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Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2026

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank you for your support and for the many ways you have contributed to life at West Hill.

It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers to our coffee mornings, and we have been delighted to hear that you have found these really useful. Thank you, too, for attending parents' evening and working with colleagues across the school to support your children's learning and wellbeing. These conversations help us to understand each child better and agree how we can support their next steps together.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for celebration assembly. Sharing the children's achievements with their families makes these occasions particularly special. We are also grateful for your generosity in helping us raise money for the Jeans for Genes charity.

At the heart of everything we do is our core purpose:

To ensure every child, whatever their starting point, has the opportunity, confidence, and support to achieve their full potential.

Our partnership with you is essential to achieving this. Whether through conversations with staff, supporting learning at home or helping children attend regularly, your involvement makes a difference.

Thank you to the families working with us to improve attendance. The message is simple: children need to be in school to benefit fully from the teaching, opportunities and support available to them. Missed school means missed learning. If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's attendance, please speak to us so that we can work together to help.

A reminder for **Year 6 parents and carers: the deadline for submitting applications for a Year 7 secondary school place for September 2027 is Saturday 31 October 2026**. Please ensure your application is submitted by this date.

Thank you again for your continued support. I wish all our children and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Warm regards,
Richard Milsom



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Attendance 7th September to 21st October

Year Group	Attendance
Year R	94.2%
Year Y1	92.6%
Year Y2	97.6%
Year Y3	94.7%
Year Y4	96.7%
Year Y5	97.1%
Year Y6	93.9%

 **Congratulations to Year 2 for achieving an outstanding attendance rate of 97.5% during the first autumn half term!**

As a reward for their fantastic commitment to being in school and ready to learn, they have won the privilege of wearing their own clothes on Friday 23rd October. 🙌🎉



You may already know that we have a Parent and Teacher Association that supports events and raises money for the school for extracurricular activities and some school items throughout the year, including our Christmas and Summer fairs. The PTA money has helped to fund lots of items for our pupils over the years, including Year 6 leaving hoodies, the PGL trip and the coaches to the beach trip at the end of the year. Without this funding, we simply would not be able to do any of this for your children.

This year we are relaunching our PTA as 'Families of West Hill'. Every family is automatically a member if your child attends the school. In order to put on events for your children and raise money for activities, we need everyone's help.

The first event of the year is the Christmas fair on Friday 11th December. Without your support, we simply won't be able to put on this event this year. We will need help with sourcing prizes for raffles, running a stall on the day, setting up and tidying up. If you can spare any time for this event, please sign up at the office by Friday 23rd October.

Thank you all for your continuing support.



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West Hill Primary Attendance News



Attendance Matters



We are delighted that our whole-school attendance currently stands at 95% and would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and engagement. Your commitment to ensuring children attend school regularly has a positive impact on their learning, wellbeing, and success in school.

As we move through the winter months, we recognise that seasonal illnesses can make attendance more challenging. Encouraging healthy habits such as getting plenty of rest, eating well, and practising good hygiene can help children stay well and return to school promptly when they are fit to do so, ensuring they miss as little learning as possible.

We are also incredibly proud of the many pupils who have significantly improved their attendance compared to last year. Their dedication to being in school every day demonstrates a fantastic commitment to their learning and personal growth, and we are thrilled to celebrate their success.

Attendance Challenge

100% Challenge

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th November 2026

Pupils with 100% attendance for the whole first week back will be entered into a draw to win a book of their choice!



Every Day Counts Achievement Award

This award recognises pupils who have improved their attendance and are making the most of their learning opportunities. Congratulations you win a book of your choice.

Scarlett and Makah

Attendance Tip...

Try to book dental appointments outside of school hours or during the holidays.



Remember! If you need to communicate with school to report an absence or to ask us a question please download the Study Bugs app here: [STUDY BUGS](#)



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We know that school holidays can bring extra costs for families, so we wanted to share a helpful offer from Morrisons and Kellogg's.

During the October half-term holiday, families can enjoy a free Kellogg's breakfast at Morrisons Cafés nationwide. Children and adults can choose a bowl of Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies with dairy or non-dairy milk, plus a piece of fruit.



Available from 12th October to 1st November

This is a great opportunity for families to enjoy a free breakfast together over the holiday period. Please check with your local Morrisons Café for opening times and availability.



We hope some of our families find this offer useful.

Fast like a flash,
Tall and strong,
Running fast,
All day long!

Usain Bolt! Usain Bolt!

From sunny land,
To the running track,
He zips right by,
And doesn't look back.

Usain Bolt! Usain Bolt!

A big gold medal,
A happy grin,
Watch him run—
He's sure to win!

USAIN BOLT!



Year 1:

This is a poem Year 1 have loved learning for Black History Month, ask them all about it!



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Year 6 at PGL:

Last week, our Year 6 students enjoyed an unforgettable three days of fun and adventure at PGL! It was wonderful to see every child step out of their comfort zone and conquer their fears— especially on nerve-wracking activities like the abseiling wall and the giant swing. Whether taking on new challenges or looking out for one another on the mini-bus rides, the children truly shone. They were exceptional role models, constantly demonstrating our school values of being ready, respectful, and safe. We are so proud of them!





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Year 3 and Year 4 recently joined forces for an afternoon dedicated to the power of collaborative working! The joint session buzzed with energy as pupils teamed up across year groups to tackle a series of exciting, hands-on challenges:

- **Creative Construction:** Working together to build cube towers, children experimented with innovative base designs to keep their structures standing. Creativity truly shone as one group built a pool and another crafted a bridge out of a limited supply of cubes.
- **Survival Selection:** A hall-wide scavenger hunt featuring images of everyday objects—including a rope, telephone, crayons, pan, backpack, and teddy—sparked lively discussions and debates as groups negotiated which two items they would pack and why.
- **The Hula Hoop Challenge:** The afternoon wrapped up with a classic teamwork test, where pupils joined hands and worked in unison to pass a hula hoop through their circle without breaking the chain.

Throughout the session, the children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, freely sharing ideas, listening to one another, and solving problems together. It was a wonderful afternoon of collaboration, communication, and fun!





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Plus Easter and summer workshops:
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CLASSES FOR 4-18 YEAR OLDS TAKE PLACE AT:

- ST MARY'S SCHOOL, PUTNEY (WEDNESDAYS)
- ST OSMUND'S SCHOOL, BARNES (THURSDAYS)
- BRANDLEHOW SCHOOL, PUTNEY (FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS)

**STAGE
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WE'RE SO BACK!



8 NOV, 2PM

AFC Wimbledon Women are back at the Cherry Red Records Stadium in November. And as always, we'd love for you to join us!

We are offering **FREE TICKETS** to our community to join us at both games.

All you need to do is use the comp codes below to claim your tickets.

For Lewes, 8 November: **AFCWWLEW**
For Fulham, 29 November: **AFCWWFUL**

tickets.afcwimbledon.ltd.uk



29 NOV, 2PM

So, what can you expect at one of our games?

The gates will open at 12.30pm. When you arrive, you will find food from our kiosks and food vans. Our fantastic pub and retail unit is open too! You can buy a programme for £2, which the players will sign after the game.

Our fantastic Foundation have plenty of activities for children of all ages to keep you active before the game kicks off. And you get to meet our mascot - Haydon the Womble. What's not to love?

Follow us on social media (@afcwwomen) for all pre-match updates!