



Collaboration Newsletter

July 2025

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of another busy year, it is a good opportunity to pause and reflect on all of the wonderful achievements of the children in both schools. We are so proud of the brilliant work they have produced and the great progress they have made since September.

The first year of our more formal collaboration has felt very successful with lots more opportunities for staff and children to work together more closely. We have particularly felt the benefits during this transition period and trust that the Year 2 pupils feel well prepared and excited for their move to the Junior School. We look forward to seeing how the collaboration continues to develop moving forward.

As well as Year 2 making the big move to the Juniors, our Year 6 pupils will be leaving us and heading to secondary school for the next step of their educational journey. We wish them all the very best!

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at the Year 2 Leavers' Concerts at the Infants and at the Year 6 Production at the Juniors – the children have done a fabulous job and they have been a fitting way to end the school year.

Thank you so much to all of you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

I hope you all have a happy and relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Mr Willis

Reception

The children have been learning about all things dinosaur! They have all learnt a great new dinosaur song and enjoyed being palaeontologists. They have also learnt to draw a dinosaur following a video by 'Draw with Rob.' The children have enjoyed using the parachute in PE. In outdoor learning, the children have been measuring things in dinosaur feet!

Year 1

Year 1 had a lovely time at St Giles church where they learnt about different parts of the church and how Christians worship. Thank you to all the parent helpers for walking the children to the church and back. The children have been tackling lots of tricky problems in maths and wrote a message in a bottle for their new teacher!

Year 2

Year 2 have been hard at work rehearsing for their leaver's concert. The children gave an amazing performance over their two shows and we were very proud of how they show-cased their recorder music, singing and amazing acting. We can confirm there was not a dry eye in sight! Well done year 2; we are going to miss you greatly. Good luck with your continued school life at the Junior School.

Year 3

To finish Year 3, we have been happily and messily splurging glue, newspaper and paint around! Look out for our papier-mache volcanoes coming home. There's not much we don't know about the ill-fated city of Pompeii by now. We are all enjoying the opportunity to be the teacher and pass on something new to each other. Children have shared words in other languages, ballet and keyboard skills, magic tricks, how to play chess and much more. It's amazing how confident they have all become. Of course, we are enjoying our well-deserved end of term treats, making the most of time at Cottages, getting rid of old felt pens and taking down our wonderful art work. It's a sad time of year in some ways, but we are mostly just very excited about moving on to Year 4 and having a lovely summer break.



Year 4

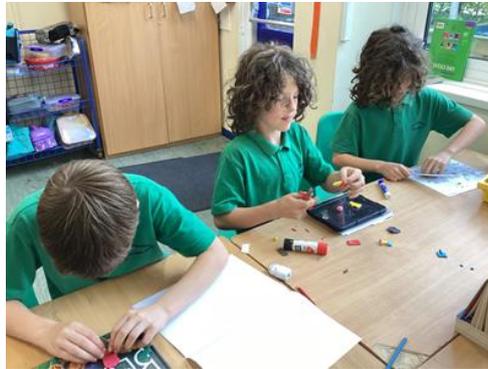
Year 4's last few weeks have been as busy as ever. We've been learning football chants – polite ones! – in our final music unit, continued our dive into Ancient Egyptian history and written lots of persuasive texts to parents, requesting pets of all types and sizes. Be warned...

We then spent last Friday investigating, planning and creating an Ancient Egyptian Shaduf (ask your children!) to round off our DT for the year.



Year 5

There's been no sign of winding down in Year 5 as we have raced towards the end of the school year. We have been up to all sorts across the curriculum but there have been a couple of stand-out projects recently. The first being the children designing and making their own salads whilst thinking about the seasonality of food and the impact this can have on the planet. They have also been creating stop-motion animation film using plasticine models as part of their computing work. The children have done a fabulous job of both!



Year 6

Year 6 are having a really wonderful end to their time here at the Juniors. Children have been working in teams making electronically powered fairground rides. They are overcoming lots of obstacles and displaying so many of our 'collaboration kids' qualities. As well as continuing to work hard right to the very end, we've had time for our awesome inflatables and water-fight afternoon, a fish and chips picnic and three incredible performances of their end of year show 'School of Pop'. The children and staff are completely exhausted but what a fantastic end to the year!



Helpers' Tea Party

We had a lovely time celebrating our amazing school community this week at our annual helpers' tea party. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend.

We are always overwhelmed with the support of our local community and the fantastic help we get from our parents. From weekly readers, parent helpers for school trips, volunteers for all the odd jobs and so much more. Your help is invaluable - Thank you!



Infant PTA

Amy and Vicky, where to start... You have worked tirelessly over the past 2 years to raise much-needed funds to support our school. The incredible events you have organised, from the summer fayre, school discos, non-uniform days and so much more would not have been possible without you. You have both been an absolute pleasure to have around school and have become a huge part of our team. Thank you to all the other parents that have worked alongside our PTA and supported them. There are some big shoes to fill but are very excited for our new PTA, who have already been working with Amy and Vicky, to get started in September.

If you would like to join / support our PTA, please get in contact with the school office.

Things to remember

Please remember to order **school meals** in advance to avoid your child's disappointment. Please order through Evolve. You need to order 48 hours before the start of the week (midnight Friday night for the following week).

Please check dates for any upcoming events.

Any changes over the summer holidays please remember to update on your Arbor account.

Infant Staff Update

Our lovely class 6 teachers will be returning with different names in September. Our wonderful Mrs Kennerley will be **Ms Trippier** while Miss Williams will be changing her name to **Mrs Walton**. A massive congratulations to Miss Williams as she will be getting married over the summer holidays - we hope you have the most wonderful day!

It is with a heavy heart that we let you know that Mrs Evans is retiring. Mrs Evans has been part of the WBIS community for many years. Her own daughter, Hannah, came to this school in 1994 which is where it all started! She then pursued her career in becoming a teaching assistant, joining the team in 2007 and has stayed with us ever since. Mrs Evans is always ready with a helping hand and is loved by every member of staff and child she has worked with. While we are sad to lose Mrs Evans as a member of staff, we know we will still be seeing her around school when she drops off her granddaughter who will be going into year 2. Thank you, Mrs Evans, for all your years of hard work and we wish you a happy retirement!

PE Kit at the Juniors

Following feedback from parents, we will be allowing children to wear the normal green polo shirt tops or white t-shirts for PE at the Juniors from September. This will be with the intention to move to only wearing green tops from the following September to move in line with the Infant School.

Back to school

A reminder that Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are INSET days so the children will be returning to school at both the Infants and Juniors on **Wednesday 3rd September**. We look forward to seeing them then. Other INSET days for the year are: Monday 3rd November '25, Monday 23rd February '25 and Monday 27th July '26.

