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Newsletter 1 - September 2025

Welcome to all our new parents and carers and for all our returning families. We are well into our first term this year and we are very proud of how well the pupils have settled into term. So much learning has taken place already and we are looking forward to sharing it with you.

School values and learning behaviours

Our school values are an integral part of the Wentworth community. We celebrate and discuss these regularly with the children, taking opportunities to help children understand these important values. Our termly value for Term 1 is Respect. The children have learnt that respect is 'acting positively towards ourselves, others and our environment'. This value is central to everything we do.

Aligned with the values, we teach children different learning behaviours. For term 1, the learning behaviour we are focusing on is active listening. Active listening ensures the children are learning effectively and efficiently and know what is being asked of them. We have taught the children to 'Give me 5'. These are 5 easy steps to show and practice active listening.

MacMillan coffee morning

MACMILLAN

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan event by either attending our coffee morning or by purchasing cakes.

We raised £280 for Macmillan so thank you for supporting this worthy cause and our thanks also goes to Miss Skipp for organising the event.



New staff

We have welcomed some new staff members. Miss Evans joins us in Year 5 and Miss McClure joins us in EYFS. We are excited to have them at Wentworth and we thank you for welcoming them to our community!

EYFS

Miss Skipp is so proud of how well the new pupils have settled in and made a great start to school life. They have been enjoying the construction area and sandpit, and have been making lots of new friends.

They have started learning about emotions and have been introduced to the colour monsters, based on the book by Anna Llenas.



House Captains

Our school came together recently to vote for Y6 pupils to be their House Captains for the Autumn Term. So many Y6s put themselves forward for the role and did a fantastic job explaining why they should be a House Captain.



Two Captains and two Vice Captains were elected for each House and the pupils have already begun their responsibilities and roles around the school. Well done to everybody who was involved in this.

Career-related learning

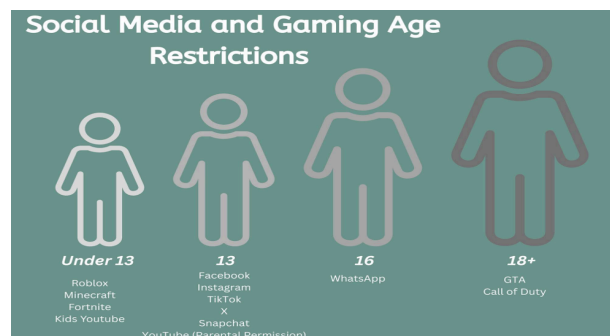
Last year we approached parents about helping us with some career assemblies. We believe that learning about future job opportunities will help the children to make connections from their current learning to potential future careers. If you are able to volunteer some of your time to attend one of our assemblies to share information about your career, we would love to hear from you! If you can help, please contact Miss Cooper via the Office or Dojo.

Parking

We expect all families to park responsibly around the school site. Several parents are still stopping and parking on the zig zags, and others are still parking in front of and blocking neighbours driveways. We ask that all parents are vigilant of this, and inform us of any illegal parking to parking@wentworthonline.co.uk to support us in addressing individual cases of illegal parking. We will be reporting this on to the council's parking department at parking.services@dartford.gov.uk and we invite you to report this directly too.

Social Media

There are lots of benefits to social media but there are risks that parents/carers need to be aware of. As a parent/carer, it is important that you know that all social media platforms and messaging apps have age limits because these platforms contain content that is not suitable for children of certain ages. We talk to the children in school about the safe use of the Internet and technology and it would be helpful if parents could reinforce safe use of these platforms.



The [Internet Matters website](https://www.internetmatters.org/) contains lots of helpful information for parents/carers.

Hello Yellow Day - Thursday 9th October

This year, we are taking part in Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health on **Thursday 9th**



October. On this day, we invite and encourage the children to come into school wearing something yellow (and their own clothes) to make the day brighter.

During the school day, the children will take part in activities in their class linked to World Mental Health Day.

We would also like to invite everyone to have an active start to the day by either dancing to music on the playground or jogging around the track before school starts.

Mrs Franklin sent out a letter earlier this week which contains more information about the day

We look forward to seeing everyone enter the playground dressed in as much yellow as possible to make our school shine yellow!

Sports Update

This week our talented girls' team showcased incredible skill and determination at the football tournament. Although they faced some tough challenges, their positivity and resilience shone brightly on the pitch playing in the Wentworth way.

Not only did they secure their place in the final with an impressive performance, but they also achieved the remarkable feat of not conceding a single goal throughout the tournament! A massive well done to our girls for going through the entire competition unbeaten as the best runners up. They will take part in the final on Friday.

But the excitement didn't stop there! Our boys' team also took to the field at Dartford FC for their annual football tournament. Inspired by the girls' success, they kicked off their campaign with a fire in their hearts!

Exhibiting the same school values of resilience and collaboration, the boys brought their A-game and created countless goal-scoring opportunities. We are thrilled to announce that they came away with smiles and pride, having scored the highest number of goals in the tournament and progressed to the finals day on Friday.



Meet the Teacher events

We hope you were able to attend our Meet the Teacher events recently. These meetings shared key information for the year group, including curriculum information and coverage. Miss Cooper has sent out a copy of the year group slides to all parents via Dojo if you were unable to attend so that you can still access the information. If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher.

Snack-tember

We promote a healthy and balanced diet for all children and we encourage children to bring a healthy morning snack to school. Snack-tember helps promote the importance of healthier, more sustainable snacks.



This year, the British Nutrition Foundation are encouraging children to:

- Explore better snacking
- Try new snacks
- Make their own healthy snacks

Please ensure that snacks are not packets of crisps, chocolate bars or packets of sweets. We appreciate that some children have difficulties with different foods and we welcome parents talking to class teachers if this is the case. There are two posters at the end of this newsletter for further information on healthy snacks.

Y6 Bikeability

Our Y6s have taken part in Bikeability, the government's national cycle training programme, where they've learnt the skills needed to cycle on our roads. The Bikeability trainers commented on how sensible our pupils were on the roads, which was great to hear. Well done Year 6!



Attendance

Our whole school attendance since the start of the term is 95.8%. The current national attendance is 95.4% so we are pleased that we are slightly above this.

EYFS and Year 4 are the year groups with the best attendance so far, with 97.5% and 97.1% respectively.

The best class attendance so far is 1GA with 98.8% and RKS with 98.5%.

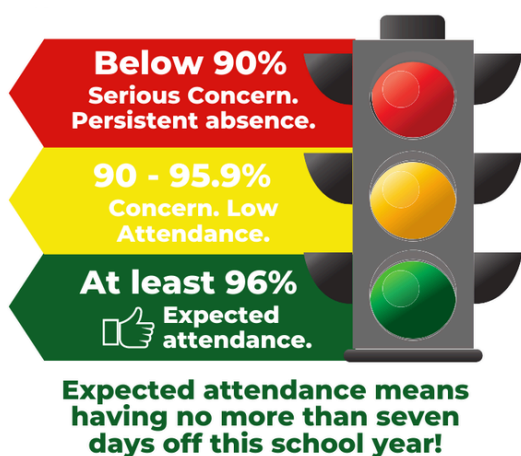
Well done to these classes and year groups.

To help support good attendance across the school, there are some key things everyone can do:

- Arrive at school between 8.45 - 8.55
- Attend school every day
- Report any absence to the school office on the first day of absence
- Return to school as soon as possible after an illness

The NHS sets out some helpful guidelines about illnesses your child may need to be kept off school for.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Safety: E-Scooters

We have been contacted by Kent Fire and Rescue and Kent Police about the increase of e-scooters. E-scooters are classed as electric vehicles and it is illegal to use them on roads or in public spaces, such as pavements. We have included a poster further down in the newsletter which contains more information.

Wellbeing



September is self-care awareness month. Self-care is small activities that can help maintain or improve your health, happiness and overall wellbeing. Self-care should be seen as a necessity for us to keep a balanced and healthy life. The Action for Happiness September calendar contains a months-worth of self-care activities for you to try.

Roots to Food

Our catering company Independent Catering teamed up with 'Roots to Food' to bring cooking workshops to Wentworth to learn all about healthy eating and nutrition. Our pupils in years 3 to 5 took part in an interactive Ready-Steady-Cook-style workshop to develop a recipe out of a given set of ingredients. The children learnt lots about the food groups and portion sizes.

Our EYFS and KS1 pupils took part in a mini-fitness activity and learnt about the importance of replacing the lost energy from fitness by making and taste testing a smoothie.



Please feel free to share any good news stories to be included in future newsletters!

Upcoming dates for the diary

This list contains additional dates for Christmas events.

Fri 3rd / Mon 6th / Tues 7th / Wed 8th Oct - Book Fair

Thurs 9th Oct - Hello Yellow Day

Mon 13th Oct - Sibling and Individual photographs

Thurs 16th Oct - after school - Diwali workshop

Fri 17th Oct - last day of term 1

Mon 27th Oct - first day of term 2

Thurs 30th Oct - Flu vaccination

Thurs 30th Oct - PTA Halloween film night

Tues 11th Nov - Open Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wed 12th Nov - Open Evening 5.30 - 7.30pm

Fri 21st Nov - INSET day

Wed 26th Nov - eve - PTA wreath making workshop

Fri 1st Dec - last week of clubs

Tues 2nd Dec - 9.30 - Y2/3 nativity for parents

Tues 2nd Dec - 5pm - Christmas Music Concert

Wed 3rd Dec - Y5 swimming finishes

Wed 3rd Dec - Bag to Schools collection

Thurs 4th Dec - 1.45 - Y2/3 nativity for parents

Fri 5th Dec - PTA Christmas Fair

Tues 9th Dec - 9.30 - EYFS/Y1 nativity for parents

Tues 9th Dec - Y6 Christmas Concert

Wed 10th Dec - Y4/5 Christmas production to parents at Christchurch

Thurs 11th - 1.45 - EYFS/Y1 nativity to parents

Fri 19th Dec - last day of term 2

Why healthier snacking matters

**Snack
tember**

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Snacking is a big part of children's daily routine, but many popular snack choices are high in saturated fat, salt and sugars, and low in important nutrients like fibre and vitamins and minerals.

Over time, eating too many of these types of snacks can lead to health issues like too much weight gain and dental problems.

Snacking isn't necessarily bad, it's just about choosing the right snacks.



HEALTHY SNACKS CAN:

- **Provide important nutrients** to support children's growth and development.
- **Be an opportunity** to have a drink to stay hydrated (water or milk are best).
- **Help children feel less hungry** so they don't overeat at mealtimes.

Better snacking. One bite at a time.

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TRY

these healthy snack ideas!

Snack tember

ON-THE-GO:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apple, banana).
- A slice of malt loaf.
- Two or three wholemeal crackers with a 30g portion of reduced-fat cheese.

AT HOME:

- Vegetable sticks (e.g. pepper, carrot) with hummus or a reduced-fat dip.
- Half a wholemeal bagel with reduced-fat soft cheese, cucumber and tomato.
- A rice cake with peanut butter and banana.



ENCOURAGE OLDER CHILDREN

to prepare their own simple snacks:

- Wholegrain breakfast cereal with milk.
- Wholemeal toast or crumpets with reduced-fat spread.
- Pizza toast (cheese and vegetables, such as tomato, pepper and sweetcorn, on toast).

CELEBRATE SNACK-TEMBER

by trying out these tasty snack recipes!

- Paprika tortilla chips and spring onion dip
- Beany dip and crunchy veg
- Homemade popcorn
- Fruit and oat bites
- Pizza muffins



Take a look at these recipes!
www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2025



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E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



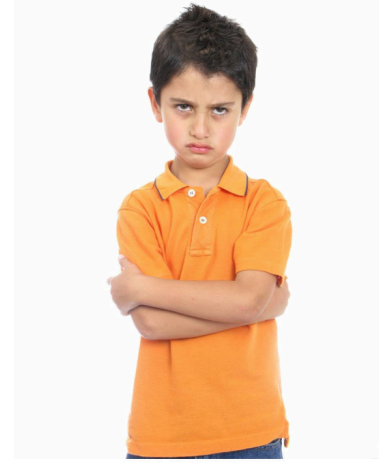
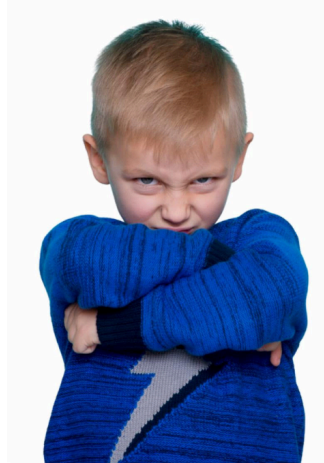
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Police**

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time.
A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to **facefamilyadvice.co.uk**

Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page



October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm