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School Diary for the
Week Beginning:
14th September 2026

Monday

Hedgehogs PE
Dance Club

Tuesday

Squirrels & Badgers PE

Wednesday

Woodland Art Club (KS2)

Thursday

Y3 & Y4 Wider Op Music
Otters, Squirrels &
Badgers PE

Multi-Skills Club

Friday

Hedgehogs PE
Music with Mrs Henry
Choir



Rupert and Mrs Knight

‘Let Your Light Shine’

Matthew 5:16

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and it has been lovely to welcome all of our children back to school. The children have returned full of energy, enthusiasm and a real eagerness to learn. There has been a fantastic buzz around the school, and it has been great to see classrooms so busy and purposeful from day one.

Over the summer, Otters and Hedgehogs classes swapped classrooms. As part of this move, we have also extended the EYFS outdoor area alongside the new Hedgehogs classroom. This exciting development means that our Year 1 children now have access to their own outdoor learning environment and continuous provision opportunities, helping to support a smooth transition from EYFS into Key Stage 1 while continuing to build independence, creativity and confidence through play-based learning.

Last Wednesday, our PTA hosted their annual BBQ for new families and Year 1 parents. It was a wonderful evening and a lovely opportunity for parents to meet one another, chat and build new friendships while the children enjoyed playing together. Events such as these play an important role in strengthening our school community, and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising and running such a successful event.



Year 6 Leadership Roles – A Moment of Pride and Growth



Each year, our Year 6 children are invited to apply for one of our special leadership roles: Head Pupil, House Captain, Librarian or Eco Warrior. These positions carry real responsibility and provide opportunities for pupils to lead, inspire others and make a meaningful contribution to school life.

The Year 6 children were asked to prepare a speak to read out about their desired role. Mrs Wright and I were joined by a panel of Year 5 pupils, and together we listened to passionate, thoughtful and often very moving presentations. The children spoke with such maturity and conviction that it was genuinely difficult to make the final decisions.

While we know that not everyone received their first choice, we want to acknowledge the courage, commitment and resilience shown by every child who applied. Putting yourself forward, speaking in front of others and accepting the outcome takes real character, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

This year, our school will be supported by a fantastic team of young leaders:

- **Head Pupils:** Charlotte, Ellie and Niamh
- **House Captains:** Edward, Matilda, Noah and Oscar
- **Librarians:** Daniel
- **Eco Warrior:** Lewis and Roxy

This is just the beginning of their leadership journey. Over the coming weeks, each group will work closely with a member of staff and representatives from across the school to develop an action plan for the year ahead:

- **Mrs Allen** will lead the Head Pupils and Ethos Team, made up of one child from each year group.
- **Mrs Bugliarello** will lead the Eco Warriors, working alongside representatives from each class to further develop our environmental work.
- **Miss Garratt** will work with the House Captains to plan and develop inter-house competitions and events throughout the year.
- **Mrs Wright** will support our Librarians as they continue to promote a love of reading across the school.

We know that our young leaders will bring enthusiasm, integrity and compassion to their roles, and we look forward to seeing the positive difference they make to our school community throughout the year. We wish them every success as they begin this exciting new chapter of leadership at Warmingham.

Surveys to Complete

Last week, we also shared two surveys with families: one from the PTA and another regarding our school uniform provider. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to respond.



The PTA survey was sent to gather parents' views on the events and fundraising activities organised throughout the year. The PTA plays a vital role in enhancing school life by funding experiences and opportunities for our children that would not normally be covered by the school budget. As fundraising income last year did not cover all of the costs of PTA-funded activities, the committee is keen to understand what events families value most, what encourages participation and how fundraising can best support our children in the future.

The PTA survey will remain open until Friday 19th September, so there is still plenty of time to have your say if you have not yet completed it.

We have also received 51 responses to our school uniform survey. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their views. The uniform survey will close on Tuesday 15th September at 7:30am, so if you have not yet completed it, please do take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts. Your feedback is invaluable and will help inform future decisions for the benefit of our whole school community.

Worship

This term in worship, we will be exploring *A-Z of Wellbeing for Children* by Ruth Rice and Debbie Green, journeying through the alphabet one letter at a time. Each week, we will discover a different aspect of wellbeing through Bible stories, reflection, discussion and prayer, helping children develop positive habits that support their emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

For example, we will explore G is for Growth, linked to John 12:23-24, where Jesus uses the image of a seed growing to teach about transformation and new life. Children will reflect on how they can grow in their character, relationships and faith, recognising that growth often takes time, patience and perseverance. Through this A-Z journey, we hope to equip children with practical wellbeing tools while encouraging them to flourish and let their light shine in all that they do.



Matthew 5:16

Attendance and Term-Time Holidays

At Warmingham, we know that family holidays and special events create lasting memories. We also understand that, for some families, arranging holidays during school holiday periods can be challenging due to work commitments and annual leave restrictions. In recognition of this, we have carefully planned some of our INSET days around the May bank holiday to provide families with additional opportunities to spend time together without impacting on their child's attendance.

However, every day in school matters. A few days away from the classroom can quickly add up and may result in children missing important learning, key teaching sequences, assessments, enrichment activities and opportunities to build friendships and confidence. Good attendance plays a significant role in helping children achieve their full potential both academically and socially.

As part of the Diocese of Chester Academies Trust (CDAT) Attendance Policy, family holidays, short breaks and leisure trips taken during term time will not be authorised by the school. Leave of absence during term time will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. These are rare, significant and unavoidable situations that could not reasonably be arranged outside of school term time, such as a significant family event, a genuine once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, religious observance or other exceptional circumstances supported by appropriate evidence.

If you need to request leave during term time, please complete a Request for Leave of Absence During Term Time form and submit it to the school office wherever possible at least 20 school days before the proposed absence. The form, along with further information about attendance expectations, can be found on our [Attendance page](#).

We would also like to remind parents that, under the national attendance framework, Penalty Notices may be considered where a child accumulates 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10-school-week period. Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child. In addition, parents who have received a Penalty Notice for the same child within the previous three years may be subject to increased penalties under the national framework.

Our [term dates](#) can be found on our website.



Financial Assistance Available



We understand that some families may experience financial difficulties and are committed to ensuring that every child can access the opportunities that enrich school life. Financial assistance may be available towards educational visits, residential trips and other school activities.

Applications are considered individually and in strict confidence. If you would like to apply for support with an upcoming residential visit, please submit your application before the deposit deadline.

Financial Assistance Application Forms can be downloaded from our website and returned to the school office in a sealed envelope marked Private and Confidential.

Download the [Financial Assistance Form](#) from our website.

Booking Reminders for School Dinners and Wombles

Thank you to the many parents who already book school dinners and Wombles sessions in advance. Your support helps us to plan effectively and ensure that we have the right food, resources and staffing in place each day.

As a reminder, school dinners should be booked by the Thursday of the previous week and Wombles sessions by the day before attendance. In an emergency, please contact the school office and Mrs Marsden will be happy to help.

To help us make the best use of staff time, parents will now be responsible for ensuring that children arrive with either a school dinner booked or a packed lunch. If neither is in place, we will contact parents and ask for a lunch to be brought into school.

We understand that genuine emergencies do happen and, of course, we would never leave a child without lunch. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Save the Date



At the end of this newsletter, you will find a list of key dates for the term ahead. We are still awaiting confirmation of this year's sporting fixtures, so these will be added as soon as we receive them.

To help families keep track of any updates, newly added dates will always be shown in bold. We do our very best to avoid changing dates once they have been published; however, occasionally circumstances beyond our control mean that changes are unavoidable. Should this happen, we will always give as much notice as possible and keep you informed.

Working Together

At Warmingham, we pride ourselves on the positive relationships we have with our families. We know that children achieve their very best when home and school work closely together, and we are always here to support you if you have a question, concern or something you would like to discuss.

Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact. Many questions can be quickly resolved with a brief conversation at the end of the school day. Alternatively, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Marsden, who will be happy to arrange for the teacher to call you back or organise a convenient time for a meeting.

We understand that from time to time parents may have concerns and, as a school, we genuinely welcome open and honest communication. We ask that all conversations, emails and meetings are approached in the same spirit of kindness, respect and partnership that we seek to model for our children. By working together with understanding and mutual respect, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for every child.

If, after speaking with the class teacher, you feel that your concerns have not been fully addressed, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I am always happy to listen, offer support and work with you to find a positive way forward. Together, we can continue to make Warmingham a caring, supportive and successful school community for all.



This term in worship we will be exploring different aspects of wellbeing through Bible stories, reflection and prayer. Together, we will think about how we can develop resilience, kindness, gratitude and hope, helping us to care for our mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing as they flourish and let their light shine.

Next week's Bible verses:

C is for Compassion ~ Mark 5:21-43

D is for Dwell ~ Luke 10:38-42



Autumn 2026

- 14th September ~ Meet the Teacher
- 23rd September ~ Big Data Workshop for Squirrels and Badgers' Classes
- 29th September ~ Forest Church with Reverend Paul
- 30th September ~ Academy Photos
- 2nd October Harvest Festival @ 10am
- 12th October @ NSPCC Speak Out Workshops for Hedgehogs and Badgers' Classes
- 19th October ~ Immunisation Flu
- 19th October ~ Home Learning Showcase
- 19th October to 23rd October TT Rockstar Battle
- 19th October to 23rd October ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan
- 20th October PTA AGM
- 21st October ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP
- 23rd October TT Rockstar Day
- 2nd & 3rd November Parents Evening
- 11th November Remembrance Service @ 10:30am
- 3rd December ~ Messy Church
- 4th December Christingle Service @ 10am
- 11th December ~ Theatre Trip for Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers' Classes
- 14th December ~ Home Learning Showcase
- 16th December ~ Experience Christmas followed by Christmas Dinner
- 17th December ~ Nine Lessons and Carols ~ Squirrels and Badgers @ 6pm
- 18th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December ~ Nativity Service ~ Otters and Hedgehogs @ 10am

Spring 2027

- 8th January – 19th March ~ Swimming lessons ~Y4-6
- 13th January ~ Phonics Workshop for Year 1 @ 6pm
- 8th February ~ Home Learning Showcase
- 8th February to 12th February ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan
- 9th February ~ Shrove Tuesday
- 10th February ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP
- 22nd March ~ Home Learning Showcase
- 23rd & 25th February ~ Parents Evening
- 23rd March ~ Easter Service @ 10am
- 23rd March ~ Explore Easter
- 24th and 25th March ~ Squirrels' Residential Trip

Summer 2027

21st April ~ Year 6 Leavers' Photos
29th and 30th April ~ Hedgehogs Residential
1st May ~ Warmingham Wakes
10th May to 13th May ~ KS2 SATs Week
14th May ~ Y6 Leavers' trip to London
24th May ~ Home Learning Showcase
24th May to 26th May ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan
26th May ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP
7th June to 18th June ~ MTC Screening (Y4 children)
14th June to 18th June ~ Phonics Screening (Y1 and Y2 children)
17th June ~ Sports Day
24th June ~ Reserve Sports Day
9th July Children's end of Year Reports
14th to 16th July ~ Badgers' Residential
19th July ~ Home Learning Showcase
20th July ~ Break the Rules Day
20th July ~ Y6 Prom (Y5 welcome)
21st July ~ Celebration Service @ 10am

TERM Dates & INSET Days