



Wormholt News

Friday 6th September

Head's Chat

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Dear Families,

Welcome Back everyone. Great to see you all again!

I hope you received my email earlier in the week with a few general reminders.

Thank you to everyone for the smooth transition with our new entry to school. We have really enjoyed welcoming the children in through our new gates! However, it is essential that cars do NOT park on the pavement outside school and double park in the road, as we saw yesterday. It is extremely dangerous for our families leaving the playground. Most families live very close to school, so please leave your car at home and walk as much as possible. The local police will be attending over the coming days and weeks, as we cannot let this happen for the safety of everyone.

We were delighted to see all the children looking so smart in their uniform. Let's keep it up. We have also noticed that we are having fewer children late to school, which is wonderful! Thank you 🙏

I'm sure your children have mentioned our amazing new playground. Please read below all about it!

We are hoping to have our Picnic in the Park on Friday 13th at 12.00pm (weather permitting) so please keep it free and bring a picnic. 😊

Please note new email for office: info@wormholtparkprimary.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

Anika Hargie

Headteacher

We are now an Opal School!

I wonder if your child has come home and told you about our fantastic new playground?
We have signed up to an initiative called Opal (Outdoor Play and Learning).

What is Opal? It is a project that supports high quality play for all children. Before the holidays, many of you completed a survey we sent out about play. It was so wonderful to see how much you all value play.

Research shows that:

- The average screen time per day can be up to six hours.
- The average outdoor play time per week is five hours.
- The percentage of UK children who only play outdoors with other children at school is 56%.

There are many proven benefits for schools that carry out the OPAL Primary Programme. They usually include: more enjoyment of school, less teaching time lost to disputes between children, fewer accidents and greatly improved behaviour.

Play is not messing about. It is the process evolution has come up with to enable children to learn all of the things that cannot be taught, while also having so much fun. There are certain things children must have in order to be able to play. These include:

- Having clothes that they can play in.
- Having things to play with.
- Having a certain amount of freedom.

What we want to offer is 'Amazing play, everyday, for every child'

We launched Opal on Wednesday and it has been a huge success! Please ask your child about what they have done at playtime this week.

You will notice that children are allowed to play in our mud kitchen and climb trees (safely!). Your child may come home a bit dirty but this is a fantastic sign that they have played brilliantly, so please don't worry.

We would love all children to bring a coat every day and have a spare change of clothes at school in case they get wet/muddy. If you are able to, please send in a bag with a change of clothes - not uniform) Also, if anyone has old coats or wellie boots at home, please can you bring them in. If you have any deliveries at home, we would love the empty boxes. Over the last three days, the children have really enjoyed making fantastic things out of cardboard.

Here are a few photos to give you a taster.



Wormholt Babies



While we were all on Summer holidays, our Year 3 teachers were busy having babies! Mrs Lardner had a baby boy called Finley and Ms Emery had a baby boy called William.

The boys are only 10 days apart! Both new mums and babies are doing really well. We can't wait to meet them!

Wraparound Care

We are delighted to tell you that we now have wraparound care! Breakfast club starts at 7.45am and our new wraparound after school care runs from straight after school to 5.45pm. There is no charge for our breakfast club. The after school care costs £12.00 per session, which must be paid in advance. If you are interested, please contact Joanna in the office and she will give you a form to be filled in so she can set you up with an account.

If you are a working parent on Universal Credit, you can claim up to 85% of this cost back through your Universal Credit. Please click on the link below for details:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs>

Generation Wild

Year 2 children were busy last year with 'Generation Wild', following their trip to The Wetlands They received this message in the holiday.

Dear teacher,

Many thanks for taking part in our Generation Wild programme last academic year. You and your pupils did amazing things to care for nature and wildlife. As a result, we'd like to award you with a Schools For Nature certificate signed by Sir David Attenborough and a badge you can use to show your work has been recognised.



Thank you for being a
**SCHOOL
FOR NATURE**

Awarded to

By making your school a little wilder,
you are helping to bring back nature.

David Attenborough
Sir David Attenborough

SAVE OUR
WILD ISLES



The awarding of your certificate is part of a wider 'Schools For Nature' campaign celebrating the important role that schools have to play in supporting nature and creating the next generation of nature-lovers.

Well done children!



School Calendar

Our School calendar is updated regularly. Please click the link to access it. [Click here to see](#)

Useful Dates this term

Autumn Term 2024	
Monday 9th September at 3.30pm	Curriculum Meeting for parents of children in Year 5 & Year 6
Tuesday 10th September at 8.45am	Transition to Secondary School information session with Sam Lord for parents of children in Year 6
Tuesday 10th September at 3.30pm	Curriculum Meeting for parents of children in Year 3 & Year 4
Thursday 12th September at 3.30pm	Curriculum Meeting for parents of children in Year 1 & Year 2
Friday 13th Sept from 12.00pm- 2.00pm	Picnic in the Park - all Parents welcome
Tuesday 17th September from 3.15pm	School Uniform Recycling
Tuesday 22nd October from 3.15pm	School Uniform Recycling

2024-2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024	
Wednesday 3rd September	Children back
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term
Friday 20th December from 1.30pm	End of Term

Spring Term 2025	
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Children back
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Half Term
Friday 4th April from 1.30pm	End of Term

Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Children back
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Half Term
Friday 4th April from 1.30pm	End of Term