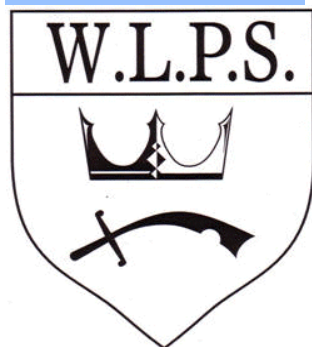


# Spring Term

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## Top tip

When listening to your child read; why not try alternating the amount they read between the two of you? By doing this, the child will benefit from having reading modelled by an experienced reader which will help them to improve their fluency and expression. Give it a try.

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have used this week's election as an opportunity to learn more about the democratic process that we enjoy in our country. I have been impressed with the childrens' knowledge and understanding and was encouraged to hear children talking about who they would vote for if they were old enough. The children in year 5 have been working this week writing their own pledges for their own Party. They read these out to the school this afternoon and everyone voted for the party they wanted. The winning party was the 'Purple Merits' led by T eddy. We were very impressed by the mature writing that all the children wrote. In fact, if some of the policies we heard today, from our children, were put into place, our country would be a far better place to live.! Well done to all.

## New Attendance policy

From September 2015 The Government will be changing the rate at which they determine when a child is considered a 'Persistently Absent Child'. The present rate is 85% attendance or below. From September this threshold rate will increase to 90% or less. This means that if your child has a unauthorised absence of more than 14 sessions (7days) in Term one then they will appear on our Persistent Absence Report. This report is then forwarded to the Education Welfare Team for monitoring purposes.

## Circus

TICKETS ON SALE EVERY THURSDAY!!

## Netball News!

Deanes Tournament 28th April

On Tuesday 28th April the year 6 Netball Team had a Tournament against different schools. We are proud to say that we won 4 games and lost 4 games. Our Team was made up of Molly, Maddie, Amy, Freddie, Jasmine, Deanna and Nancy. The player of the Tournament was Jasmine for her excellent defence. This was the last time that the year 6 pupils would be playing any netball games.

(report by Molly)

Miss Wise and Mrs Bremner would like to thank all the year 6 players for their dedication and hard work whilst on the Netball Team and wish them all good luck as they move up into their Secondary Schools.

## Match against Robert Drake 7th May

On Thursday Woodham Ley year 5 team played a match against Robert Drake. Unfortunately we lost 6-7. However, it was a very close game. Thursday's Player of the Match was Holly because of her fabulous shooting skills.

(report by Freya)

## PTA Quiz night.

Unfortunately this event has be postponed for now. New date to be advised.

## Maths Coffee Mornings

Back due to popular demand! The first Thursday after half term will be an opportunity to come along and meet some of our 'Maths Mums'. Come along to the sunshine room after you drop the children off for a tea or coffee and some toast—and a chat! During this session, the team will be talking about calculation strategies and other maths areas that they want clarified.

## Sports Day 19th May

Please look out for the letter coming home tonight!

## Menu Dates to note!

Children's choice on Monday 18th May (chosen by year one ) will be: chicken nuggets, chips, spaghetti or sweet corn with ice cream or fruit for dessert. As we break up on the 20th May the menu for this day will

be fish fingers and chips rather than the published roast.

## Attendance League

Well done to Class for winning the attendance league for this week .

## Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	96.25%	5
Picasso	98.75%	6
Matisse	93.91%	5
Monet	84.90%	2
Hockney	94.83%	5
Goldsworthy	93.98%	8
Dali	99.14%	15
Whole school % since the start of the year	<b>95.36%</b>	<b>Lead Class Dali</b>

## Diary dates

9th May	PTA Quiz night— POSTPONED
11-15 May	SAT's Week
18th May	Childrens choice Menu—see details below
19th May	Sports Day
20th May	Change in Menu— see details below
21 & 22 May	Non pupil days
25-29 May	Half Term
31st May— 3rd June	Year 6 Residential trip
1st June	Back to school
23rd June	Welcome meeting for new Reception parents 7pm
24th June	Meet the Teacher (New Reception children part 1)
25th June	HAPPY'S CIRCUS
30 June & 1st July	Year 6 transition days at Appleton
30th June	Meet the Teacher Part 2 (new Reception Children)

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