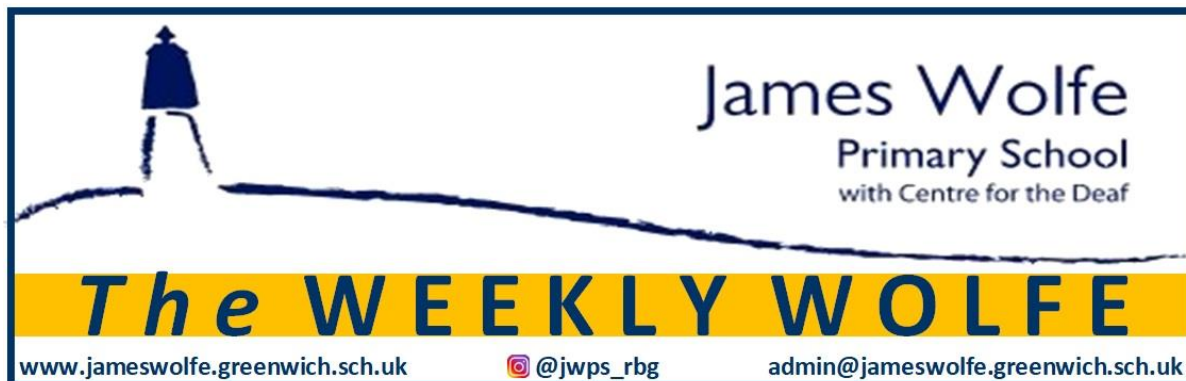


At James Wolfe, we are constantly striving to further enrich the opportunities and experiences for our pupils -- this may include playground improvements, extracurricular activities, development of indoor spaces (e.g. libraries), special provision, inspirational visitors and experiences. If you would like to make a contribution to our fundraising efforts, please go to our Go Fund Me page at <https://gofund.me/3f7ee947>. We will share updates on how we spend these donations in the Weekly Wolfe. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Thursday 12th October 2023



Dear Parents,



What a fantastic Autumn Term we have had so far; with children showing palpable enthusiasm for their learning in each and every lesson, we are already able to talk confidently about the great improvements they have made so early in the academic year!

This week and next, we are excited to welcome you in for our Parents' Evenings, where we will celebrate the wonderful learning we have been completing in school. Our Whole School Project this term has been all about celebrating every child at James Wolfe and developing our values of **Perseverance, Respect, Opportunity, Understanding and Democracy** through writing poems about our unique selves and producing beautiful self-portraits using a range of mixed media. Children have reflected on what makes them who they are and have had opportunity to celebrate the diversity within our James Wolfe community.

Our community coming together for assembly is one of the best parts of my week, especially when I lead singing assembly. When children sing in an ensemble, it never fails to bring a smile to the faces of everyone in the room. Children across the school are now experts at singing and signing our rousing **PROUD** song ('Proud' by Heather Small) -- if you listen carefully, you may just hear it echoing around Greenwich!

Each day of Black History Month, our pupils have been looking at quotes from famous black figures throughout history. As I write this, the quote for today is:

"Belonging shouldn't mean you are like everyone else."

This quote is from Misty Copeland, who was the first African-American female Principal Dancer with the prestigious American Ballet Theatre in its 75-year history. When she discovered ballet, however, Misty was living in a shabby motel room, struggling with her five siblings for a place to sleep on the floor. A true prodigy, she was dancing en pointe within three months of taking her first dance class and performing professionally in just over a year, a feat unheard of for classical dancers.

The quote helped me to reflect on how amazing we are as a school at embracing difference and respecting the talents that everyone brings to team James Wolfe, so that we all feel a strong sense of belonging!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Mr Armson



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please remember to book your Parent Consultation, which are being held in-person on the following dates/times:

Thursday 12th October between 3:45pm and 5pm (Reception Only)
Tuesday 17th October between 3:45pm and 7pm (Nursery, Years 1-6)
Thursday 19th October between 3:45pm and 5pm (Nursery, Years 1-6)

The letter regarding this term's Parents' Evenings can be found on our website at <https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/school-newsletters-and-parent-letters>.

Please visit
<https://jameswolfe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>
to book your appointment(s).

Please can all parents make sure they select the correct evening to book. For example, if Ms Minkoulou is showing as your child's teacher, you have selected the SEND Consultations, which are now fully booked, rather than those with your child's class teacher. Please exit & select the correct evening.

Please note that, on the day, it is vital that you are ready to start your appointment promptly, **as your ten minute slot cannot be extended**. If you have any issues signing into or using the booking system, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We are launching an Autumn Photography Competition for pupils to enter over the next few weeks and up until the end of November. The competition is a fun way of getting creative with your camera, celebrating the natural world and enjoying the great outdoors! All entries should be sent via email

to admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk. **The closing date is Sunday 19th November.** Entries will be judged by our art leadership and the winning photographs framed and displayed in school.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Show Racism the Red Card's annual **Wear Red Day** will be taking place next Friday, 20th October, and we will be marking this at James Wolfe. Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. If you would like to donate to the charity, please do so at their website: <https://www.theredcard.org/>.

Join us. Wear Red.

Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



Thank you to all that came to our New Parent Coffee Morning last week. It was great to see some new (and old) faces.

Tomorrow (Friday 13th) is our AGM, which will include a run-down of the past year of fundraising, as well as a look at the finances and where they will be spent, and elections for the committee. Please come along if you are interested in joining us or if you are curious about what we do -- all are welcome. The meeting will be held in the Hall at Randall Place straight after drop-off. For more information please contact us at friendsofjws@gmail.com.

Every year we send home a design sheet from Cauliflower Cards and these will be heading your way this week. The design sheet gives every child the opportunity to design their own card for any holiday or special occasion they can think of. We ask that you please follow the instructions on the sheet, **making sure you pay and order online before bringing the design back into school. We will need to submit all designs to the company before Half Term.**

Please follow/like us on Twitter/Facebook to find out more about what we do, as well as about upcoming social/fundraising events. All are welcome!

Email: friendsofJWS@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich>

X (Twitter): <https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich>

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Sunday 1st October to Tuesday 31st October -- Black History Month
Wednesday 11th October & Thursday 12th October -- Reception Parents' Evenings
Friday 13th October -- FJWS AGM
Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October -- Year N, 1-6 Parents' Evenings
Thursday 19th October -- Year 4 Venus Trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
Friday 20th October -- Wear Red Day
Friday 20th October -- Year 4 Mercury Trip to Creekside Discovery Centre
Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October -- Half Term
Monday 30th October -- INSET Day -- Children do not attend school
Tuesday 31st October to Friday 10th November -- Year 5 Earth Intensive Swimming
Friday 3rd November -- Orchestra Explorers Concert at Trinity Laban (33 pupils)
Monday 6th November -- Royal Hill Individual Pupil Photos
Wednesday 8th November -- Girls' Football Team Fixture
Thursday 9th November -- Year 5 Neptune Trip to Royal Observatory Planetarium
Monday 13th November -- Year 5 Jupiter & Earth Trips to R.O. Planetarium
Tuesday 14th November -- Year 5 Mars Trip to Royal Observatory Planetarium
Wednesday 15th November -- Girls' Football Team Fixture



ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
DIRECT SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

RBG Poetry Competition

In celebration of National Poetry Day on October 5th, we are inviting all students from Royal Borough of Greenwich schools to enter our poetry competition.

The theme for National Poetry Day is REFUGE.

You can write any type of poem that you like inspired by the theme of refuge. Maximum number of lines is 20.

There will be a winner and runner up for each key stage:

- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2
- Key Stage 3
- Key Stage 4
- Key Stage 5

Make sure you include your full name, school and year group when entering!

Email your entries to Lizzie Church on Elizabeth.church@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Deadline:
Friday 24th November



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

7 PEGI (NO RESTRICTIONS)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE
In Among Us, up to three players take on the role of impostors, with increasing their suspicion as they discover the impostor. This can be a sensitive premise for children, as it involves a murderer and a victim. The game also features a 'kill' button, which can be a sensitive topic for children.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE
The game features a 'kill' button, which can be a sensitive topic for children. The game also features a 'kill' button, which can be a sensitive topic for children.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS
When up to 10 people participate in Among Us, they can chat with each other. This can be a sensitive topic for children, as it involves a murderer and a victim.

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES
Although Among Us is a popular game, it is not suitable for all children. Consider softer alternatives like Minecraft or Roblox.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING
If you are concerned about your child's online safety, consider using a parental control app like Net Nanny or Norton Family.

DISCUSS DISCORD
If your child is using Discord, discuss the risks of online chat and the importance of not sharing personal information.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS
When your child and their friends play together, they can enjoy a fun and social experience. However, it is important to monitor their online interactions.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING
If you are concerned about the possibility of your child spending money on in-game purchases, consider using a parental control app like Net Nanny or Norton Family.

Meet Our Expert
National Online Safety (NOS) is a leading charity that provides advice and support on online safety. Visit www.nationalonlinesafety.org for more information.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

THE STRINGS CLUB

Exclusive 10% off for Families of James Wolfe Primary School

Get ready for a spine-tingling October Half Term with The Strings Club Holiday Camps.

Dates - wc 23rd October plus every school holiday in 2024

Our interactive activities are led by qualified, friendly, fully-DBS checked practitioners and musicians who know how to inspire children from drop-off to pick-up time!

Why Join The Strings Club?

- Over 160 5* reviews in the past year by parents
- Sessions in guitar, violin or ukulele
- FREE to hire instrument - even to take home
- Different theme every week
- Afternoon workshops from sport to art to drama
- One trained adult to 8 children - for all ages
- Daily Diaries and Newsletters - with access to gallery
- Book 1 day to the whole experience
- Discounts including 10% sibling discount and tax free childcare
- EYFS Ofsted registered

Get your child signed up today for this enriching experience that will improve their wellbeing.

Exclusive Discount for James Wolfe Pupils.

To claim your discount simply call our friendly Head Office team and we'll pop a 10% discount onto your booking.

Visit www.thestingsclub.org or call our Head Office on 0121 296 9204.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Amy and The Strings Club

ANNA FIORENTINI THEATRE & FILM SCHOOL

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE

Apply Here

Apply by 10th October

Thanks to a grant from the Royal Borough of Greenwich Community Arts Fund, we have 20 free places to offer 7-16 year olds giving them the opportunity to perform in our Variety Performance at the Greenwich Theatre.

To apply for a free place, scan the QR code to fill in a simple application form by 10th October.

ANNA FIORENTINI PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

Get Active Kids

HOLIDAY CLUB

Ages 4-11

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Crossfield St, Deptford, SE8 3PH

October Half - Term
23rd October - 27 October

Arts & Crafts • Sports • Indoor Games

Your child will have an action-packed day at Get Active Kids Holiday Club. They will have a choice of over 30 different activities and sports throughout the week, all whilst developing their skills and making new friends!

Our experienced team are all enhanced DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained.

To book please visit our website:
www.getactivekids.co.uk
07596 135900
info@getactivekids.co.uk

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Greenwich foodbank

THIS HARVEST WE'LL BE COLLECTING TINNED & PACKAGED FOOD AT YOUR SCHOOL TO HELP THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

YOU CAN DONATE:

- BISCUITS
- CEREALS
- DRIED PASTA
- COOKING OIL
- LONG LIFE MILK
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- INSTANT COFFEE
- TINNED MEAT & FISH
- BOTTLES OF SQUASH
- TOILETRIES
- VEGETARIAN OPTIONS
- LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- PASTA SAUCE

NO FRESH OR CHILLED ITEMS PACKET & TINNED ITEMS ONLY PLEASE #THANKYOU

SCAN THE QR CODE & DOWNLOAD THE BANK THE FOOD APP TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR FOOD DONATION NEEDS

GREENWICH FOODBANK, 180 SHOOTERS HILL, LONDON SE18 3HY
EMAIL: CONTACT@GREENWICHFOODBANK.CO.UK WWW.GREENWICHFOODBANK.ORG.UK

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MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

FROM 8AM-4PM EVERYDAY

Lots of fun things to do during OCTOBER HALF TERM from as little as £20 PER DAY per child!

All staff are 100% CRICKETED and all lead staff are FIRST AID TRAINED

Book TODAY

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0208 856 8160

CAMP LOCATIONS

NEW ELTHAM
 WYBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Footscray Road, New Eltham, SE9 2ER

PLUMSTEAD
 BAINHOCKBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Church Manor Way, Plumstead, SE7 0DY

WOOLWICH
 PLUMCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Vauxhall Road, Woolwich, SE18 6BB

ST MICHAEL C
 EAST WICKHAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL
 St Michaels Road (at Carleton Road), Welling, DA16 1UD

CHARLTON
 FOSDEN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Goswells Way (Greenwich Rd), Charlton, SE7 7NQ

WE ARE BACK!

COST DETAILS

PER CHILD PER DAY £20 | PER CHILD PER WEEK* £90
 Full Week - 2 Children £178 | Full Week - 3 Children £265

TIMES

STANDARD DAY 9-3PM
 EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8AM
 LATE PICK UP UNTIL 4PM

Early Drop off (from 8am-9am) = £5
 Late Pick up (from 3pm-4pm) = £5

FREAKY FRIDAY!

Friday afternoon ActivCamps will be hosting a spooky HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS COMPETITION!
 With special prizes available throughout the day and a £50 ActivCamps Voucher for the best SPOOKY COSTUME at each camp!

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
WWW.ALLKIDSCAN.CO.UK


all kids can



SANTA'S GROTTTO


At Danson House and Greenwich Market
 Every Thursday to Sunday in December

By supporting these Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice-run Grottos, families will be helping their team support patients and their families with special care at a time when they need it the most. Thank you so much.



EMAIL ADDRESSES

Emailing letters directly is now our usual way of communicating with parents. If you believe you are not receiving these, please check your spam/junk folder -- and review your settings to allow "James Wolfe" and "jameswolfe" if you find them there. If you do not find them, please message us at admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk, putting your email address and child's name in the title.



NO PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We remind all parents not to park in the restricted areas on the roads surrounding the school. Please walk to school with your children if at all possible, but if you must drive, please do not park in restricted areas. This is for the safety of all children arriving at and leaving the school, and is more important than ever due to the current road closures and road works taking place in the area.

Please can we also remind parents not to park their cars in the residential bays in Old Pearson Street when dropping-off their children to Nursery and Reception.



ARTS DIRECTORY

Calling all parents... do you work within the creative arts or have a particular artistic skill? We would love to hear about it! James Wolfe are looking for parents who would be happy to share their arts expertise with the children. If you are happy to be contacted about the possibility of coming into school to share your skills and knowledge, please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/oZN1JuG7XJgQSeLQ7>. Thank you!



OUR LIBRARIES

Our libraries are always looking for book donations and adult volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katey Hearn at friendsofJWS@gmail.com. Donations can be left with the School Office.



ATTENDANCE

The current version of our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website. Parents are reminded of the importance of high attendance. High attendance leads to great achievement.

We receive a number of requests for pupils to be absent from school during term time. Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorise a leave of absence for a holiday and we will only grant a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. The process for applying for a leave of absence is as follows:

1. A Request for a Leave of Absence form is completed by the parent.
2. An appointment will be made with a member of the SLT to discuss the request.
3. The school decides if it will authorise the leave of absence.

Please note that flights etc. should not be booked before an absence is authorised.

Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school and a child with 90% attendance has missed twenty whole days of school. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at End of Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%



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