work every day to learn something new. Children grow stronger and their ability to cope with real life situations improves. Their knowledge grows each day.



School Crossing Patroller

Monday to Friday, 8.15am – 9am & 3pm – 3.30pm term time only, 6.25 hours per week
Salary range: Grade A1 – actual salary £3,300 per annum (pay award pending)
3 year contract starting ASAP

We are looking for a reliable and committed individual to be part of our premises team. You will be required to ensure the safety of children and pedestrians crossing the road to and from school.

You will need good communication skills, patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations. Full uniform, including waterproof clothing, will be provided.

You will:

- Use the school crossing patrol sign (lollipop) to give clear signals to drivers and pedestrians
- Maintain control of children who are waiting to cross the road
- Report any issues or concerns to the Headteacher
- Complete the necessary paperwork on accidents or incidents that happen while on duty

An awareness of the Highway Code, together with experience of working with children, would be advantageous although not essential, as full training will be given.

We warmly welcome visits prior to an application so you are able to see our fantastic school in action. Please complete the application form from our website.

Further details or to book a visit, please contact admin@wavendongateschool.co.uk or 01908 586394.

Closing date – Friday 3rd May 2024. Interviews will take place week commencing Monday 6th May 2024.

Our school is committed to safeguarding children; the successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS check with further vetting checks including references taken.

The school may also carry out an online search including social media.
Milton Keynes Council is an equal opportunities employer.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th April	Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter World
Wednesday 24th April	Class 5B Start Swimming
Friday 26th April	FoWG Bags2school
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Thursday 9th May	3B Class Assembly—2:30pm ** (parents invited to attend)
Friday 17th May	FoWG Dress Down for a tombola prize
Friday 17th May	Year 3 Trip to the Theatre—Aladdin
Tuesday 21st May	Year 4 Trip to Lego Land
Wednesday 22nd May—Friday 24th May	Year 6 Residential Trip Willersley Castle
Thursday 23rd May	1B Class Assembly—2:30pm ** (parents invited to attend)
Friday 24th May	FoWG Dress down £1
Friday 24th May	Last Day of Summer Term 1
Monday 3rd June	First Day of Summer Term 2

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