

# Wells Primary School

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**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying the recent sunshine!

## **Attendance**

As you may be aware, there is an increased focus on school attendance and we are pleased that our attendance is very positive overall.

**Our whole school attendance target is 97%.**

**Our current attendance is as follows:**

Reception 1 – 93.6 %

Reception 2 – 95.2%

Class 1 – 96.7%

Class 2 – 96.8%

Class 3 – 96.3%

Class 4 – 96%

Class 5 – 96%

Class 6 – 96.9%

Class 7 – 96.4%

Class 8 – 96.4%

Class 9 – 95%

Current whole school attendance: 96.2%

“Being in school is important to your child’s academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. Schools can facilitate positive peer relationships, which contributes to better mental health and wellbeing. Attendance at school is crucial to prepare young people for successful transition to adulthood, and to support their longer term economic and social participation in society. There is also evidence that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A level results” (<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/what-are-ghost-children-and-why-is-school-attendance-important/>)

## Value of the month

The Value of the month for April is Friendship and May's Value of the month is Freedom. We have been and will continue to explore these values in class and in our assemblies.

## Smartphone Free Pledge - Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Please consider joining the pledge for a Smartphone Free Childhood by signing up here:

<https://parentpactresults.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/londoneast#wellsprimaryschool>

If you have not already done so, please complete this questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/ic63Myr9LYMzLrMP6>

Initial feedback from the questionnaire is that parents and carers are in support of the Smartphone Free Childhood Pledge. We will be holding an information session in the school hall for parents and carers on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm** for those of you that would like to find out more about this and the reasons behind the initiative.

## Statutory Tests

Over the next two months, pupils will be taking part in a series of national statutory assessments:

- **Week beginning 12th May:** Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tasks), which include papers in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Maths.
- **Week beginning 5th June:** Year 4 pupils will complete the Multiplication Tables Check.
- **Week beginning 12th June:** Year 1 pupils will take part in the Phonics Screening Check.

Throughout all assessments, our key message to the children is simply to *try their best*. The results of these assessments will be shared with parents and carers at the end of term.

## Donations

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated items recently — your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We are still on the lookout for a few more good-quality items to support play and learning. If you have any of the following that are no longer needed and could be rehomed, we'd love to hear from you:

- Lego or Duplo
- Wooden small world play sets or houses
- Construction sets
- Garages, cars, or trucks
- Dressing-up clothes / hats and props
- Play food or kitchen role-play equipment
- Outdoor play equipment
- Insect habitats / butterfly net habitat

If you think you may have any suitable donations, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you again for your continued support!

## Book fair

Thank you for your support of the recent Book Fair. The number of books sold meant that the school has been awarded £556 worth of further books for the school. We have also received another £500 donation for books from Sage publishing; a huge thank you to them too.

### **PTA Fundraising**

The PTA are currently preparing for the school summer fayre, which will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. I am very grateful to the PTA who work incredibly hard behind the scenes to raise money for the school. If you would like to get involved please let them know.

### **School Streets**

A reminder that School Streets is in operation in Aldeburgh Place. We advise where possible to refrain from parking in Barclay Oval and please be considerate of our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

It is so lovely to see so many children benefitting from walking, scooting or riding to school each day.

**Attached are some key dates for the summer term.**

**We will update you with additional dates and information in due course.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Franklin  
Headteacher

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## Summer Term 2025

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closed – May Day Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Smartphone Free Childhood Pledge information session 5pm
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Photographer in for Class Photos
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATs week for Year 6
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes for half term break</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Staff Training Day – School Closed for Pupils.</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>School opens for pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Year 4 multiplication checks begin
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 phonics checks begin
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Nursery meeting for parents of new pupils September 2025 -5pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	London Air Ambulance Visiting
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception meeting for parents of new pupils September 2025 - 5:30pm
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Sports Day for pupils in Reception, KS1 and KS2 (more details to follow)
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5 Performance for Parents and Carers 9am
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Performance for Parents and Carers 1:30 pm
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PTA Summer Fayre 11am – 3pm
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception trip to the forest 9am
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Nursery Sports Day 9 – 10am
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers’ assembly 9:00am
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Residential trip to Stubbers
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception assembly for parents ‘Review of the Year’ 9am
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>School Closes 3pm – NO After School Club</b>