



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

July 21st 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank families for all their support over the year and in particular those who volunteered their time to support us with swimming, forest school, trips, reading and the various PTA events. We are able to offer so much at Wychwood, and we couldn't do it without you, so thank you.

I would also like to say thank you to families on behalf of the staff for your lovely cards and gifts. It is with great appreciation that these are received.

Oliver!

Last Wednesday evening saw the Year 5 and 6 production of Oliver! at New Beaconsfield Hall. It was nothing short of spectacular and I hope that all of the children feel proud of their incredible performance. Enormous thanks to Miss Rumsby for leading the performance. What a swan song! We also are very fortunate to have had support from the Rumsby family with rehearsals, lights, sound, props, staging and costumes, so thank you to them. Finally, thank you to all the staff in Upper Key Stage 2 for making this such a memorable experience for the children.

Wychwood's Got Talent

There was an impressive array of talent on display at the Wychwood's Got Talent final on Thursday morning and the judges had a very hard time deciding on the winners. Thank you to everyone who took part and congratulations to:

FSU: Emmie (singing)

KS1: Harper, Heidi and Lucia (dancing)

LKS2: Abbie (dancing)

UKS2: Jonty (composer and pianist) – also our overall winner!

Year 6 Service

On Friday we enjoyed a lovely service for our Year 6 pupils at Shipton Church. The children reflected on their time at our school, ready for their next step to secondary school. We wish them all the very best and know that they will continue to shine as lights!



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Goodbyes

We have a few members of staff who are leaving Wychwood this year...

Heather Rumsby began her teaching career at Wychwood and has made a huge impact in the four year she has taught here. As well as teaching in Year 5 and 6, many of you will know her as our choir lead and as the artistic director of the incredible UKS2 end of year productions during her time here. Her energy and enthusiasm are a wonder to behold, and I am sure she will go on to shine in her new school in Brazil!

Sarah King is leaving us after working at Wychwood as a teaching assistant and Forest School leader for six years. We thank her for her efforts over the years as she has supported so many children to flourish and we wish her well for the future.

Marie Banks has worked at Wychwood for the last eight years and in her role as HLTA, has worked with countless children from across the school, building such strong and nurturing relationships with them and supporting them to achieve well. We wish her all the best as she begins her new adventures in Ireland.

Rachel Stratford has been at Wychwood for twenty-five years and over that time has taught many children (some of whom are now parents of current pupils!) and supported countless families in her roles as teacher, SENCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead as well as UKS2 Phase Leader. I would like to thank her for her incredible years of service to our school and community and wish her all the best as she retires from school life and begins her next adventure.

New Staff

I am very happy to tell you that we have appointed two new teaching assistants who will be joining our staff in September.

Miss Pavey will be joining our team in our Reception classes and Mrs Dore will be joining our Key Stage 2 team.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Details	Who
1 st & 2 nd September	Inset Days	
3 rd September	Start of the Autumn Term	All
1 st October	Junior Citizen	Year 6
3 rd October	PTA Disco	All
7 th October	Individual and sibling school photos	All
24 th October	Last day of Term 1 (3:15pm finish)	All

27 th -31 st October	Half Term holiday	
3 rd November	Inset Day	
19 th December	Last day of Term 2 (1:30pm finish)	All

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday's to Theodora (Ash) and Arthur (Oak). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you had a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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