19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent Information Meetings**

Thank you so much to all of the families who joined us for our Parent Information Meetings this week. I hope that they were useful. I know the staff enjoyed meeting you. For anyone who was unable to attend, please find the slides we shared at the meetings on our website here:

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/parents/>

**Harvest Festival**

We are looking forward to taking the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) to St Mary’s Church in Shipton on Friday 3rd October for our annual Harvest Festival service. We will aim to begin the service at 9:20am with the children and staff walking down together after being dropped off at school as usual. Parents and carers of children attending are invited to join us in the church for the service. We hope you can make it!

**Secondary School Applications**

Just a reminder that Secondary School Applications are open for Year 6 pupils. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is October 31st 2025. Here is a link to the online application form.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

**Pupil Voice**

At Wychwood we are proud of the different ways in which pupils are able to have a voice in our school. Every year, pupils from each class have the opportunity to apply to become a School Councillor, member of our Eco Council or Reflective Area Monitor. Eco Councillors in Year 3 and above will need to apply for the role by requesting an application form from their teacher. In the spirit of being eco-friendly, we are not giving paper forms to every child in the school! Younger children will make their application verbally in their class. For aspiring School Councillors and Reflective Area Monitors (RAMs), the children will need to tell their class why they would be good for the role. Good luck to all the applicants!

**After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will start next Monday. Everyone got into the clubs they requested.

**Office closure**

A reminder that the school office will close early on Friday 3rd October at 2pm. Please make a note of this in your calendars as there will be no staff there to respond to queries from that time.

**PTA update**

We hope everybody has had a great first few weeks back at school.

**PTA store clear out - THIS SUNDAY - help needed**

We are still planning to meet at school on Sunday morning from 9am-12pm to clear out and reorganise the PTA stores. We'd really appreciate it if anybody could spare any time to come and help us with this. Let Susie know (07890 560379) if you can pop down for any part of the morning.

**Disco tickets are now live!!**

We are excited to announce that **tickets to our disco on Friday 3rd October are**[**now on sale via Classlist**](https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1347791352?s=1010721080&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK)!

We will be welcoming DJ BigBug to the hall with his lights and decks!

This disco will follow the usual fun format, with Years 1 - 3 in the first session (5:15-6:15pm), and Years 4 - 6 afterwards (6:30-7:30pm).

Refreshments and face painting will be available to purchase on the night. We'll also have fresh fruit (free), and provide plenty of water to keep everyone hydrated throughout (it's a good idea to bring a water bottle to refill too).

Advance tickets - at the discounted price of £3.50 - are available via Classlist (click ticket link to book). Alternatively, you can purchase them via the office and during the week of the disco at pick up in the playground (cash only).

We also really need volunteers to help things run smoothly on the night, alongside some donations of cakes and traybakes if anyone can spare the time - please see the Classlist sign-up sheet for details and sign up for anything you can help with - thank you.

Thank you very much everyone - we look forward to welcoming your children there!

The PTA Team

**Dates for the Autumn Term**

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| **Date** | **Details** | **Who** |
| 1st October | Junior Citizen Visit | Year 6 |
| 3rd October | PTA Disco | All |
| 3rd October | Harvest Festival (Shipton Church) 9:20 | Year 1/2 & Reception & Parents |
| 7th October | School Photographs | All |
| 9th October | Flu Vaccinations | All |
| 12th October | Teas at Chastleton House | PTA |
| 20th – 24th October | International Week | All |
| 27th – 31st October | Half Term | All |
| 1st November | Fireworks Night @ Shipton Cricket Club | All |
| 3rd November | INSET Day | All |
| 11th & 12th November | Parent / Teacher Meetings | All |

**Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday’s to James (Sycamore) and Peter (Chestnut). 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 for your continuing support.

Katy Gent

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