



# Wookey Weekly News

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### 2019



Congratulations to our stars of the week. This week they are: Lily and Flo (Chestnut Class), Gracie and Logan (Willow Class), Millie and Eboni (Oak Class) and Adam (Rowan Class). They will be having their celebration with Mr Marsh next week.



Children love competing with their parents! This free quiz from O2 and the NSPCC is a fantastic, fun way for families to have conversations about staying safe online. It can be played on phones, tablets, laptops and even Amazon Alexa, and aims to: *'get families talking about the exciting possibilities of the internet, as well as the risks to look out for.'*

Visit <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids> to find out more!



If you would like to know why some children in Chestnut Class have been wearing these arm bands during playtimes and lunchtimes this week then please read my latest blog post. My blog can be found at: <https://www.wookeypriamaryschool.co.uk/blog>

### Netball v Meare

After a tricky couple of netball fixtures recently, our team returned to their winning ways in their league match on Tuesday this week. The children put in a performance worthy of Team Bath as they were obviously inspired by their trip to watch the professionals earlier this term. At the end of a strong first quarter we were leading 8-1 and through great team work the children managed a final result of Wookey 25 Meare 1. This was definitely their best performance of the season so far, and the children have gained lots of confidence ready for their next match in 2 weeks' time.

### UX2 visit next week

You will have seen on the dates list for the last few weeks that we have our next day with UX2 on Wednesday next week. The focus for this day is going to be following directions and reading maps, so it should be a very engaging experience for the children.

The UX2 team are also planning to run a session after school for children to bring their parents along to have a go at some of the activities that the children had tried during the day. If you would like to have a practical experience of UX2 in action, please take your child onto the field once you have collected them at the end of the school day.

### Clubs after Easter

The booking system for after school clubs next term will be online from **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Booking can only be done online so please look out for notification on Twitter or Facebook so that you don't miss out on places. If you are unable to access the system on our website, we can assist you in the office.

## Gaming Trends

One of the best, and most interesting, ways to find out about current gaming trends is to talk to learners about what they are playing. This 'What's Popular?' Pupil Voice film shows that games such as Minecraft and Roblox have enduring appeal because of their creative and varied gameplay.

Fortnite continues to attract many players, but faces competition from a new 'Battle Royale' game: 'Apex Legends' is an online only game which has some similarities with Fortnite, such as the aim being to be the last surviving player or team, but focuses more on teamwork and tactics. Whereas Fortnite is PEGI rated 12, the increased realism of Apex Legends means that it is PEGI rated 16. However, we know that many gamers play 'over-age' games, and age ratings do not take into consideration the chat aspect, meaning that players can be exposed to inappropriate language if they are chatting while playing. Like Fortnite, players are also encouraged to buy new 'loot'. Apex Legends is gaining huge numbers of players, so listen out for children talking about this latest trend and be ready to discuss it with them.

## Gardening Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have expressed an interest in helping us look after the school garden this summer. We are still looking for a few more volunteers who might be able to help us manage the school garden and plant and grow some vegetables with the children. We can be flexible about dates and times, so if you think you might be able to help please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Attendance

Please send your children in to school if you are 50/50 about whether they are well enough to attend. In this situation, children often perk up when they are here, and if they don't please rest assured we will contact you and arrange for them to be collected as soon as possible. It goes without saying that this does not include sickness and diarrhoea, only minor ailments. Please note also that the guidance from the NHS states that once a child has been treated for head lice there is no need for them to be kept home from school. **On the subject of head lice, please note that there have been cases in school this week so we ask that all children are checked at home this weekend and if necessary treated, initially using the 'wet comb' method.**

## Weekly Attendance Levels

Week beginning	School Attendance	Week beginning	School Attendance
14/1/19	91.6%	25/2/19	95.4%
21/1/19	95.9%	4/3/19	98.4%
28/1/19	93.4%	11/3/19	95.6%
4/2/19	92.6%	18/3/19	97.2%
11/2/19	95.8%		

As you can see from the data above, our attendance has been at or above our target of 95% for the last five weeks. The teachers have noticed this improvement, and it really does make a difference in terms of progress the children are able to make, so thank you for your support.

## Pupil Voice Project

This week I am sharing a link to the second video produced by the e-Learning and Information Management (eLIM) Service as part of their pupil voice project linked to pupil wellbeing whilst online.

### **Are there things that upset or worry you when you use apps, games or websites?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w86FWWDLCPw>

And here is a selection of responses from Wookey children:

*"I see rude pictures sometimes – they just come up – I ignore it"*

*"I used to have a You Tube channel and you get a lot of hate"*

*"People telling me to say mean things to people makes me feel worried"*

*"You Tube is scary because things can pop up"*

*"I'm worried because I think somebody might hack in (to minecraft)"*

*"There is nothing that worries me on them because you can't play with other people"*

*"Nothing worries me"*

*"Nothing worries me when I'm playing Fortnite"*

*"I think strangers might try and get me but I have to push accept and I never do"*

It is clear from the responses given that the children generally have a good awareness of the risks of being online as well as the benefits. There were a number of children who stated that nothing worried them, which may be because their engagement with the Internet is managed well by adults in their home, or it may reflect a lack of awareness of dangers. Getting the views of our children is proving really useful in supporting the planning of the next steps in our eSafety curriculum.

### **Next week... "How do you get support when you need it?"**

#### Easter events

I hope that you will be able to join us for our annual Easter event on the last day of term. In the days leading up to this the children will be decorating an egg and producing a piece of Easter themed writing and on the day itself we are going to leave these as gifts around the village on our journey to St Matthew's church for our Easter Service at 10am. If you are able to help walk the children around the village to the Church and to help them decide where to leave their gift, then I am sure we can make the day a special one. We will be leaving school around 9:15am so anyone who can stay after drop off is welcome.

#### Hall Display

Our 'writing gallery', which I mentioned in my blog last week, has now been created in the hall. Every child has a clip frame which contains a piece of recent writing that they were proud of and wanted to share with the rest of the school. Please pop into the hall to view the gallery – writing will be updated regularly!



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## Easter Holidays



**Early Bird Offer**

**£10 per day** 10am-3pm

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Wookey Primary School  
Wells Road, Wells BA5 1LQ

Monday 8th—Friday 12th April 10am-3pm (Xtra time available)

Form more information visit: [tlesportscoaching.co.uk](http://tlesportscoaching.co.uk) or call **07530045106**

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# Wookey Farm

## 'Baby Goat'

### Open Farm Day

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### 10am – 3pm

**£1 entry includes a £1 voucher to spend in our farm shop  
Under 5s FREE**

Cuddle the baby goats, goat walks, meet the other animals,  
farm walks, stalls and hot food available.

[www.wookeefarm.com](http://www.wookeefarm.com)

Wookey Farm, Monks Ford, Wookey BA5 1DT - 01749 671859 / 07779 145441

## Mothering Sunday Family Communion

Celebrating being part of God's family.  
A Service for everybody with gifts and refreshments.  
Come from 10am for coffee and pastries.

**St Matthew's Wookey**  
**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30 am**

### Diary Dates

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Rowan and Oak Class Trip to Haynes Motor Museum

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers' Day Present Room (part 1)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – final Cross Country event at Tor Leisure, Glastonbury

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers' Day Present Room (part 2)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – UX2 visiting again

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Willow Class Trip to Taunton Museum. Club sign-up available, **online only**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – No after school clubs this week.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Netball fixture v Butleigh

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Bonnet Parade (Little Acorns and Rowan Class) at 9:15 am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter events, including church service at 10am / Last day of term