

Thursday 2nd March 2023



James Wolfe
Primary School
with Centre for the Deaf

The WEEKLY WOLFE

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Dear Parents,



Wow! What a Book Week we have been having in school!

It has been wonderful to see the children's engagement in our whole-school focus book "The Lost Words". This is a beautiful collection of poetry and artwork based on words that have been slipping out of use for children - the image above is just one example. I'm looking forward to seeing our pupils' final pieces of work inspired by it. It's also been lovely to see our older and younger children reading together. We know how important reading for pleasure and sharing books we enjoy is for everyone involved. Thank you to our fabulous staff team at both campuses for making this happen. The children have made us very PROUD with their support and care for each other.

As our finale, pupils can dress up tomorrow for our World Book Day. Do remember that this is just for fun and there is no pressure or competition for costumes. We do ask that it is a book character -- and homemade outfits and simple ideas are very welcome. Keep an eye on our Instagram account over the next few days to see all the Book Week fun we have been having.

Finally, I would encourage you to share your favourite reads this weekend; fiction or non-fiction, poetry or longer reads or even graphic novels -- all books are worth enjoying together. 'The Truth Pixie' by Matt Haig is a favourite in my house!

I wish you a wonderful weekend,

**Kind regards,
Mrs Simpson**



SEN EVENTS

Our school SEN service will be holding a Coffee Morning next Wednesday, 8th March, at 9:30am in the Studio at Royal Hill -- everyone is welcome, whether you have a child with SEN or just have questions.

They will also be holding a surgery on Wednesday 29th March. We ask that any families interested in attending email admin@jameswolfe.greewnich.sch.uk. The surgery will run throughout the day, but will have only ten 15-minute slots available for booking.



BSL CLASSES

If you would like to start learning British Sign Language as part of our community classes for parents, we will be having a taster day next Thursday, 9th March, where parents can come and sign up if they're interested to carry on the course, which will be an informal pre-Level 1 BSL class every Thursday between 3:45pm and 4:45pm in the Centre 2 classroom at Randall Place, starting after the holiday.

If you would like to attend, please email admin@jameswolfe.greewnich.sch.uk and let us know, marking your email for the attention of Ms Elmi and Ms Yeranossian.



BOOK WEEK

This week we are celebrating Book Week, with exciting activities and events for the children that celebrate books and why reading matters.

Tomorrow (Friday 3rd March), children will be able to dress up as a book character. They are welcome to dress up as a character from any book they have enjoyed reading, although the more home-made costumes are often the most fun and creative! We look forward to seeing which characters we have turning up!

Letters regarding Book Week activities and Book Week dress-up can be found at <https://www.jameswolfe.greewnich.sch.uk/school-newsletters-and-parent-letters>. Please check your spam/adjust your settings if you think you did not receive them, or contact the school office if your email address has changed.



POST OFFICE

We have received a message from the local Post Office asking that the children do not kick the metal door in the alleyway between campuses. Kicking or banging this door generates a loud bang which often triggers a security alert. If you walk down the alleyway before or after school, or if your child walks alone, please remind them to be considerate.



PICK-UP CHANGES

Please can parents ensure that the school office is notified of any changes to pick-up as early as possible, as getting last-minute messages to teachers late in the day, whilst they are teaching, is often problematic.

Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



Save the date! Our Spring Fair will be on Friday 24th March, between 3:30pm and 5:30pm in the Randall Place playground. Wrist bands and raffle tickets will be on sale shortly.

With the date fast approaching, we are still in need of chocolate egg donations and raffle prizes. If you work for someone that could offer a great prize in support of our school, or you have any new, unwanted gifts that you would like to get rid of, then please either hand them in to the office at either site or contact Nigel on nigel65au@gmail.com/07979 702177. We need chocolate eggs for the ever-popular Egg Tombola -- if you could remember us whilst you are out shopping, we would appreciate it a lot.

Finally, we need volunteers to help set up, run the stalls and to clear away, so if you can spare any time before, during and/or after the fair, then please get in contact using the address below.

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>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich>

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Term 2023

Monday 20th February to Friday 3rd March -- Year 5 Jupiter Daily Swimming Course
 Thursday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd March -- Book Fair
 Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March -- Book Week
 Thursday 2nd March -- Boys' Football Team Fixture Day
 Friday 3rd March -- Book Week Dress-Up Day
 Friday 3rd March -- Year 3 Biscuits and Books (9am)
 Tuesday 7th March -- Year 6 Biscuits and Books (9am)
 Wednesday 8th March -- SEN Coffee Morning (RH Studio, 9:30am)
 Wednesday 8th March -- Year 5 Getting There Trips to The John Roan (TBC)
 Wednesday 8th March -- Barclay's Girls' Football School's Tournament (TBC)
 Thursday 9th March -- Year 5 Biscuits and Books (9am)
 Thursday 9th March -- Parents' BSL Class Taster Session (3:45pm)
 Friday 17th March -- Year 1 Silver Birch & Hazel Trip to Maritime Museum
 Tuesday 21st March -- Boys' Football Team Match at Morden Mount
 Wednesday 22nd March -- Girls' Football Fixture Day at Meridian Sports Ground
 Thursday 23rd March -- Year 4 Trip to The Tramshed
 Friday 24th March -- Year 1 Willow & Fir Trip to Maritime Museum
 Friday 24th March -- FJWS Spring Fair
 Tuesday 28th March -- Drumming Concerts (RH & RP)
 Wednesday 29th March -- SEN Surgery
 Wednesday 29th March -- Girls' Football Team Match at Morden Mount
 Thursday 30th March -- Year 1 Biscuits and Books (9am)
 Thursday 30th March -- After-School Activities End
 Friday 31st March -- Year 2 Biscuits and Books (9am)
 Friday 31st March -- Last Day of Term



We love Reading

To celebrate our reading, we would love you to join us for...

Biscuits and Books

Biscuits and Books sessions will be running twice yearly and will be an opportunity to come and read with your child whilst enjoying some biscuits at the same time. These events will also include a presentation from the Year Group Leader about how to best support your child with their reading at home. You will have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the reading process during these sessions.

Royal Hill:

8.45-9.30am You will be welcomed into your child's classroom to share a book together. **9.30-9.45am** Tea and coffee will be served in the hall whilst you join us for a talk about how to further develop your child's reading at home.

Randall Place:

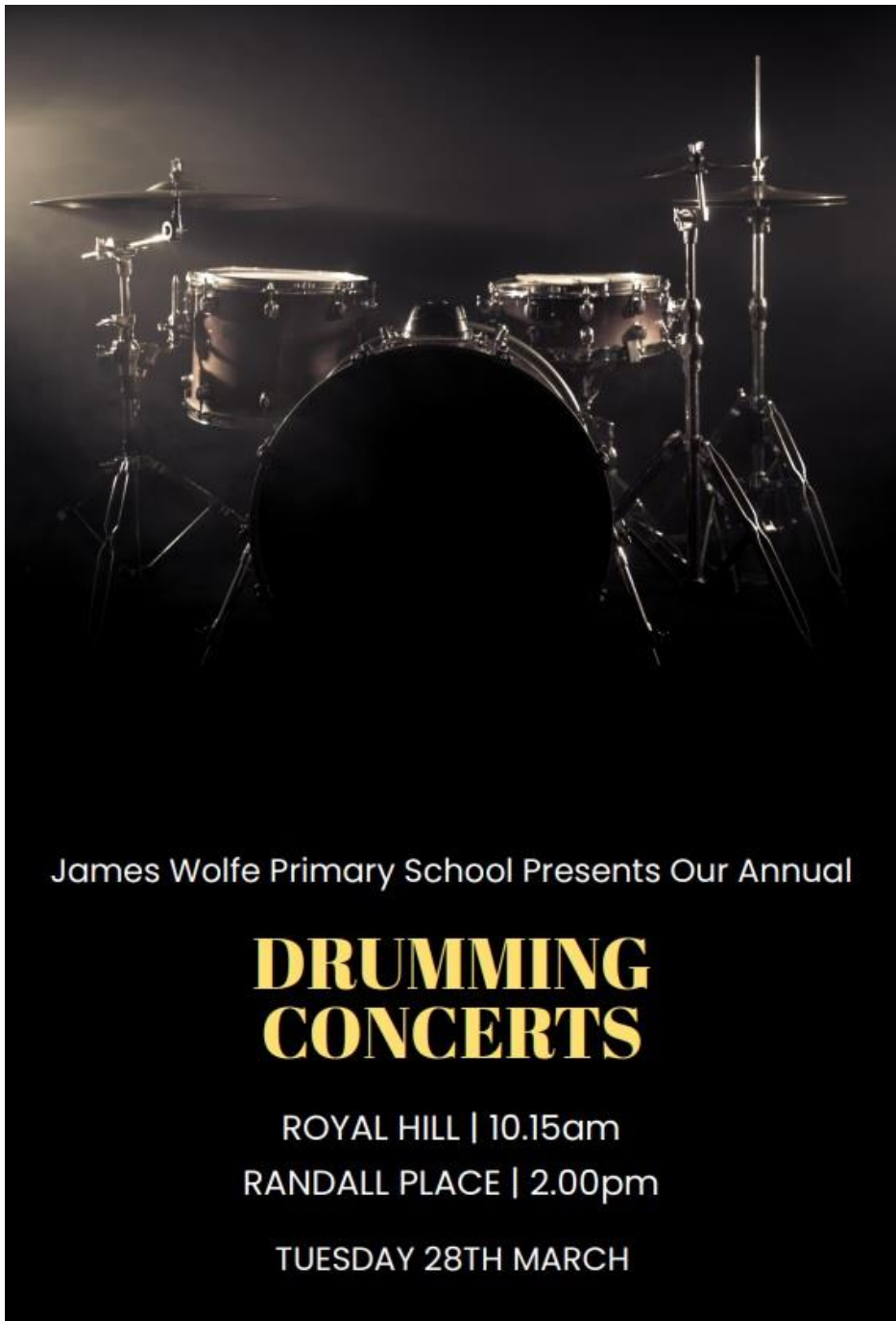
9.00-9.30am You will be welcomed into your child's classroom to enjoy biscuits and read a book together. **9.30-9.45am** Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee in the Lower Hall session about how to best support your child and their reading at home.

Stay and Read Mornings

'Stay and Read' mornings will take place regularly and will be an opportunity for you to come in and read with your child within their classroom either by yourselves or with a group of your child's peers for half an hour. Dates for the first of these mornings will be provided at 'Biscuits and Books' events. Please then check the Weekly Wolfe and on Google Classroom for dates of future 'Stay and Read' mornings.

Biscuits and Books Event Dates

Randall Place	Royal Hill
Year 1 Parents Biscuits and Books Session: Thursday 30th March RP - 9:00 - 9:45	Year 4 Parents Biscuits and Books Session: Friday 5th May RH - 8:45 - 9:45
Year 2 Parents Biscuits and Books Session: Friday 31st March RP - 9:00 - 9:45	Year 5 Parents Biscuits and Books Session: Thursday 9th March RH - 8:45 - 9:45
Year 3 Parents Biscuits and Books Session: Friday 3rd March RP - 9:00 - 9:45	Year 6 Parents Biscuits and Books Session: Tuesday 7th March RH - 8:45 - 9:45



James Wolfe Primary School Presents Our Annual

DRUMMING CONCERTS

ROYAL HILL | 10.15am
RANDALL PLACE | 2.00pm
TUESDAY 28TH MARCH



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Due to popular demand, the award-winning Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School is expanding in Greenwich. In addition to the current morning sessions, in April 2023 brand new classes will be launching from 1.30pm to 4.30pm every Saturday in term time. Students will explore singing, acting and dance, all whilst building confidence, self-esteem and having fun!

Children at James Wolfe get a discount of 20% off their first term and 10% thereafter - all you have to do is mention the school when you get in touch to book. A limited number of scholarships are also available.

For more information and to book your taster day, please visit <https://www.afperformingarts.com/theatre-and-film-school/schools/greenwich>.



Inspired by the world-famous London Marathon, the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice Mini Marathon is a fun running event for children aged between 5 and 16 years old -- and this year it celebrates its tenth anniversary! Children can walk, run or jog the 2.62-mile course around Royal Greenwich Park. It's a great way to get children active, inspire them to think about how they can help others in their community, give them an opportunity to show off their achievements (every child gets a medal) and be part of the one of the largest running events that is just for children.

Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice gives very special care to people who are facing life-limiting illness, giving both the patient and their family practical and emotional support, so that they are not alone. By raising sponsorship, your child will be part of the team helping to support local families.

The Hospice Mini Marathon is also a great day out for all the family -- last year there were live performances by the Rock Choir, a Meet and Greet with Owly, the Hospice Mascot and the Pearly People, an energetic warm up by Ellie from Greenwich Runners, plenty of fun fancy dress with prizes for the best costume, a cheering squad around the 2.62-mile route and a medal and JLL Goody Bag for every runner (children only)!

For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.communityhospice.org.uk/support-us/events/mini-marathon/>.



MISS THOMPSON AND MISS PARRY vs THE MARATHON

Miss Thompson, class teacher of Year 1 Willow, and Miss Parry, who teaches Year 3 Cedar class, will be running the 26.2 miles of the 2023 London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April! Miss Thompson will be running in aid of Shelter and you can donate to her fundraising page at <https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kathryn-thompson-e9e53>. Miss Parry will be running in aid of Place2Be, so that they can continue to support thousands of children around the country and in our school, and you can donate to her fundraising page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophie-parry10>.

A huge thank you on behalf of James Wolfe School to anyone who donates -- they are both very excited to take on this challenge and hope to see as many of you as possible cheering them on in April!



ROYAL ACADEMY YOUNG ARTISTS

Calling all Young Artists! The Royal Academy is looking for submissions for their Summer Show. Would you like to have your artwork displayed in a world-famous gallery? Do you have an artistic idea? We would love to see any submissions from our students at James Wolfe, so if your child decides to enter please add them to Tapestry or Google Classroom, so we can share their wonderful artwork. Please note, however, that all submissions will need to be made directly through The Royal Academy and not to school. You can find more information at <https://tinyurl.com/3ateryx8>.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

The school has recently started working with Bree's Little Stars, who are accepting children into their childcare provision at Royal Hill. This is open to all pupils attending Royal Hill and, in addition, places can now be offered to pupils attending Randall Place. Children will be collected by staff from Bree's Little Stars and escorted to Royal Hill to join the provision there. Parents would then collect their child from Royal Hill before 6pm, when the club ends.

As numbers grow, it is hoped that Bree's Little Stars will be able to open a provision at both campuses.

Bree's Little Stars can be reached at info@breeslittlestars.co.uk.



TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

We are committed to making travel to school safe, comfortable and sustainable. We encourage children, parents and teachers to walk, cycle or scoot to school, in order to help free up more space on public transport for others.



EMAIL SETTINGS

Please can parents make sure they check their email settings, as some of our official emails appear to be diverting to parents' spam/junk folders. Please can all those who do not recall receiving any emails from us this term check their spam/junk folders to see if they are there and make sure their settings allow emails from 'James Wolfe' and 'jameswolfe' through the filter. All letters to parents that are for whole year groups or more can also be found on our website at <https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/school-newsletters-and-parent-letters>.



PUPIL ASSET

Parents are able to edit their own details in Pupil Asset, so, if you have switched phone numbers or even spot a mistake, there is now no need to make a request from the school office, you can just log in and make the change yourself.

To log in to Pupil Asset, parents can either download their Parent App or log in to their ParentPortal. To create a password for the ParentPortal, please go to <http://parents.pupilasset.com/> and select Login Via ParentPortal, then First Time Login. Alternatively, you can download their app, either for iPhone from <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/pupil-asset-parent-app/id1490994393>, or for Android from <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rnparentapp>. Tap First Login then enter the email address we have on record for you. When you tap Submit, PA will send you an email which will allow you to set your password. **Your password will need to be at least eight characters long and include a number, or you will be unable to log in.** Please inform us if your email address has changed. Once you have created login details you will be able to sign in with them on the Login screen. Full instructions can be found at <https://www.pupilasset.com/help/how-to-guide/parental-communication-contactemailsmpattr-/parents-app-overview-a-guide-for-parents>. The app/portal will initially only be used for dinner payments -- you will not, for example, be able to select meals as demonstrated in the guide and, indeed, our rules regarding this will remain the same.



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