

Wren Park Primary Newsletter – Welcome to the Summer Term!

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“Wren Park, One School, Kind and Resilient together”

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable break over Easter and managed to find time to relax with your friends and family. Although Spring has only just arrived, we are now starting our summer term at school. I would like to offer a warm welcome back to what promises to be a fun, busy, and exciting few months at Wren Park!

As the final term of the school year, it's a time to build on all the learning the children have achieved so far – and to enjoy the sunshine and some lovely summer activities along the way.

INSET Day ahead

Just a reminder that next Wednesday (30th April) will be INSET day so the children will not be in school on that day. Staff will be undertaking training on **adaptive teaching and inclusive practice**, supported by Derby University – an area we already do very well, but are always keen to keep improving.

Party Afternoon – Next Friday

Another exciting day next week will be Friday when we will be holding a playground Street Party to celebrate and mark the VE Day 80th anniversary. A further letter will be sent providing details. I am sure it will be an enjoyable afternoon of fun, celebration and remembrance. We may need a few parent volunteers for the afternoon, let us know if you are interested in helping out.

Other Messages

A Special Shout-Out to Year 6


Best wishes to our Year 6 pupils as they begin their final term at Wren Park. We hope this is a joyful time of making memories – whether it's in the classroom, completing their SATS with confidence, ambition and resilience or during the much-anticipated residential visit. Let's make it one to remember (in a good way!).

Exciting News – New Classrooms and Sports Facilities!

We are thrilled to share that we have now secured a commitment from the Council for a fantastic new development at school – a block of **four new classrooms** and a **multi-use games area (MUGA)**! Planning is beginning shortly and we'll keep you updated on progress as things move forward.

Recognition for Personal Development Excellence

We ended the last term on a high with the brilliant news that Wren Park has been awarded the **Excellence in Personal Development Award**. This celebrates the amazing efforts of our children, staff and wider community in promoting positive attitudes, behaviour, and providing opportunities for our pupils to grow as individuals and make a positive impact on others. We are so proud! Please rest assured that we are always looking to improve and build upon success and so this award is not the “end of our work” but more of a boost towards providing the very best opportunities for personal development.

 **Parents Association** A big thank you to the Parents Association for all their hard work last term. The Golden Ticket and Chocolate Bingo were a great success. Thank-you to the parents for organising this as well as all children and parents who supported these events.

Promoting Anti-Racism

Later this term, we'll be enhancing our curriculum with dedicated activities and learning focused on **promoting anti-racism**. This is something we feel is very important, especially in light of current local and global events as well as parental feedback on the issue of racism. We are keen to build upon our current work in this area to educate children and develop understanding of the impact of racism, and why it is wrong and should not be tolerated in any circumstance. Our governors are also keen to support this work. If you have ideas, experiences, or resources to share, please do get in touch via the school admin email or speak to me before or after school.

Living Our School Values

We continue to be incredibly proud of how the children are showing our school values of **Respect, Ambition and Resilience** every day. Don't forget to let us know about achievements outside of school too – we love to celebrate these in our weekly Values Assembly!

Partnerships and Visits

Our partnership with **Repton School** continues this term with more exciting events including an outdoor adventure afternoon, a chess competition, and a teddy bears' picnic for our younger children. Other visits include exciting **STEM activities led by Rolls-Royce apprentices** and more!

Safety First **Safeguarding Reminders**

Please ensure children do **not arrive at school before 8:45 am**, especially if unaccompanied. It's important that all children are supervised and safe before the start of the day. If your child walks to school, please help them plan their journey to arrive safely and at the right time. Please do not allow your child to play or run around on the school car park. Although we minimise traffic on site at the start and end of the day, accidents can happen. We also believe that it is important for the children to be respectful and responsible not just within school but with the locality. Please encourage your child to follow the rules – the car park is not an extension to the playground.

Online Safety

We continue to work hard in school to teach children how to stay safe online. However, we know this can be challenging at home and we urge all families to **regularly check online activity** and use parental controls where possible. This is particularly important for children with SEND, who can be more vulnerable online. It's vital that children not only protect themselves but also act kindly and responsibly towards others when online.

Uniform and Water Bottles

Please make sure your child is wearing the **correct uniform and PE kit** and brings a **clearly labelled water bottle** each day. With limited space, we're unable to store lost property for long, so labelling is essential.

Healthy Habits

Let's keep building great routines! A little bit of **daily reading** and some **outdoor play or physical activity** goes a long way in supporting children's wellbeing and learning.

Thank you for your continued support – here's to a brilliant summer term!

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events within school during the term.

Kind regards,
Alex Buckley

Diary Dates

A full list of important dates is listed below to help you plan ahead. Just a reminder that **school will be closed next Wednesday** for an **INSET day**.

- Tuesday 22nd April: Start of term
- Wednesday 30th April: INSET Day
- Friday 2nd May: VE Street Party (whole school)
- Tuesday 6th May: Music Performance (children who have additional music lessons in school)
- Tuesday 6th May: Y5 Rolls-Royce DT / STEM Day
- Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May: Y6 SATS week
- Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th May: Y4 Lea Green Residential
- Wednesday 21st May: Y4 Dentistry day
- Friday 23rd May: Outdoor Activities Day
- Friday 23rd May: Break Up
- Monday 2nd June: INSET Day
- Enhancing Family Success Project to start (exact day and details TBC)
- Wednesday 4th June: Y3 Twycross Zoo trip
- Thursday 5th June: World Environment Day
- Monday 9th – Friday 13th June: Y1 Phonics checks

- Wednesday 11th June: Reception Sept 25 starters meetings
- Thursday 12th June: Y5 Religious Education trip
- Monday 16th June: Outdoor Activities week
- Monday 23rd June: Y2 Conkers trip
- Monday 23rd June: Y6 Manor Adventure Residential and Careers Week
- Tuesday 24th June: Brownlee Mini Triathlon - Y4 tbc
- Friday 27th June: Summer Fair
- Tuesday 1st, Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th July: Y6 Transition days at secondary school
- Friday 4th July PM: Sports Day
- Wednesday 9th July: Y6 Fire Safety Talk
- Thursday 10th July: Y2 Fire Safety Talk
- Thursday 10th July PM: Sports Day Reserve
- Friday 18th July: Sports Day Final Reserve
- Tuesday 22nd July: Y6 Evening Performance to parents.