



Wormholt News

Friday 7th February

Head's Chat

Dear Families,

We have such an exciting morning planned on Friday 14th February! Our Opal Playground mentor, Nicola, will be delivering an Opal workshop for parents at 9.00am (do come in straight after you've dropped your child off and have a chat before it begins!) The workshop will run until 9.25am. Then comes the exciting part... you can go out to play with all the children and relive your childhood until 10.00am!



You will have the chance to play in the mud kitchen, dig in the garden or do some art in the art room. Maybe you'll play with the cars and dinosaurs under the tree, or scoot around our scooter track. I wonder if any of you will be able to make a den or roll on a tyre. Perhaps you will sit in one of our social spaces or make something in the construction area. You could dress up and perform in the stage area. Or will you be dancing and singing to the music? We hope to see as many of you as possible.

A little plea! To avoid the crowding that we often have at the gates in the playground at the end of the day, from now on, could any child with a bike or scooter please leave the playground using the gate by the bike/scooter storage. Thank you 😊

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Hargie

Headteacher

Arbor - parent log in - we now have 87% of parents signed up! This is INCREDIBLE!! We want to get to 100% asap - so please follow the instructions below....

The first 3 classes with 100% Arbor uptake will get extra playtime!!

From today - the weekly newsletter will be sent via Arbor and our old provider. After half term, it will only be sent via Arbor.

You will have recently received details to set up your Arbor Parent Portal account. Using Arbor allows us to communicate with you more efficiently, and will enable you to access a wider range of information about your child's school life, via the Arbor Parent Portal and the downloadable Parent App.

The Parent Portal and Parent App will let you see your child's registration data and their attendance. You will be able to register your child for trips and clubs and make payments; all from one portal on your phone or computer. If you have downloaded the App and allowed notifications, we will also be able to send in-app messages directly to your phone.

How do I log in to the new system? To set up a login for your account on the new system, you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we've sent the 'Welcome to Arbor at Wormholt Park School!' to. The Arbor Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

Pupil Data Once you have logged in, you will be able to see all the basic pupil data for your child(ren), such as guardian contact details, consents and attendance data, by clicking 'View Student Profile'. If you see any data which you think is incorrect, there is the option to request that we change this, by clicking on the grey arrows next to the data; this sends a request to the school to update the data.

Payments The option to make payments via Arbor will be activated once you set up your account, we will cease using SchoolComms at the end of this month. Thank you for your support with this change, which we hope will have a positive impact on your experience of communicating with the school.

Opal Playground



This week, we are asking for any donations of chalk, pencils and felt tips. If you have any, please bring them to the office. Thank you for your continued support.

BBC 500 Words Competition

We were delighted, this week, to receive an email from the BBC 500 Words Competition Team to let us know about the success of two of our pupils who entered this competition.

Dear Wormholt Park

I'm emailing from the 500 Words team at the BBC. We've had a submission from two of your students. You'll be receiving two £10 vouchers for the students.

Many thanks,

Esther

Esther Beckley

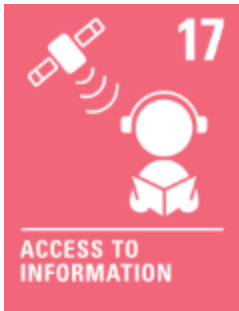
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Children's & Education



Many Congratulations to Sumayyah and Shuayb. Well done for your prize winning efforts, in the 500 Words Competition. We are very proud of you both!

Rights Respecting - Article of the Week



This week we are learning about and celebrating the following Article.

Article 17 - (Safer Internet Day is on 11th February)

You have the right to collect information from the media – radios, newspapers, television, etc – from all around the world. You should also be protected from information that could harm you.

You can find out more about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) by visiting their website:

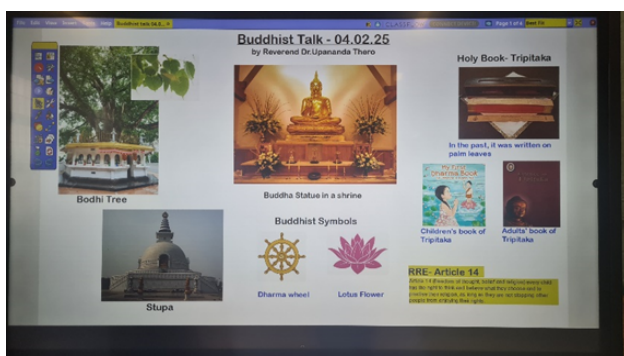
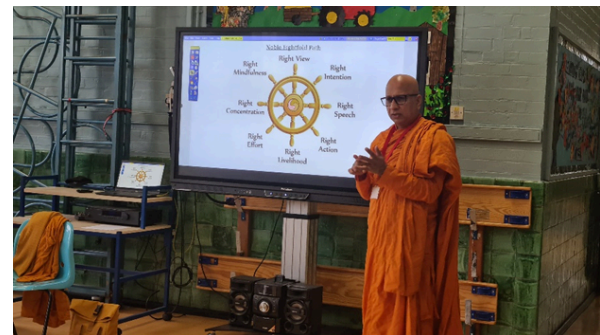
<https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

Buddhism Talk by Reverend Dr Upananda Thero

A Buddhist monk, Reverend Dr Upananda Thero from London Buddhist Vihara was invited to talk about Buddhism on the 4th of February 2025. There were two different assemblies based on the topics taught in RE.

In KS1 and Year 3 assembly, children got an opportunity to learn about Buddha, what Buddhists practise and the life of a monk. Children asked many questions about various things: celebrations, holy book and the Triple Gem were among them. They also had the opportunity to see the real holy book, Tripitaka that is made of palm leaves.

KS2 assembly was mainly based on the three topics Karma, Dukkha and the Noble Eightfold Path. Children were able to share their opinion on the above topics and widen their knowledge by discussing them further with the monk.



During both assemblies, children did Mindfulness Meditation for a few minutes under the guidance of the monk. Children experienced the real act of meditation by doing it in real life.

Some children said that they were very relaxed after it.



Article 14

Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights

Our Nursery- We have spaces!!

If your child is 2 years old, please pop into the office and register them for Nursery. **Most of our children start as soon as they are 3!**

If your child is already 3 - please speak to Kim and we can get them started asap!

We can offer part-time places or full-time if you have the 30 hour code. We would be very happy to show you around if you'd like. Please tell any local families about our nursery too, as we have spaces at the moment.





**Wormholt Park
Primary School**

Nursery Places Available For 3-4 Year Olds

- ☀️ **Free Government Funded Hours**
(minimum 15 hours or 30 hours with eligibility code)
- ☀️ **Qualified Teachers and Nursery Staff**
- ☀️ **Engaging and stimulating indoor and outdoor learning spaces**
- ☀️ **Safe and friendly environment**

Come and see our school for yourself



BOOK HERE



Please do get in touch with our school office for an application form: 020 8743 5073 or info@wormholtparkprimary.co.uk
Please visit our website: www.wormholtparkprimary.co.uk









Weekly Book Review

This term, our staff will be writing reviews of books they enjoyed reading. This week we have a book review from Ms Boudarka, one of our Reception teachers

Book Review: The Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence

Growing up, my mother was a big lover of libraries, and we would go to the library every Saturday for as far back as I could remember. Through picture books to novels, and every genre in between, my voracious appetite for reading grew.

This desire to read has followed me well into adulthood, but there is one instance that I remember vividly: my first foray into reading an entire series. I was in my Year 3 classroom, having finally run out of books to read from the reading corner. My teacher, Miss Boyde, pressed a book into my hands and suggested I would enjoy it. That book was *The Thieves of Ostia* by Caroline Lawrence, and it opened up a world of historical fiction, well developed characters, and an intriguing mystery. It was wonderful to read a cast of diverse characters that were interesting, flawed and had their own motivations. This is definitely reflected in my tastes in reading today.

It was a delightful read, full of accurate and vivid descriptions of 1st Century AD Roman Italy. The book is short, fast paced and follows Flavia, Nubia, Jonathan, and Lupus, each with their own unique backgrounds, flaws and private struggles, as they solve the mystery of who is killing dogs in their neighbourhood. As the events of the book unfold, their friendships grow and deepen.

The book does not shy away from the grim realities of life in Ostia during that period, as she writes about the temples, houses, harbour, markets, and the people in rich detail. The difficult themes that are present in this book lead me to think that this story is best suited for 9-year-olds and above. These topics such as slavery, persecution, poverty, rabies infections and death of animals are dealt with in a delicate yet straightforward manner that reflects the brutality of life 2000 years ago.

Once I had read the first book, there was no stopping my need for the rest of the series, which I continued to read well into Secondary School. As the stories were released, the characters got older, and the themes reflected this, so parental discretion is advised. My mum used to read whatever I read, partially to see what I was reading and whether it was appropriate, but also so we could discuss the books together. I'm sure *The Thieves of Ostia* would spark many discussions in your homes too!

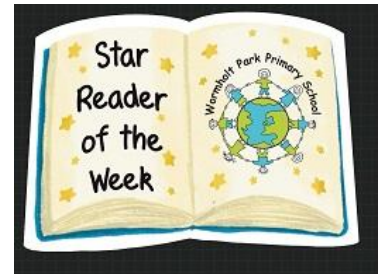
Happy Reading!

Miss Boudarka



Reader of the Week

This week, the Star Readers of the Week are Abdurahman from Oslo (Reception) and Connor from Athens Class Y45). Well Done both of you!



Skills Builder Weekly Challenge



Skills Challenges

[See all Skills Challenges](#)

Spend 5-10 minutes in a quiet place and listen carefully to the sounds around you. How many different sounds can you hear? Try to count the different sounds you can identify around you.

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How can you make sure you are listening carefully?

Intermediate: What does positive body language look like?

Advanced: Why is summarising or rephrasing what you have heard useful sometimes?

Mastery: How might changing the language (words) used affect how you feel about something?

))) Listening

Have you been completing any of these skills builder challenges at home? Please let us know how you are finding these. Here is this week's challenge! Skills Builder has resources available for parents/carers on their website. The [Home Zone](#) helps parents and carers to build their child's essential skills at home. Each week they have a different Skills Challenge that parents/carers can complete with their child.

[Click here to visit their website](#)

Toys at school

Just a reminder that children should NOT be bringing toys or other personal items such as fidget toys, special books and cards from home to school. There have been a few instances this week where children have brought items into school from home. It causes distress when these items are lost or broken.



School Calendar

Our School calendar is updated regularly. Please click the link to access it.

[Click here to see](#)

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 School Uniform Recycling	12	13	14 Triquet (15) Class Assembly End of Term	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Back to school	25	26	27	28 Birthday Bash	

Attendance - this week



Please look at this chart - the more time your child has off school, the less chance of success they have with their learning. Please only keep your child off school if they are genuinely unwell.

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Seoul
2nd	La Paz

Best Punctuality this week	
1st	Washington
2nd	Ottawa

Well done to these classes!

Useful Dates this term

Spring Term 2025	
Monday 10th February	La Paz - Year 2, Class Trip
Tuesday 11th February	Lima - Year 2, Class Trip
Tuesday 11th February	School Uniform Recycling
Friday 14th February	Tripoli (Y5) Class Assembly
Friday 14th February	Opal Playground - Parent Workshop

Term Dates - 2024-25

Spring Term 2025	
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Half Term
Friday 4th April from 1.30pm	End of Term

Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Children back
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Half Term
Friday 18th July finish @1.30pm	End of Term