

Week 19 Wetherbuzz Monday 19th February – Sunday 25th February 2018



Monday 19 th February	Monday Clubs
Staff Meeting – 8am	Years 3-5 Creative Writing – 4-5pm
Year 3 & 4 Inter-House Cross Country – am	Debating All Years – 4-5pm
Games for Years 5 and 6 – 1:30-4pm	Drawing – 4-5pm
U11 Franchise Rugby, Round 4 (H) – 2:15pm	English Games & Puzzles – 4-5pm
U11 A & B vs. The Hall (A) – 2:30pm – POSTPONED	Years 6-8 Fencing – 4-6.15pm
U11 C & D vs. The Hall (H) – 2:30pm – POSTPONED	Indoor Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
SMT Meeting – 3pm	Rugby Skills Club – 4-5pm
Wetherby Voices – 4-5pm	Homework Club – 4-5pm
Tuesday 20 th February	Tuesday Clubs
Wetherby Choir – 8-9am	Running – 7:45-8:20am
Year 7 & 8 Inter-House Cross Country – am	Arts & Crafts – 4-5pm
Swimming for Year 5 – 9-11am	Chess – 4-5pm
Games for Years 3 and 4 – 1:30-4pm	Year 5 Fencing – 4:15-6:15pm @ Hannah
Year 5 Maths Challenge at Belmont – 2-4pm	House
U9 Franchise Rugby, Round 5 (H) – 2:15pm	Tour Choir – 4-5pm
U9 A – D vs. North Bridge House (A) – 2:30pm	Photography – 4-5pm
SLT Meeting – 3pm	Swimming Development Dolphins – 4:15-
7M and half of 7C (Bengough-Jaume) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm	5:15pm and 5-5:45pm
Mr Baker and Mrs Brookes to St. Paul's – evening	Table Tennis – 5-6pm
Wednesday 21 st February	Wednesday Clubs
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Year 7 Rowing at Putney – 8am	Elite Chess – 8-9am
Physical Education for Year 7 – 9-10:30am	Chelsea Quavers – 4-5pm
Swimming for Year 3 and 4 – 9-12pm	Classical Greek Civilization – 4-5pm
Games for Year 7 and 8 – 1:30-4pm	D&T/ Engineering – 4-5pm
Senior Franchise Rugby, Round 4 (H) – 2:15pm	Lower Code – 4-5pm
1 st & 2 nd XIII vs. Hill House (H) – 2:30pm	Fencing – 4-5pm @ Bryanston Square
U12 A vs. Wetherby Senior School (A) – 2:30pm	Maths Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm
- cond - c	Lower Swim Squad – 4:15-5:45pm
Thursday 22 nd February	Thursday Clubs
Year 8 Rowing at Putney – 8am	American Football – 3:15-5pm
Physical Education for Year 8 – 9-10:30am	Upper Code Club – 4-5pm
Year 5 & 6 Inter-House Cross Country – pm	Years 6-8 Fencing – 4:15-6:15pm @ Han-
School Management Meeting – 4:30pm	nah House
Play Rehearsal – 4-5pm	General Knowledge Quiz Club– 4-5pm
7G and half of 7C (Johansen-Williams) Parents' Evening – 5-8pm	Lego Building – 4-5pm
	Maths Revision – 4-5pm
	Music Ensemble – 4-5pm
	Year 6 Football Skills – 3:15-5pm
	Upper Swim Squad– 4:30-5:45pm
Friday 23 rd February	Friday Clubs
History Trip to WW1 Battlefields departs – 6:15am	Whole School Clubs – 2:30-4pm
Staff Meeting – 8am	No Homework Club – school closes at
Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation -	4:30pm
8:30am	·
U11 Cross Country vs. Arnold House (A) – 2:45pm	
U10-U12 Fencing Fixture vs. Hill House (H) @ Hannah House	
Saturday 24 th February	
U10 Thomas's Rugby Festival – am	
U13 A Cricket Pre-season Training at the Oval – 1pm INVITE ON- LY	
Sunday 25 th February	
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History Trip Returns – 4pm	

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I first went to watch Watford's football team in 1986. I was 12 and my friends and I went along to a home game against Everton, not really out of fervent passion for the team or the sport but really just as something to do at the weekend. Watford won 2-1 but the football was largely incidental. The adventure of getting the train together, walking to the ground, being part of a crowd and buying a burger from a van made far more of an impact. We carried on going, sporadically, throughout our school days and then, as we all went our separate ways to universities around the country, a Watford game became the catalyst to all meet up when home for the holidays. For a couple of years, two of us sold programmes for pocket-money and that also gave us free entry to home games. The football was diabolical during this time but, sitting at the back of the stand, chatting away and enjoying the company of friends was the main event. As we sold programmes, we got to know, on nodding terms at least, hundreds of people. Many would ask our names and stop to talk. We couldn't remember all of theirs but we always greeted them warmly and appreciated how buying a programme and exchanging a few words with us was part of their regular match routine.



Fast forward then to this past Monday night. Different, more recent friends, made through our children, have held season tickets in the same place for the past 6 years but, on what was a very cold night, with other commitments to meet and timings too late for their children, it was only me who was able (and willing) to attend the home, televised match against Chelsea. The companionship that I have always anticipated was perhaps not to be and the evening posed the risk of becoming a somewhat solitary affair without my nearest and dearest but I reckoned that would be a little unlikely, so carried on regardless. With familiar faces and surroundings, those 'nearest' to me on a cold, dark night became close companions for two, special hours, as together we watched a really memorable game of football. Thanks to our virtual world, Patrick, Joseph, and my long-term Watford-supporting friends kept in regular contact throughout: "Good goal!", "Got to get a second!", "Bet we muck this up!" were all filtering through. As the best part of 20,000 people exited the stadium, there was no end of back slapping and hand shaking; we were all the best of mates - though of course, best mates who won't speak to each other for at least two weeks and then only for another two hours on a very specific topic. Sport means different things to different people but, for me, be it win, lose or draw, that social aspect, is always the main attraction. Mind you, winning against the champions in such a momentous way was so fantastic that I wouldn't have minded being there all on my own, on this one occasion at least!

With a great start to the week came a great finish to the week. 'Come Dine With Us' last night was delicious and hilarious in equal measure. This is a such a uniquely 'Wetherby' event and the manner in which our staff and you, the parents, get behind and throw yourself into it these occasions with such spirit is superb. Today was crazy... crazy in a good way. Your affection, creativity, thoughtfulness and genuine warmth for everything we do here is so enormously appreciated by us all. The entire team here wishes to communicate their thanks to you all and will do so separately. In the meantime, may I simply thank you, at the end of a whirlwind half term, for your unique contributions to #teamwetherby.

Have a great half term,

Baly



From the Senior Master—Oddballs Hats

Mr Blundell writes...

I have ordered some Wetherby 'Oddballs' hats which are available to staff, boys and parents across the four different Wetherby schools. They are excellent quality and perfect for Games and Hyde Park for the boys and indeed, fantastic for keeping warm whilst supporting the boys on the touchline at Wetherby Sports Ground!

The hats are part of a campaign to raise awareness about testicular cancer.

"The aim of the bobble hats is to get sport and schools teams across the UK wearing our bespoke, personalised bobble hats. We want to get teams talking about testicular cancer and raise awareness, as at the moment it is still a taboo subject and many are uncomfortable talking about it. We are trying to change that and with entire squads and clubs wearing our bobble hats we feel it is a big step in the right direction."

The hats retail at £10 so if you would like to place an order, please let me know by emailing stephen.blundell@wetherbyprep.co.uk. Many thanks .



Please see a poster from Francis Holland School, regarding a disco for Year 8 boys on Friday 23rd February. All details about tickets are included on the poster.



From the Senior Mistress—Year 4 History Trip to Verulamium

Miss Olney writes...

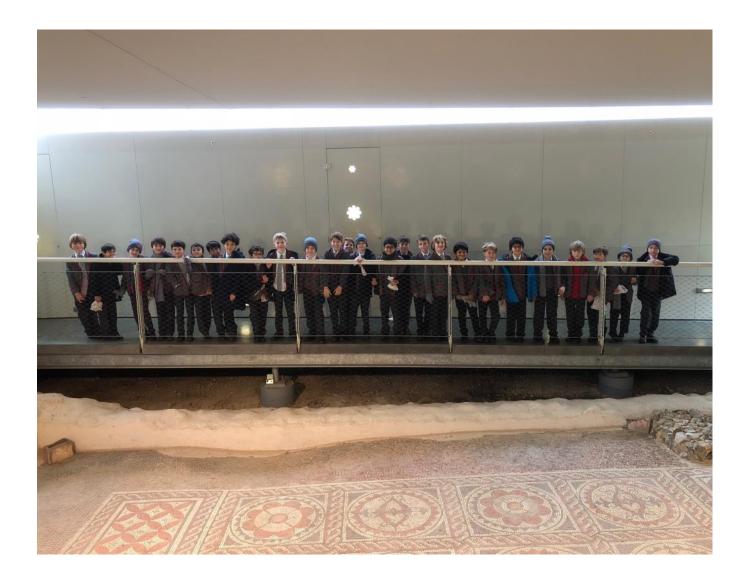
On Thursday this week, Year 4 went to visit the ancient Roman remains of Verulamium and discover what life was like at the ancient Roman town now known as St Albans. Boys were brimming with knowledge of the Romans after studying the topic last term. It was a great opportunity to discuss what life was like for the Romans in Britain and showcase their learning.

The boys were split into three groups. One group visited the museum first where the boys learnt about why Verulamium was such an important Roman town and to see at first-hand beautiful mosaics, unearthed by archaeologists.

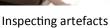
The second group handled Roman artefacts in a workshop set up by the museum. The session was particularly enlightening as the boys had the chance to handle real 2000 year old Roman objects and discuss how they were used in the Roman world. On each table was an assortment of objects that many of them hadn't encountered before which they had to discuss in groups and what they were used for.

The final group visited a 'Roman Villa' and saw beautiful mosaic that lined the floor of the villa which helped them understand how the Hypocaust system functioned in Roman times.

With glorious sunny but chilly weather, the boys had a fantastic time and were thoroughly absorbed by all that Verulamium had to offer. It was great to see the boys not only observing ancient Roman objects and art work, but handling and discussing the importance of artefacts. This was a thoroughly enriching trip that was able to extend all the boys' understanding of the Romans.









Lorenz Bjorgolffson's beautiful mosaic

'History Hit' Talk with Helen Carr

On Monday, the Year 7s and 8s were treated to a History talk from the historian, Helen Carr. She writes, produces and presents for 'History Hit', a new kind of History Channel with Dan Snow. Helen spoke to the boys about the latest projects she was involved with. But more importantly, she talked about the significance of using a variety of historical sources to investigate periods in History from art and artefacts to diaries and chronicles.

Helen shared with the boys her passion for the medieval period particularly the Bayeux Tapestry, and questioned them on how William died and what evidence can we use to build a bigger picture. Helen also spoke about one of her documentaries on the River Tyburn and how you can still access this river under a shopping centre in London.

The most important message from her talk, and one which I wholeheartedly agree with, was to encourage the boys to go out and discover more about the past for themselves. To look at what is around them especially in London which has such a rich history.

For more information and to see some of the programmes that Helen presents and produces, check out History Hit - https://www.historyhit.com/







- 1. "My certainty has never let me down and has decorated my life with questions for me to conquer." Philipp Goetz, Y5
- 2. "Board games scattered across the floor like grains of sand on a beach and a TV lying there as if it was an entrance to a black hole." Saif Meliti, Y5
- 3. "Beyond the village of Pris-on, an ancient moat curled around a treacherous tower like a snake." Alex Kabysh, Y6
- 4. "It felt like a freezing hand on my face, wet snow pierced through my shoes." George Yatsenko, Y3
- 5. "I look behind and I can taste the cold call of death's dark veil approaching. It is then I realise my fate is near." John Cartwright, Y5

From Clubs—General Knowledge Quiz Club

Miss Sharp writes...

This week I took two teams to the Area Heats of the General Knowledge Quiz, the teams were made up of one boy from each year between Years 3-6. The competition was held at The Hall School and other competitors included Orchard House. The boys were well prepared for the competition with most of the team attending Quiz Club weekly. Wetherby started off well and were leading for the first round of the quiz. Unfortunately, our competitors edged ahead and we came a respectful fifth place. Well done to all those involved!







From Charities—Wetherby's Got Talent!

Miss Martin writes...

Due to the popularity of last year's event, Friday 9th March sees the return of 'Wetherby's Got Talent'. This will take place during school time for the Lower School. All boys from Years 3-5 (and any staff that would like to take part!) are invited to be involved in the competition. Boys may also participate as a group, with no more than 4 people. All boys who watch will be required to donate at least £5 upon entry to the competition, with all proceeds going to our school charities. Entries for the competition will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to be part of this exciting event, do let me know!

Wetherby Prep Just Giving Page

This year we are excited to launch the Wetherby prep just giving page - http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/ wetherbyprep

Here – donations will be able to be made directly to our school charities. We have lots of brilliant events lined up this year, including this week's 'Come Dine with Us', Wetherby's Got Talent and the London to Paris cycle.....

Please scan the QR Code to be taken directly to the link.



3P Sponsored Walk

On Saturday 17th March, 3P will be embarking on a sponsored walk for our school charities. They will be walking from Parliament Hill to Holland Park, through as many parks as possible! Your sponsorship of this brilliant initiative is very much appreciated. Well done, 3P!

From the Drama Department

Miss Waters writes....

DRAMA, DRAMA, DRAMA...

It's been a great week in the Wetherby Prep Drama department with Year 3 really getting stuck into their first character 'Hot Seating' experience, Year 7 getting to grips with Greek chorus and Year 5 studying characterisation through Matilda. On Wednesday Year 5 watched a live performance of Matilda the musical in the West End and represented the school exceptionally. Remembering their audience etiquette, thanking staff involved in the trip and most importantly having a super time they truly excelled themselves. I am looking forward to seeing their theatre reviews after half term!







Year 3 'Hot Seating'



Year 7 Greek Theatre Chorus Movement

SCHOOL PLAY

We are well under way with the school play rehearsals and the boys are doing spectacularly well with what is a challenging script and really rising to the challenge delivering and learning Shakespearean verse and prose. Over half term all boys in the play who haven't done so already **need to learn their lines and be off book** by the first rehearsal after half term. I will also be sending an email with details of the **costume** that they will need for their role in the next few days in order to give you plenty of time to either buy or make what your son requires so please look out for this in your inbox.

Please note that boys in the play are required to be at every Friday Drama Club rehearsal, and as an early reminder we also have rehearsals on **February 27th** in the morning and **March 17th** all day at the theatre.

Thank you to all parents for your help and support, it is much appreciated and I am very excited to get this show on the road -so-to-speak! Have a GREAT half term!

From the P.T.A—Second Hand Book Sale

It's that time of year again... The WPS second-hand book sale is on **Thursday 1**st **March in the Pioneer Hall**. This is an all-day event where the boys will be visiting the book sale during school hours with their classes. There will also be an opportunity for yourselves to buy from the sale. Further Information on this and the class timetable will follow shortly.

All books donations are welcome from fiction / non-fiction / text books for the boys, some good bedtime reading for the adults and even a few exciting books for younger siblings! Please deliver your book donations to Jude Fekete at the front desk by **Wednesday 28th February.**

We appreciate your help and support for this event and look forward to receiving lots of exciting books over the next weeks. All books will cost between £1 - £5 and the money raised will be donated to the school's nominated charities. Parent helpers are always welcome – If you would like to participate please contact the WPS PTA – <a href="mailto:mai

Happy reading and see you at the sale!



Cricket Helmets

Mr Billingham Writes....

For any Parents planning on buying or upgrading their son's helmet, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) strongly recommend that school players only wear helmet that comply with the new specification this will be clearly labelled "BS7928:2013" Some helmets are tested with a junior ball (up to Under 13's), a men's ball and some are tested for both. The school would recommend if you are purchasing one, get one tested by both. The school has got plenty of these helmets for the boys that play hard ball to use so please do not feel that you will need to buy one of these. It is school policy for boys to wear helmets of this standard in hard ball matches or hard ball Batting/Wicketkeeping.

Below is a link for the latest helmets that meet these specifications (N.B The list is constantly being updated) www.ecb.co.uk/helmets

Any question or advices please don't hesitate to contact me at tom.billingham@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Cross Country

Mr Reid writes...

You will see from the school calendar that the Inter House Cross Country will be taking place at the Wetherby Sports Ground -

Monday 19th February

Years 3 and 4 Start 9.30am

Tuesday 20th February

Years 7 and 8 Start 9.30am

Thursday 21st February

Years 5 and 6 Start 2.30pm

Please feel free to come and support the boys! Have a good half-term.

Match Reports

U10 A-B V the Falcons

Last Thursday the U10A-D teams hosted the Falcons at WSG. Well done to all the boys involved.

Man of the match: A team – Luca Milner
Man of the match: B team – Monty Sutherland
Man of the match: C team – John Cartwright
Man of the match: D team – Freddie Edis

U10 Franchise rugby

The U10 franchise boys played all full set of competitive fixtures which saw a snappy performance from the crocodiles. Well done boys!

Vultures 40 – Honeybadgers 45 Man of the match: Philip Goetz Crocodiles 35 - Hyenas 30 Man of the match: Oscar Rotman

U11 A - D V Fulham Prep School

Well done to all the U11 A-D teams for playing Fulham Prep and convincingly winning all 4 matches! Great effort boys!

Man of the match: A team – Charles Gouilliard
Man of the match: B team – Thompson Higgins
Man of the match: C team – Kameron Khlat
Man of the match: D team – Oliver White

U11 Franchise

The U11 franchise boys enjoyed an excellent afternoon of rugby where all the boys put in a shift! Impressive performance from the pythons who tightened their grip on the race for the title!

Anacondas 55 - Cobras 35 Man of the match: A team – Zain Amjad Vipers 45 - Pythons 70 Man of the match: A team – Luke Armstrong

U9 A - D V Fulham Prep

The U9 A-D teams put on a masterclass of rugby, showcasing good passing, strong tackling and mesmerising running! Well done

Man of the match: A team – Jake Marks

Man of the match: B team – Alex Govindan

Man of the match: C team – Afonso de Lacerda

Man of the match: D team – Alistair Ehrenkrona

U9 Franchise rugby

The U9 franchise boys once again took to the field for some rugby action. The raging minotaurs impressed as they charged their way to victory!

Minotaurs 30 Medusas 20 Man of the match: Charles Begg Smith

Cyclops 20 Krackens 30 Man of the match: Oscar Li

Centaurs 40 Griffins 30 Man of the match: Oliver Batcheldor

U8 A-B V Arnold House

The U8A-B teams are enjoying a fine rugby season and once again welcomed Arnold House to WSG. The boys put up a great performance but narrowly lost out! Unlucky boys.

First XIII and 2nd XIII vs. the Hall

The senior 1^{st} and 2^{nd} team hosted the Hall at WSG in what proved to be a competitive afternoon of rugby. The boys all showed great effort and determination. Well done to the 2^{nd} team for their big victory!

Man of the match: 1st team: Eero Martin Man of the match: 2nd team: Salar Moghadam

Senior Franchise

On a cold afternoon of rugby the Wetherby Thunder took to the field by storm and struck early in what was a decisive win. All the boys played the game in the correct manner. Well done!

Lightening 25 – 25 Tornados Man of the match: Adrian Boettcher Thunder 65 – 30 Volcanos Man of the match: Lachlan Cairncross Avalanches 30 - 30 Earthquakes Man of the match: Leander Straub

Top Try Scorers

Jack Johnson	24
Chinonso Ogbunude	15
Kameron Khlat	15
Hayden Harpel	14

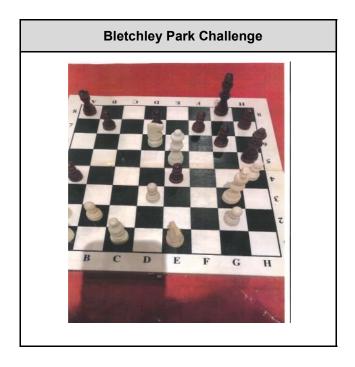




Mr Gascoine writes...

Congratulations to the boys below! Please make sure that all answer sheets include workings out, full name and form class. Housepoint for each.

Bletchley Park Genius's			
Zac Romeo	Alex Kabysh		
Christopher Radcliffe	Tristan Anderson		
Mani Tomazos			



My Wetherby — Alfie A

Which House are you in?

Chepstow

What is your favourite club?

Rock Climbing

What is your favourite subject?

Maths

Kit-Kat or Fudge?

Kit-Kat

If you were a teacher, what would you teach?

Science

Favourite sport at Wetherby

Rugby

What would you do if you were Headteacher for a day?

Give everyone the day off!

If you went to Pizza Express with a famous person (dead or alive) who would you want it to be?

Roald Dahl

Favourite book.

Any book by Thomas Gates

Fish & Chips Fridays or Sausage & Mash Mondays?

Fish & Chips Fridays



You have one minute to draw a Wetherby branded item



Wetherby Column

Thank you, Alfie!

Out of School Achievements and Photos

George's New Badge

George participated at the Pinewood Derby Badge 2018 design for the Boy Scouts of America and his design won the first prize!

They then made the badge according to his design and everyone who participated in the racing competition took it back home.

He was so happy to see how a drawing can be translated into the actual badge!



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

	Lower School	Upper School		
3P	Bear Seidel	6L	Joshua Ashley	
4A	llya Walker-Hayworth	6M	Leonardo O'Sullivan	
4B	Casper Maclean	6T	Kilian Seidel	
4L	Oscar Novis	7C	Louis Jaume	
4M	Hayden Harpel	7G	Ethan Chan	
5K	Sebastien Dautigny	7M	Robert Johnson	
58	Chase Donaldson	8B	Tarquin Sotir	
5T	Saif Meliti	8F	Edward Darwent	
		8V	James Bate	

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Kilian Seidel – 54

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge	Westbourne	Chepstow	Dawson
599	558	539	524

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain A. Koomen	Chepstow Captain E. Jones	Dawson Captain D. Bjorgolfsson	Westbourne Captain K. James
9,733	9,369	9,328	9,230

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Joint Third Place	Joint Third Place
Form 6T	Form 7M	Form 7C 161	Form 6L
225	170		161



Photos of the Week



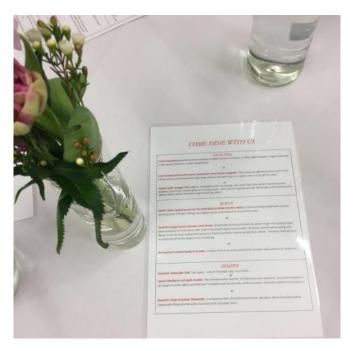


Behind the scenes from Come Dine With Us!











Making Roman arches...



Dressing up as Romans





The brothers!



Learning about the Romans



3P take their violins home.



Treasure map!

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