

William Cobbett Bulletin 25th September 2026

Message from Mr Stear

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I hope you and your children enjoyed the Wellbeing Day today, kindly organised by Sue Marsh our Home School Link Worker and supported by a range of different people offering their services. Our wonderful PTA also contributed some funds to ensure it was an enjoyable and special day for all.

I'd like to highlight the importance of regular school attendance - it is vital that pupils attend school each day. Where children regularly miss days of school, it leaves gaps in their learning, causing difficulties further down the line. I want the very best for every pupil that attends William Cobbett and hope you can support us in ensuring attendance remains a high priority. WMAT sends out a weekly attendance overview, and I'm keen to see us rise in the rankings if at all possible!

I have had the pleasure of visiting every classroom this week and have been impressed with some brilliant learning behaviours across the school, from Reception to Year 6. Our infants had prospective parents visit and it was amazing to see the confidence of our children when interacting with them. Next week it is our Year 3 prospective parents visiting and I'm hoping for more of the same!

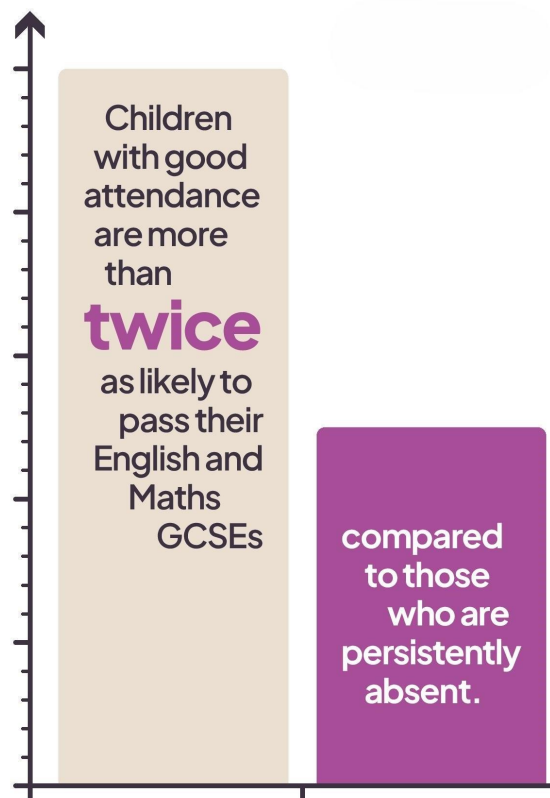
I hope you all have a good weekend!

Mr Stear and all at WCPS

Individual School Photos Monday 28th September

- Monday 28th September - individual school photos - please can children wear smart school uniform, no PE kits please.

Attendance



Infants

Please check our notice board at the infants for any notices that may relate to your child's class. It often has reminders and information so please have a look as you walk past!

Children should not play ball games on the field at the end of the day . As soon as you have collected your child, or junior children have met you at the infants, please leave the site promptly as the gate is shut at 3.30pm. Thank you.

Medical Appointments

If you need to take you child to an appointment, please provide the office with proof of appointment otherwise this will be marked as unauthorised. Thank you.

Admissions 2027

Year R

We are trying to estimate the likely number of siblings who may be applying for a place in YR next year. It would be most helpful if current parents could let Mrs Stickland know if they have a child who will be starting with us in YR next September. Please email her at:

infants@william-cobbett.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you.

Smartphone Free Childhood

A warm welcome to our new Year R and Year 3 families, and welcome back to everyone returning for the new school year.

My name is Corrinne Bowers. I am both a Parent Governor and the school's representative for Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC). I wanted to share some information about the movement and signpost families who may be interested in finding out more.

What is Smartphone Free Childhood?

Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement that encourages families to delay giving children smartphones and access to social media. More than 350,000 parents have already joined.

Families can learn more through the Smartphone Free Childhood website ([Smartphone Free Childhood](#)) and, if they wish, sign the Parent Pact to show their support [The Parent Pact](#).

Across Surrey, more than 11,000 families from over 500 schools have already signed.

Here are some of our local representatives visiting Downing Street in June [Farnham mums take smartphone fight to No 10 Downing Street | Farnham Herald](#)

What is happening at William Cobbett and within Weydon Multi Academy Trust?

William Cobbett Primary School was already a smartphone-free school before joining Weydon Multi Academy Trust in July 2026. The Trust subsequently committed to becoming smartphone-free across all of its schools.

Why are people concerned about smartphones and social media?

Many parents, educators and researchers are concerned about the impact that smartphones and social media may have on children's wellbeing and mental health.

Research in this area continues to develop, and families may wish to explore the available evidence and make their own informed decisions.

Further information can be found through Smartphone Free Childhood's evidence pages and the recent Institute for Fiscal Studies research on children's mental health and smartphone use. <https://if..tal-health>

How can you get involved?

If you are interested, you may wish to:

- Sign the Parent Pact.
- Explore the resources available through Smartphone Free Childhood.
- Join the William Cobbett Primary School Smartphone Free Childhood WhatsApp group to receive updates, articles, research and information about local events

Fundraising



Did you know you could be raising money for William Cobbett PTFA just by doing your normal online or in-store shopping?

It's called ****easyfundraising**** and it genuinely costs you nothing extra – no catch!

✅ Sign up free at easyfundraising.org.uk (or grab the app) ✅ Select William Cobbett PTFA as your cause ✅ Link your bank card (this lets in-store purchases count too, not just online!) ✅ Shop as normal at 7,000+ retailers – Amazon, Tesco, John Lewis, Argos, ASOS and loads more

That's it! The retailer donates a small % to us automatically – you don't pay a penny more, and you don't even need to remember to do anything once your card's linked. It just works in the background 🎉

Every little helps add up over the year, and it's honestly the easiest way to support the PTFA. If everyone signed up, it could make a real difference to what we can do for the kids



Click [here](#) to join William Cobbett PTFA Easy Fundraising today.

Thank you!

COBWEB

Message from the Children's Commissioner

I am getting in touch personally, as Children's Commissioner, to ask for your help in making sure the children and young people at William Cobbett Primary School have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, *The Big Future*.

So far, I have heard from 18 children at your school. With hundreds of thousands of children and young people already taking part across England, I would like to make sure as many of your pupils as possible have the opportunity to add their voices.

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Useful Information

FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses for Parents and Carers

[Book your free place today](#)

Support your child's learning, wellbeing, and development with our FREE courses and workshops for parents and carers.

Gain practical ideas, build your confidence, and discover effective ways to help your child or young person thrive at home, in school, and beyond.



Scan the QR code to enrol

Connect with other parents and carers and book your free place today.

Course Areas

- **Parenting** Build your understanding of children's and young people's behaviour, emotional wellbeing, anxiety, and mental health, and learn practical ways to support them.
- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)** Improve your English skills while learning how to support your child's education and understand how the education system in England works.
- **Maths** Explore the maths methods used in primary schools today and gain confidence in supporting learning at home.
- **Literacy and Reading** Discover how reading, writing, and English are taught in schools today, and learn ways to encourage literacy and a love of reading at home.



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SURREY
ADULT
LEARNING



Nurturing Parenting Course

8 week course
Starting Mon 28th Sept 2026

How to get the best out of family life

The course helps deal with day to day challenges, encouraging and supporting parents & carers so that you can have a calmer, happier family life. Lots of strategies are shared which help create a more calm, positive and peaceful homelife

What does it cover?

- understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours & theirs)
- Exploring different approaches to discipline
- Finding ways to develop co-operation & self awareness in children

When?

Monday Evenings 6.30pm-8.30pm

Wk 1 - Mon 28 Sept	Wk 5 - Mon 2 Nov
Wk 2 - Mon 5 Oct	Wk 6 - Mon 9 Nov
Wk 3 - Mon 12 Oct	Wk 7 - Mon 16 Nov
Wk 4 - Mon 19 Oct	Wk 8 - Mon 23 Nov



Where?

Hosted at **space2grow**, a community project in a beautiful setting, the sessions are informal, fun and a great confidence booster

How to book?

To find out more about the course or to book a place please email us at info@theparentingspace.space

Want to know more about parenting courses at space2grow?
Visit our website www.space2grow.space/parenting-courses

Charity Registration Number: 1189248



Talking Teens Parenting Course

5 week course. Starting Thur 24th Sept 2026

What does it cover?

- understanding why teenagers behave as they do
- teenage development and the influence of brain development on behaviour
- recognising the importance of listening, verbal, and non-verbal communication
- positive approaches to boundary setting and problem-solving

Can I do anything to help them argue less?...

How can I get them to talk to me more?

When?

Weekly on Thursday Evenings 6.30-8.30pm

Wk 1 - Thur 24 Sept	Wk 4 - Thur 15 Oct
Wk 2 - Thur 1 Oct	Wk 5 - Thurs 22 Oct
Wk 3 - Thur 8 Oct	



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Dads Matter

Dad Matters | Home-Start Surrey

Upcoming Dates

September

- Monday 28th- Individual School Photos- children in smart uniform please- no PE kits
- Wednesday 30th- Y5 Fire Safety Training in class
- Wednesday 30th - Y2 Multi-Skills - South Farnham School- 4-5pm

October

- Wednesday 7th - Y1 Multi-Skills- Potter Gate- 4-5pm
- Friday 9th- Y2 -Mastering Math Workshop- 8:50am
- Thursday 15th - Badger class- Mastering Math Workshop- 8.50am
- Friday 16th - Otter class - Mastering Math Workshop - 8.50am
- Friday 23rd- Year R Mastering Number Workshop- 8.50am
- Monday 26- Friday 30th - Half Term

November

- Thursday 19th- Whole School Flu Vaccinations and Year R & Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
- Thursday 26th and Friday 27th- School Closed- WMAT Wellbeing Weekend

Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn term

Start of term	Half term	End of term
Tuesday 1 st September <i>(Children start Thursday 3rd September)</i>	26th-30th October	Friday 18 th December
INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 st September & Wednesday 2 nd September	
WMAT Wellbeing Weekend (school closed)	Thursday 26 th November & Friday 27 th November	

Spring term

Start of term	Half term	End of term
Monday 4 th January 2027	15th-19th February	Thursday 25 th March
INSET DAY	Friday 19 th March	

Summer term

Start of term	Half term	End of term
Monday 12 th April	31 st May-4th June	Friday 16 th July
INSET DAY	Friday 28 th May Friday 25 th June	

Inset Days 2026-27

- Friday 19th March 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027

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Events Locally

farnham maltings

family festival

Sat 26 September
10am-4.30pm

Just £2* entry on the door

2026

Join us for a day of exciting performances, workshops and drop-in activities for children of all ages.

circus pottery storytelling printmaking puppetry
beat making art installations performance silent disco and more

Book selected events and browse the full programme on our website.

farnhammaltings.com/family-festival

*admission includes most activities, with a small number of performances and workshops ticketed separately (festival entry included).



TAP DANCE CLASS

MONDAY NIGHTS

8-8.45pm

Beginners welcome
free taster session
£11 per class

ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL

For more details please contact Martina on 07814 576583





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U10s - 2026/2027 SEASON

YEAR 5 IN SEPTEMBER

	
TRAINING	MATCHES
THURSDAY EVENINGS	SUNDAY MORNINGS

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AGE 4-7 YEARS

ACT ★ DANCE ★ SING

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SATURDAYS 8.50 - 9.45 AM
FARNHAM HEATH END SCHOOL

JEF

**JUNIOR ELYSIAN
FARMERS**

More than
a club.
A childhood
worth
investing in.



Junior Elysian Farmers (JEF)
is a brand-new membership community for children
aged 6–12 who love animals, nature and the
great outdoors.

Through hands-on experiences, practical skills and
countryside adventures, children build confidence,
friendships and a sense of responsibility – while
becoming part of our welcoming farm community.



ANIMALS
Care for horses
and farm animals.



NATURE
Explore, discover
and respect the
natural world.



SKILLS
Learn practical
countryside
skills for life.



FRIENDSHIPS
Make memories
and build lasting
friendships.



ACHIEVEMENTS
Earn badges
and celebrate
your progress.



COMMUNITY
Be part of a kind,
inclusive and
welcoming community.



Weekly clubs, holiday activities, family events, camping weekends,
seasonal celebrations, awards and so much more.
A year of adventure. A lifetime of memories.



**ELYSIAN
EVENTS**

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events@elysianuk.org

Westland Farm, Lordshill Road,
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JEF

**JUNIOR ELYSIAN
FARMERS**

A childhood
outdoors, connected
and full of possibility.

JEF is a membership community where children
experience the best of farm life, nature and
practical learning – in a safe, nurturing and
fun environment.

Here, they're encouraged to explore,
learn, create and grow.



AS A JEF MEMBER, YOUR CHILD WILL...



**CONNECT WITH
ANIMALS**
Develop confidence
and responsibility
through animal care
and interaction.



EXPLORE NATURE
Discover wildlife,
the seasons and the
wonder of the natural
world around us.



**LEARN PRACTICAL
SKILLS**
From grooming and
growing to maintenance
and teamwork.



MAKE FRIENDS
Build lasting friendships
in a supportive,
kind and inclusive
environment.



**EARN BADGES
& RECOGNITION**
Celebrate achievements
and take pride in
learning new things.



**BE PART OF
SOMETHING SPECIAL**
Join a welcoming
community and
create memories
that last.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



WEEKLY CLUBS
After-school and weekend
sessions during term time.
Full of hands-on activities.



HOLIDAY FUN
Exciting holiday activities
throughout the year.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY DAYS
Free members' days each
half term and special
family events.



CAMPING ADVENTURES
Members-only camping
weekends and outdoor
experiences.



BADGES & AWARDS
A unique JEF awards
programme to celebrate
growth, effort and
contribution.



MEMBER BENEFITS
Priority booking, exclusive
discounts on Elysian
activities and access
to special offers.



JEF MERCHANDISE
Branded clothing and
goodies to feel part of
the JEF community.

WHY PARENTS LOVE JEF

- ✓ Real-life experiences that build confidence and resilience.
- ✓ Screens down, fresh air up!
- ✓ A safe, well-supervised environment with experienced staff.
- ✓ Encourages responsibility, kindness and teamwork.
- ✓ Memories and friendships that last a lifetime.



Ready to join us?

Scan the QR code to visit our website,
explore membership options and
book upcoming sessions.



Founding Members

Families joining during our launch
period will become our Founding
Members and enjoy exclusive
launch benefits as our community
grows and develops.

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