

WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Spring Term | Week 24



WEEK 25 — Monday 19th to Sunday 28th April 2021

Monday 19th April:

- Henry R Birthday
- **STAFF INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR BOYS**

Tuesday 20th April:

- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm

Wednesday 21st April:

- Lachlan D Birthday
- Sasha O Birthday
- Senior Management Team Meeting—3-4pm
- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm

Thursday 22nd April:

- Alexander K Birthday
- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm
- SRE Talks for Years 6, 7 & 8—all day
- School Management Meeting—4:30pm

Friday 23rd April:

- **NO MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 4pm
- Staff meeting—8am
- Whole School Assembly **LIVE on Instagram**  **and Zoom** – 8:45am

Saturday 24th April:

- Ludo B Birthday

Sunday 25th April:

- Paddy B Birthday
- Cezar J Birthday



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

That was a crazy term but a really productive last three weeks and I have said before in this column, a real mood of optimism pervades the building. Next term we have a full fixture list and lots of our usual summer events and activities. It won't be a completely normal term (no residential for example) but as close as we can get. We also look forward to welcoming all families back to the school at the start of next term after a number of you have understandably been unable to return due to travel logistics.

The whole Covid crisis consumes us on a daily basis and it is impossible to escape the constant news items, documentaries and features. It has become a phrase in our house, "What were the figures today?" so obsessed are we with statistics and desire to hear the continued trend of good news. There has been much written and broadcast on the subject but if there is one programme that hit me more than most it was ['The Reunion' episode](#) in which author Michael Rosen was reunited with the staff that cared for him during his time in intensive care. There is in my view no more moving or poignant summation of the last twelve months than this brilliant piece of radio.

And in the mood of looking forward, as is usual for this time of the year, I detail below the staffing changes for the coming school year and some more immediate changes affecting lessons next term.

From September we will be joined by **Mrs Charlotte Curness-Blane**, **Miss Annie Kennedy** and **Mrs Lucy Lock**, teaching English and Maths throughout the school. Educated at Bancrofts School and then UCL, **Mrs Curness-Blane** currently teaches English at Queens School in Bushey having taught previously at Cardinal Vaughan. She toured with the English Youth Ballet whilst at school and told us she was keen to start a Ballroom Dancing Club at the school – we love a new club at Wetherby Prep! **Miss Annie Kennedy** comes to us highly recommended by her Uppingham School friend Miss Purton and by Miss Bidie, who spent time with her at Pembroke School in Kenya where they were both gap students. A graduate of Newcastle University, she understands the 'Wetherby Way' and we have no doubt will be a great success here. **Mrs Lucy Lock** is a very experienced educationalist currently working at Rosemead Prep School in South London. She is a superb teacher and great character and I know she will have a brilliant impact on all of us at Wetherby Prep...how am I so sure? Well I just had to ask her principal referee and husband, our very own Mr Richard Lock...let's keep it in the family here at WPS!

Mrs Katie Callaghan is expecting her third child and from today will be on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to meeting the new arrival at some point next term. Her English classes will be covered during her absence by **Miss Millie Purton** who as you are no doubt aware has been familiarising herself with the classes this term. In the French Department, **Mrs Lucy Bassett** has left the school after 14 years of service and we wish her well in her future endeavours. **Mrs Sarah Annoh**, who has been teaching French and Spanish at Tonbridge School this past term, will take on the Year 7 and 8 French teaching (covered latterly by Mrs Aude Sebag) as well as the two Year 6 classes that have been most ably covered this term by **Mrs Rebecca Le Clanche**. Mrs Annoh is known to us through her school friend, Mrs Katie Garvey, and is very much looking forward to teaching the boys next term.

In terms of our facilities, the planned wholesale development of the Art Department that was postponed due to Covid last summer, will be completed before September and will look magnificent, enhancing significantly our Art and Design offering. We will also be having a bit of a 'switcheroo' with some of the rooms being repurposed and, hopefully, we'll be back to moving the boys around the building as they were pre-Covid, exposing to them to all the sounds and sights and full 360 technicolour offering of Wetherby Prep School – it's going to be a great year...

Thank you for all your support this term. Have a great Easter and look forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday 20th April**.

Nick Baker

Alpha Plus Remote Learning Survey

Last year, Alpha Plus surveyed all parents in the Group regarding the remote learning provision in the Summer Term. They would now like to gather responses from parents for the most recent period of remote learning that occurred this term.

Please follow the link below to contribute your thoughts to the survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/I0ZBRD/>



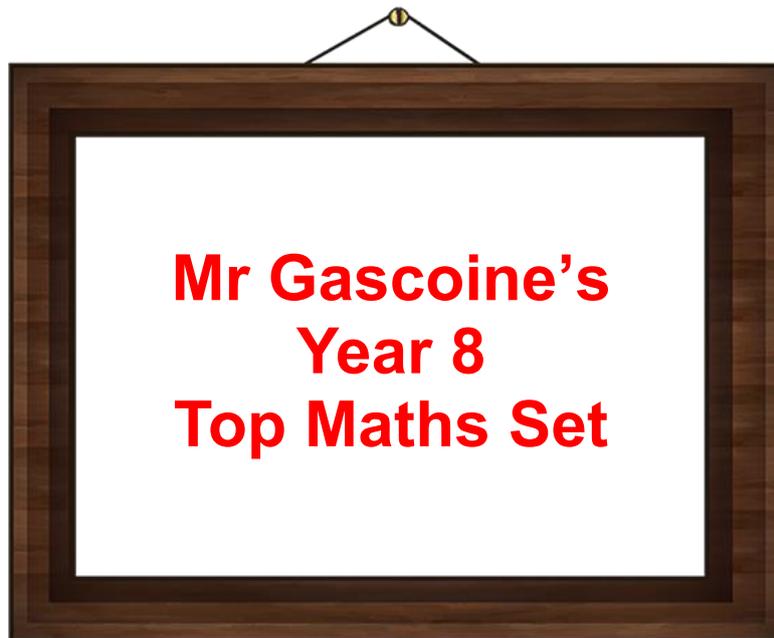
Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is Henry R in 6F. During our art lesson, one of the boys had a nose bleed. Henry immediately grabbed the paper roll and gave lots to the boy who was in need. He then offered to escort him to the toilet (which is over at the top of 47) to make sure he'd be ok. He then returned to our lesson, with no fuss, and didn't expect anything in return. Such a kind and thoughtful boy.



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Oscar L in 7T. Oscar has been enthusiastic, engaged and shown exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship during the last three weeks of football. Look forward to seeing him perform on the cricket field next term! Well done, Oscar!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Zachary N 5C

Zach saw that I was sitting alone at a table and said to me that if I ever felt left out to come and talk to him. Zach is a great friend and has helped me to stick up for myself.
Justin W

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Charlie M 4T**

He always makes me laugh and when I am sad he makes me happy again. Thank you, Charlie!
Hendrik P

◆ **Michael R 6F**

During lunch today, when I asked if boys wanted any more sandwiches as we had some left, he asked if the left overs were going to homeless people. When I said yes, he then responded "Then miss we should not have any more, as homeless people could have more for themselves". Such a kind thought. *Mlle Flomet*

◆ **Lorenz B**

In Games, I could not play rugby as I had hurt my foot and played football instead. Lorenz was meant to play rugby, but decided to play football instead so that he could join with me. *Marley L*

◆ **Franklin C (5W)**

This morning we did a mass tidy up and sort out in form time. Franklin was so helpful as he took on the role of sorting out stationery which was very time consuming. *Miss Kroiter*

◆ **Alexandre D**

Alex Dupuy bought me some Bens Cookies. They were magnificent. Lovely gesture! *Mr Blundell*

◆ **Vivaan M 4P**

Thank you for making my birthday feel extra special! *Ilia K 4P*

◆ **George S 4L**

George is always a great friend and is very kind as he always makes me feel included. *Cyrus F*

◆ **Grayson H**

I would like to nominate Grayson for the kindness cup because at lunch, my food tipped over and Grayson was kind and helped me pick it up. *Dante D*

◆ **David F**

I would like to nominate David for helping me walk across the AstroTurf at the end of break when I had hurt my leg. *Leo G*

◆ **Goncalo N C (4T)**

He has been making designer necklaces for the staff and asked that we contribute to his chosen charity. Very thoughtful young man! *Mr Thorne*

◆ **Ilia K (4P)**

We were touched and impressed by Ilia on his birthday. He woke at 6.30am, baked a beautiful cake and made lovely decorations for an "early birds party" for his family. Ilia's grandparents sent him money, so he could choose what he wanted by himself. First thing Ilia bought was Play Doh pack for his little brother! It was really kind and caring behaviour. *Ilia's Mum*

◆ **Max H**

Recently, Max was playing football in the garden with his 4 year old brother Lucas. After a while he asked me to come out and play in Lucas' team as Lucas was losing badly and needed some support. *Max's Mum*

Notices

Mr Lock writes...

Revision Guides

Please remember that school exams will be from Monday 24th May – Friday 28th May (Tuesday 5 June – Friday 8 June for Year 8 CE boys).

Most of the revision for these exams will happen in school throughout next half term but we have included revision guides for all subjects in the Wetherbuzz email this week. Subject specific guides will also be found in the Teams pages for all subjects.

Most teachers have given tips to help guide revision and some subjects have sent home past papers where appropriate.

Richard Lock
Director of Studies

Miss Lister writes...

Snacks at WPS

Dear Parents/boys,

As you know, the boys are offered snack time as an addition to their lunchtime slot. There are daily deliveries of fruit to classrooms, and boys are welcome to bring in their own snack from home. This is of utmost importance to us as the boys have a very busy day and we want them to retain their energy.

If snack is brought in from home, it must be 'healthy' and, of course, not contain nuts or nut products. Crisps, chocolate and 'Haribo' style sweets are not to be part of snack and boys will not be permitted to eat them during snack time. We want to maintain as much of a healthy diet in school as possible. Also, snacks are not to be shared with their classmates- this is simply to ensure cleanliness and make sure we protect boys who may have an intolerance/allergy or avoid certain food products for religious reasons.

Birthday treats, class parties, Kindness Cup awards etc. are as normal and not deemed as 'snack'.

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Spring Week 23: 23.03.21

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- **Charity fundraising ideas:**
 - * Rwanda Aid as a focus for charitable monies.
 - * Book sale in Pioneer Hall - SC Reps in charge of sectioning books according to F/NF and age group and selling to their bubbles. Donations from WPS boys. Could this be during Environmental Week?
 - * Summer Fete - can this go ahead?
 - * More Mufti Days!
- **Lunchtime ideas:**
 - * Puddings returning - rather than every day, we could have them as a treat on the last Thursday of each half term/term. Maybe a theme to these? Halloween, Christmas, Valentine, Easter, May Day, Summer.
 - * Different shapes/types of pasta available.
 - * Use of plastic/wooden cutlery - return to using metal cutlery to reduce amount of plastic/wood used.
- **Environmental Week in Summer Term:**

The dates have been booked in for Summer Term - further ideas are:

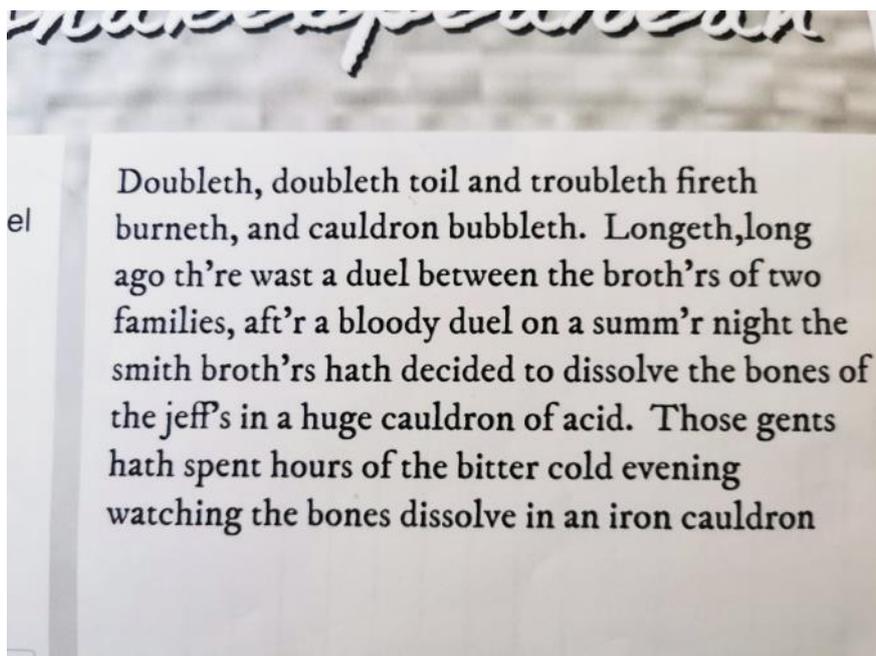
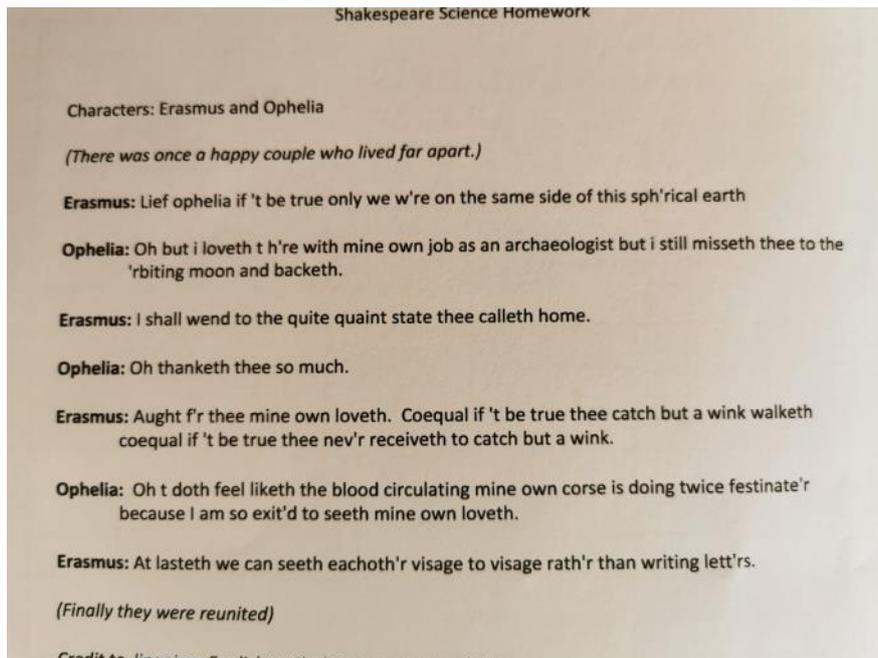
 - * To reduce use of buses in some way - walking part of the journey?
 - * Use of public transport rather than personal vehicles.
 - * SC Reps conduct an audit of the school prior to E Week and at the end of it to check on how clean/environmentally friendly we are.
 - * Form classes collect points during the week depending on who walks/cycles/scoots to school. Winning form gets an award.
- **School Council Reps helping with sorting out left-overs of class parties.**
 - * This Friday, as it is class party day, we are going to donate any left-overs to a homeless shelter.
 - * A kitchen trolley will be placed in the 'walk-through' to the dining room- please can School Council Reps bring down any left-overs from their party by 12PM at the latest. Only items that have been untouched and that will travel well, please. Thank you in advance!

The next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday 20th April at 8:40am

English Department

Miss Hood writes...

Shakespeare fun doesn't just last for one week... Miss Lister set an exciting Shakespearean science homework task last week and the boys has't did produce some showeth stopp'rs (have produced some show stoppers!). Here is a selection...



Doubleth doubleth toil and troubleth;
fireth, burneth and cauldron bubbleth.

mast'r of the sieve, this is myself,
as i sieve these w'rds i needeth nay help.

mine own thoughts floweth through mine own brain as i mixeth the w'rds and lett'rs,
and alloweth evap'rate the ones yond doth not matt'r.

i filt'r mine own feelings, taketh fell and depress'd aside
and at which hour the rage is dissolving i has't nothing else to encave.

You just need to finish it off- including some Science!

I have also found this incredible 'Shakespeare translator' website so you can type in your paragraph in normal English and it will give it to you in Shakespearian! Write out the translation in your Science book, or print it out and bring it into class. I will ask the class to read out their paragraphs in our first lesson of Science next week.

<https://lingojam.com/EnglishtoShakespearean>

Hamlet: Double, double toil and trouble fire
burneth and cauldron bubbleth.

King Lear: what on earth are they talking about!

Hamlet: wee alloweth me bid thee. The oth'r
day i wast making a circuit at which how
mine own batt'ry did burn out and did burn
and did cause a fireth.

King Lear: Oh nay what hath happened art thee
th's fire!

Hamlet: yes i'm fine but mine own circuit was
not wast fizzling and crackling because i accidentally

did spill mine own... wat'r fariously.

King Lear: fariously thee forsooth t seemeth electric

both vallyth

Hamlet: t seemeth electricity and wat'r doth
not mixeth.

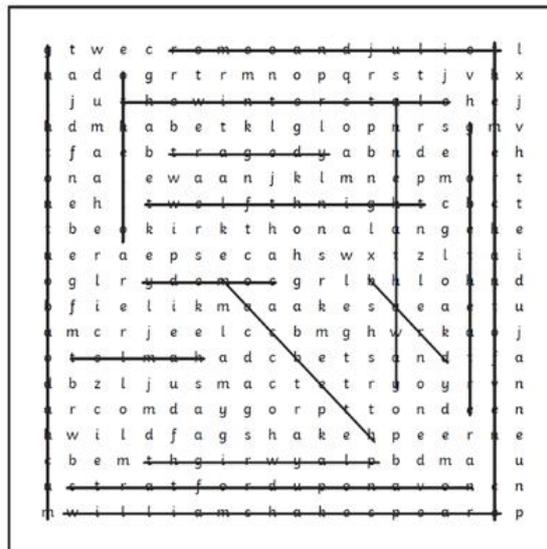
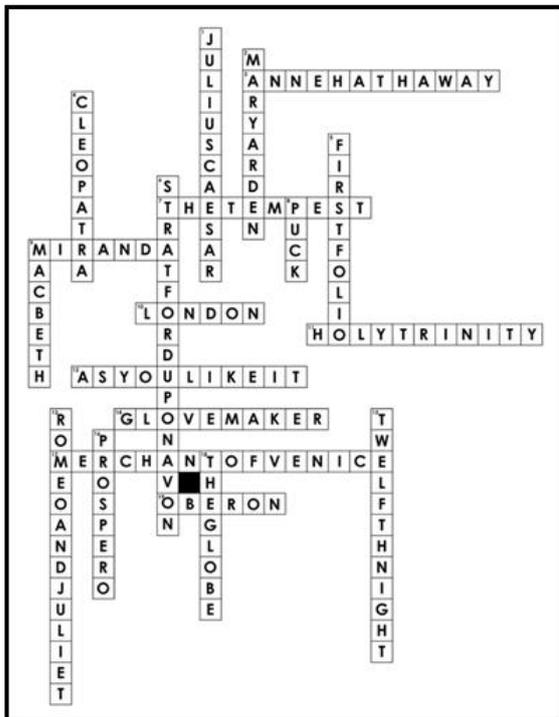
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LOWER SCHOOL ENGLISH PUZZLES

Shakespeare Week



Answers



*I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine:
There sleeps Titania sometime of the night,
Lulled in these flowers with dances and delight.*

- Oberon, Act 2 Scene 1

(A Midsummer Night's Dream)

Maths Department

Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

Lower Challenge Answers	Upper Challenge Answers
Alexander T-W	James B
Alexander D	Reuben J
James B	
Xudong Z	
Samuele B	
Mariano E	

Lower Maths Challenge

Michael Zhu

puzzle no. **66**

Each symbol is worth a number. The total of the symbols can be found alongside a row and two columns. What number should replace the question mark?

△	*	●	△
□	●	*	△
*	△	●	△
●	□	*	□

85

$?$ **50** **45**
 60

$$\begin{aligned} \square + \square + * + \square &= 85 \\ \triangle + \triangle + \triangle + \square &= 45 \\ \square + * + \square + * &= 50 & 25 + 5 + 30 = 60 \\ \square + * &= 25 \\ \triangle &= 5 \\ \square &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

Upper Maths Challenge

Brain Teaser 7 - Frank's Fast Food Special

Question 7-8

Frank's Fast Food Special

FRANK'S FAST FOOD ENTRY	
Hamburger with toppings	\$2.25
Fries	85
Coke	90
Onion	75

Frank's Fast Food Eatery offers a Saturday Soccer Team Special. When student sports teams come in wearing their uniforms and accompanied by their coaches, they can get one hamburger free for every 2 they purchase.

The entire Manchester team wore their uniforms and went to Frank's Eatery for lunch with their coaches. Each person had one hamburger with toppings. The players each had a coke and shared a bag of fries with one other teammate. The two coaches each had their own fries and coffee. The total bill (no tax) came to \$42.70.

How many players are on the team?

$2.725x = 46$
 $x = 2.25x + (0.95x \times 2)$
 $42.70 - 3.90 = 38.80$
 $95x = 2 = 190 + 190 = 380$
 $14 - 2 = 12$

Brain Teasers Hints

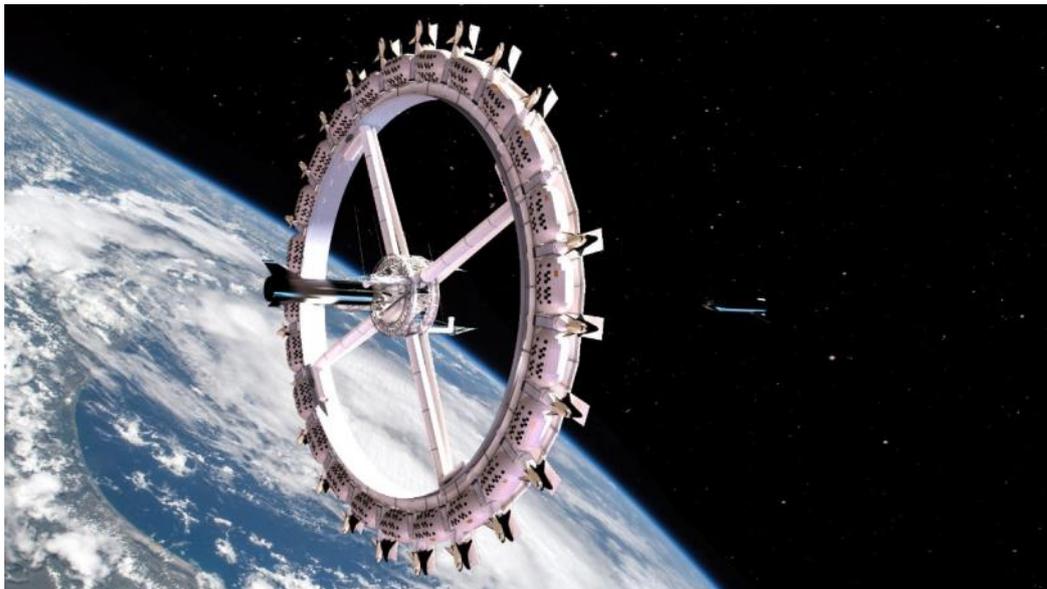
Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 15.3.21

Get planning for 2027, as an 'out-of-this-world' hotel is due to be opening in just six years! School trip, Mr Baker?



From going on local hikes, to sightseeing in foreign cities, people love to explore! And soon, a new destination could be added to people's adventure lists—outer space! Set to open in 2027, the first ever space hotel will accommodate over 400 guests. The ring-shaped structure has “accommodation modules,” which will house the hotel's facilities.

Designed to match the comfort of hotels back on Earth, the galactic guest house will offer visitors, luxurious en suite bedrooms, fine dining in a futuristic restaurant—and out of this world views!

And because gravity levels in the hotel will only measure one-sixth of those on Earth, guests will even be able to enjoy an extra bouncy game of basketball!

Lego reveals space shuttle Discovery set featuring Hubble Space Telescope



Space Calendar 2021:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

LAST UPDATED Mar 19: These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.

March

March 28: The full moon of March, known as the **Full Worm Moon**, arrives at 2:48 p.m. EDT (1817 GMT).

March 28: [Venus reaches its greatest brightness](#) in its 2021 evening apparition, shining brightly at magnitude -3.9. Catch the planet just above the western horizon at sunset.

April

April 2: A United Launch Alliance **Atlas V rocket** will launch **Boeing's CST-100 Starliner** spacecraft on its second uncrewed mission to the International Space Station, following a partial failure in December 2019. The **Orbital Flight Test 2** mission will lift off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. [Watch it live](#)

April 6: [Conjunction of the moon and Saturn](#). The waning crescent moon will swing about 4 degrees to the south of Saturn in the dawn sky.

April 7: [Conjunction of the moon and Jupiter](#). The waning crescent moon will swing about 4 degrees to the south of Jupiter in the dawn sky.

April 10: A Russian Soyuz rocket will launch the crewed **Soyuz MS-18** spacecraft to the **International Space Station** with Russian cosmonauts Oleg Novitsky, Pyotr Dubrov and Andrei Borisenko. It will lift off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. [Watch it live](#)

April 11: The **new moon** arrives at 10:31 p.m. EDT (0231 April 12 GMT).

April 17: [Lunar occultation of Mars](#). The waxing crescent moon will briefly pass in front of the planet Mars for skywatchers in parts of Asia. Elsewhere in the world, the moon will make a close approach to Mars. Look for the pair above the western horizon after sunset.

April 17: NASA astronaut Kate Rubins and Russian cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov will return to Earth from the **International Space Station** in their **Soyuz MS-17** spacecraft. This day will also mark the start of ISS Expedition 65. [Watch it live](#)

April 20: A SpaceX **Crew Dragon** will launch the **Crew-2** mission to the International Space Station for NASA. On board will be four crewmembers: NASA astronauts Shane Kimbrough and Megan McArthur, JAXA astronaut Akihiko Hoshide, and ESA astronaut Thomas Pesquet. [Watch it live](#)

April 21-22: The [Lyrid meteor shower](#), which is active April 16-30, peaks overnight.

April 26: The full moon of April, known as the **Full Pink Moon**, arrives at 11:32 p.m. EDT (0332 April 27 GMT). Because the moon will also be near perigee, or its closest point to Earth, this will also be a so-called "[supermoon](#)."

Also scheduled for April:

The **SpaceX Crew-1** mission will return to Earth with NASA astronauts Michael Hopkins, Victor Glover and Shannon Walker, and JAXA astronaut Soichi Noguchi, in late April or early May. [Watch it live](#)

Have a wonderful Easter break!

This week in History



22nd March:

1956 - Martin Luther King was convicted for violating Alabama's anti-boycott law when he organised the Montgomery bus boycotts

1963 - The Beatles release their first album 'Please Please Me'

23rd March:

1956 - Pakistan became an independent Republic

2001 - Russia's Mir Space Station closed after 15 years

2010 - Obama signed The Affordable Care Act



24th March:

1958 - Elvis Presley was inducted into the US army as private #53310761

1973 - Pink Floyd release 'Dark Side of the Moon'

1992 - English satirical magazine 'Punch' ends after 150 years

25th March:

1807 - The UK abolish the Slave Trade

1967 - Martin Luther King leads a march of 5000 anti Vietnam War demonstrators

1975 - Saudi Arabia King Faisal is assassinated by his nephew Prince Faisal Ibu Musaed

26th March:

1971 - Bangladesh declares independence

2000 - Vladimir Putin was elected President of Russia for the first time

27th March:

1909 - England's first murder solved by fingerprint evidence

1920 - This is the start of a deadly famine in Russia due to WW1 and the following Revolution effecting agriculture

28th March:

1930 - Turkey changes the city of Constantiople to Istanbul

1939 - The Spanish Civil War ends with the country in the hands of Nationalist General Francisco Franco



Wetherby Sport

Team of the Week



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

William P - 33

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou	Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Chepstow Captain S. Bell	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright
593	544	510	384

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Westbourne Captain S. Meliti	Dawson Captain E. Efthimiou	Pembridge Captain J. Cartwright	Chepstow Captain S. Bell
16,550	15,407	14,606	14, 430

Photos of the Week

Class Parties





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