

# Wootton Bassett Infants' School Newsletter

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Our School Value for this term is:

## We try our best

Welcome back! As always it was lovely to see the children after the half term holiday and hear the exciting things they've been up to.

This term has already started with a bang - we were so impressed with some of the costumes for 'Dress as a Scientist' day and we hope the children have enjoyed Science Week.

With World Book Week, North Wilts Music Festival, Easter Egg Hunt and much more, it's only going to get busier! You can always check our website for more information about events <https://woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk/letters>

### Dates for your Diary

- 03/03 World Book week
- 03/03 Library Visits
- 03/03 Sponsored Spell back in
- 05/03 West End in Schools
- 05/03 Yoga for Bluebells & Buttercups
- 06/03 "Stay & Share" 8:45am
- 07/03 Book Swap
- 10/03 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' starts
- 12/03 SEN coffee morning
- 12/03 Yoga for Bluebells & Buttercups
- 18/03 Incredible Eggs arrive
- 19/03 Yoga for Bluebells & Buttercups
- 26/03 Hopstacle Event
- 26/03 North Wilts Music Festival
- 27/03 Parents evening, early (not Daisies)
- 31/03 Parents evening, early (Daisies only)
- 01/04 Parents evening, late (all classes)
- 02/04 Easter Egg hunt with NJS
- 03/04 Rocksteady Concert
- 04/04 End of term, 1pm finish
- 22/04 Start of Term 5
- 23/04 Class Photos
- 25/04 Purple Day

### Dates for the Diary

All enquiries or to report an absence please contact the school office

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### Wootton Bassett Infants' School



3rd - 7th March 2025

Reading is at the heart of everything we do at WBI, and so we hope you'll join us as we come to celebrate World Book Day this year with a week of book related celebrations and activities. We want to focus on reading for pleasure and encouraging a love of books and we hope to do this by sharing books and enjoying lots of fun, book related activities.

Our focus book this year is "The Fox and the Star" written by Coralie Bickford-Smith. The teachers have planned lots of lessons and activities around this book.

**Library Visit - Monday 3rd**  
We will be visiting Wootton Bassett Library where the children will enjoy a story before heading out to see the library spaces.

If your child is not a member of the town library, it is free and easy to join. You simply need to pop in with some ID and the library staff will help you to apply.

**Wednesday 5th**  
The children will be taking part in a book related dance session led by Miss Ford in school. This has been funded by the school so there is no charge.

**We aren't be dressing up but we have lots of activities planned that will celebrate reading and books.**

**'Stay & Share' - Thursday 6th**

We would love to invite you to share books with your children in the morning. School will open at 8.40 and you are welcome to come into the classroom to look at and read together the wonderful books we have in school. If they would like to, the children can bring in their favourite book to share with their classmates. (Please make sure their name is written in the book)

**All Things Books - Thursday 6th**

We will celebrate 'All Things Books' in our assembly and the children's paintings of their favourite book characters will be displayed in the school hall.

The children will be able to choose from the WBD EI books and have created their own WBD token.

**Book Swap - Friday 7th**

We will be holding our annual book swap so please send your child in with a book they no longer want to read, and they can choose a new one (Please ensure it is in good condition and has no ripped or coloured on pages)

Watch out for treats with links throughout the week, where we will be sharing stories and information for you and your child to enjoy at home!

**ENJOY A LOVE OF READING**

Being able to read is the single biggest gift we can give our children. Reading unlocks success across the whole curriculum and is instrumental in developing language, vocabulary, self-esteem, knowledge, attention and memory. Your child depends on your support with their reading journey by their reading out loud, sharing books together. Please click on the link if you would like some tips when reading with your child.

Please visit Mrs Smith's website: <https://www.woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk>

Reading with Mrs Smith: <https://www.woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk>

**What else do we do in School?**

**Reading Raffle** - every 3 times you read at home with your child and record it in their reading record, they receive a raffle ticket which is entered into a raffle draw to win a prize.

**Book Swap** - We have a permanent book swap located in the hall entrance, where you can borrow books at any time.

**100 books to read** - before you leave WBI with your bag through the gate, available on the website or from the office.

More information about reading in school can be found here: [Reading \(woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk\)](https://www.woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

As you can see we have lots of exciting activities and events planned for the whole week and we really hope to celebrate everything reading.

Check out the World Book Day website for more things to do at home: [World Book Day About Us](https://www.worldbookday.com)

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you for everything you do.

Happy Reading!

### 'Eat Them to Defeat Them'

Did you know that 80% of children do not eat enough fruit and vegetables? We are really excited to be taking part in the National programme to encourage children to eat more fruits and vegetables.

This is launching on Monday 10th March and Dolce, our catering company, have created a special menu just for us.

There will be activities in school based around the programme and we will be sending home information to support this initiative.

We hope the children embrace the challenge and you have some fun at home with it!



# SEN Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12th March

9:00-10:00am



Mrs Pass and Miss Pearce would like to invite all parents to our SEN coffee morning. This session will focus on 'Five to Thrive'.

Please email:

sendteam@woottonbasset-inf.wilts.sch.uk to confirm your attendance (so we can buy enough cake!).

## Sponsored Hopstacle

### Wednesday 26th March

The children will be taking part in our annual 'Hopstacle'. Mrs Hughes sets up an amazing 'Hopstacle' course and the children take it in turn to complete as many laps as they want. This is run in association with our amazing PTA.

More details including sponsorship forms will be sent out soon.



## Easter Egg Hunt at NJS - Wednesday 2nd April

The whole school will be walking to Noremarsh to join them for our joint Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The children will spend some time in the classroom before heading outside to hunt for an egg.

Each child will receive a Chocolate Egg and allergy eggs will be provided. Thank you to the PTA.

We will be leaving school around 1:15pm and if you are able to help walk with us, please let the class teacher know.



## Parents Evenings

We will be inviting parents into school to discuss your child's progress.

- ◆ Thurs 27th March 3.30 - 6pm All classes except Daisies
- ◆ Mon 31st Mar 3.30 - 6pm Daisies only
- ◆ Tues 1st Apr 4.30 - 7pm All classes

Links will be sent out via text for you to book your appointment.

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES**



## Incredible Eggs - Eggs to Chicks

With Easter just around the corner we will once again be having hatching eggs in school. The eggs will be delivered on 18th March and if all goes to plan we should have chicks by the end of the week.

Its always an exciting time waiting for them to hatch and then watching the chicks grow. We're sure the children will keep you up to date on their progress.

If you are interested in providing a permanent home for the chicks when they leave us, please speak to the school

## North Wilts Music Festival - Wednesday 26th March

Our school choir are taking part in the North Wilts Music Festival being held at RWBA. They have been practising hard and are looking forward to the performance.



Children will need taking to RWBA for **3:30pm** with the performance starting at **6pm**. The concert is due to finish around **7pm** when the children will need collection.

Due to the large number of schools taking part tickets are limited 1 per child and we will be sending out full information shortly.

We are very proud to be an

**'Affordable School'**

If your family ever find yourselves in difficulties please know you can email us confidentially at [affordability@woottonbasset-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:affordability@woottonbasset-inf.wilts.sch.uk) or visit [Affordable Schools](#) on our website.

## Phonics Screening Check Mon 2nd - Thurs 12th June

If you intend to take your child out of school, please avoid these weeks as it is important your child is in school.