

# Wavendon Gate School

## Summer 2 newsletter 2024

**Current whole school attendance**

**95.8%**

**Class attendance winner last half term**

**6B with 97.3%**

**Number of children with attendance above 98%**

**262 out of 415**

**House team wins so far this year**

**Caldecotte 8, Willen 6, Furzton 7, Tongwell 6**

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a lovely break. I would have hoped the weather would be improving by now. When we finally have some warm sunny days, please can you make sure children have sun cream on and wear a sun hat.

We have lots of exciting events, trips and visitors over the next few weeks. Please make sure you look at the diary dates on this newsletter as well as checking the website.

If you have any worries or concerns and need to speak with me, please contact the school office.

Thank you  
Ms Jarman

### School Attendance

You may have read in the news that school attendance has not recovered to normal levels following the Covid pandemic. This is a trend that we are experiencing at Wavendon Gate School. Whilst most of our children attend school regularly, and I thank parents for their efforts, we have seen an increase in parents removing their children from school to take term-time holidays. So far this academic year, we have issued Fixed Penalty Notices to the families of 31 children; 179 school days have been missed due to children taking term-time holidays. This has a direct impact on children's learning as well as disturbing other children's education when the child returns and needs to catch up. In addition to this, pupils who are frequently absent from school may feel less connected to their classmates and school which is detrimental to their academic and social and emotional development.

I am also aware of many families taking children out of school for holidays but for only 4 days so to avoid the fines. Please can I remind you that if a child's attendance drops below 90% then parents can still be prosecuted.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other actions like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you need to discuss this further with me, please book an appointment via the school office.

Thank you

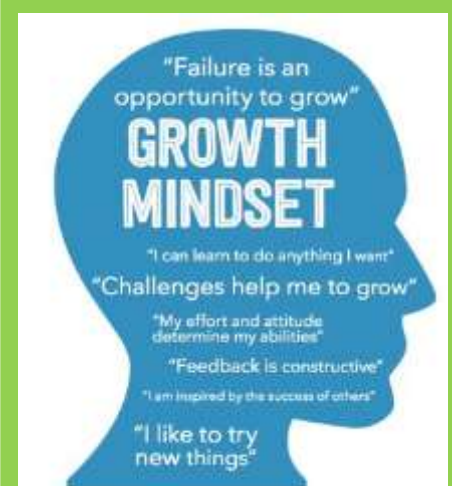
### Classes for September

I am just finalising the classes and teachers for September. I am hoping to have this information to you by Monday 10th June.

Please be aware that we will send out the information about your child's new class one year group at a time, so if you have siblings you will receive them at different times. We will aim to get them all out on the same day.

### School Value for summer 2

## Growth



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# School Uniform

Please can I send a polite reminder that all children should be in the correct uniform, particularly PE kit. Here is a list of the uniform below.

Emerald green sweatshirt  
Emerald green cardigan  
Grey polo shirt  
Plain black or charcoal grey tailored trousers  
Plain black or charcoal grey skirt  
Plain black or charcoal grey pinafore dress  
Plain black shoes  
Black, white or grey socks

## **Additional summer uniform – optional**

Black or charcoal grey tailored shorts  
Striped or checked green school dress/playsuit  
Plain black or white sandals can be worn in the summer but make sure they aren't slip-on

## **P.E kit**

Emerald green t-shirt  
Plain black shorts  
Plain coloured trainers  
Plain black jogging/tracksuit bottoms – no large logos  
Plain black sweatshirt or tracksuit top

## **Please note:**

Jewellery is not allowed, with the exception of small stud earrings and watches. These should be removed or taped for PE.

Only small hair accessories should be worn by girls, including hair bows and Alice bands.

If you have any issues with the uniform, please contact the school. We do have a selection of second-hand uniform for you to purchase.

## **Diary Dates**

<b>Thursday 13th June</b>	<b>Foundation Mead Open Farm Trip</b>
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	<b>Year 1—6 The Wizard of Oz</b>
<b>Saturday 15th June</b>	<b>FoWG Summer Fayre 12—3pm</b>
<b>Monday 17th—20th June</b>	<b>Book Fayre—3:15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th June</b>	<b>Year 5 Hindi Temple Gurdwara Trip 9am—12:15pm</b>
<b>Thursday 20th June</b>	<b>Year 2 Sealife Centre Birmingham Trip</b>
<b>Friday 21st June</b>	<b>FoWG Ice Cream Sale 3:15pm</b>
<b>Friday 21st June</b>	<b>Teddy Tombola Sale 3:15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th June</b>	<b>Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo</b>
<b>Friday 28th June</b>	<b>FoWG Ice Cream Sale 3:15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 3rd July</b>	<b>KS1 Sports Day 9am—11:30am</b>
<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	<b>KS2 Sports Day 9am—11:30am</b>
<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	<b>Year 4 Hullaba Snooze at Whipsnade 6pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Production—1:30pm &amp; 6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 12th July</b>	<b>FoWG—School Disco—More details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 12th July</b>	<b>Reports Sent out</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th July</b>	<b>FoWG—Year 6 Prom 6:00pm—8:00pm—More details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>FoWG—Break the Rules Day—More details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>End of Term 3:15pm</b>
<b>Thursday 5th September</b>	<b>First Day Back to School—Autumn Term 1</b>

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