

Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

Head of School: Mrs K Mould

Date: Thursday 22nd May 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a short but packed full half term, and the children have worked really hard, producing some wonderful work. I have really enjoyed getting to know our fantastic children and working closely with our amazing staff team. Thank you to you all for such a warm welcome to the school this term.

We have had time to identify some effective changes for the Summer 2 term which we hope will positively enhance the children's experience and development in school.

PE Kits

We would like children to come to school dressed in their PE kits on PE day which is a Thursday for all classes. We hope that this will help maximise lesson time without the need for changing and avoids embarrassment for some children who don't like changing in school. It also enables parents to wash PE kits in between lessons so children have freshly washed kits each week.

Wild Tribe

Each class will have 1 afternoon of Wild Tribe in our beautiful outdoor classroom space. We want to take our Curious Curriculum outside to enhance the health and wellbeing of our children, as well as increase their engagement with learning. In Wild Tribe sessions, children learn to manage risks through the use of tools, working together through team-work challenges whilst building resilience and self-esteem. All these skills transfer back to the classroom, positively impacting their overall learning journey and development in school.

We ask that children come dressed in their Wild Tribe clothing on their Wild Tribe Day as below and bring spare footwear to change into, in a named bag i.e. wellies, old trainers, boots. Please ensure children are dressed in old but clean clothes which are suitable for the weather, being mindful that the children will be amongst bushes, twigs and nettle areas. Please ensure no slogans on clothing – thank you.

Wild Tribe days are as follows:

Paddington Class – Mondays Attenborough Class – Tuesdays Earhart Class – Wednesdays

Rewards

We will be introducing some new rewards in our celebration assembly:

- Star of the Week for outstanding behaviour all week.
- Star Writer for stand-out writing produced in lessons or for excellent effort.
- Maths Award for excellent effort or progress made in Maths lessons (children will still receive TTRS and NumBots certificates)

Children will still be able to receive a 'Values Certificate' linked to our 6 School Values and the 'Values Cup' for setting a good example all week. Children enjoy bringing their work to me in my office for a sticker when they have been chosen by their class teacher as a 'role model'. It has been the highlight of my week when the children proudly show me their work.

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

Next term, as part of our Personal Development offer at school, we will be giving the children opportunities to develop their leadership skills by offering a range of leadership roles within school. Children will be given the opportunity to volunteer for some roles and other roles we will be asking certain children to step up to, should they wish. This is an exciting opportunity for children to develop key skills, boost their confidence and promote responsibility. Watch this space!

Timetable

We have thought carefully about transitions during the school day, particularly throughout the mornings and have identified a need to reduce the amount of transitions children undergo, which can be unsettling for some children and create unnecessary anxiety. We also want to create consistency across classes and lessons to ensure children know what to expect when they move up through the school each year.

English lessons will now take place first thing in the morning across the school with Handwriting, Reading/RWI and Writing lessons all happening before break time at 10:45am. We are introducing new handwriting books for English and an enhanced approach to the teaching of writing, which the English Trust Lead is carefully guiding us through.

After break, Maths lessons will take place across the school. Where possible, we have kept the children in their classroom spaces with their class staff to ensure the children feel a sense of calm and belonging within their class but also have their learning pitched to match their ability, with an appropriate level of challenge and support.

We will be seeking feedback from the children on their new morning timetable routine to ensure they are having a positive experience and to make any necessary tweaks.

An exciting term ahead! We will keep you updated throughout the term and should you have any questions or concerns at any point, please don't hesitate to come and speak to myself or the class teachers – we very much appreciate your feedback, thoughts and ideas as we work together to make every day count and be the best it can be for our children's learning journey in their Primary years.

Best wishes,

Mrs Mould. Head of School.

Important things to remember for next term:

- Children come to school dressed in their PE kit every <u>Thursday</u>
- Children come to school dressed in their Wild Tribe kit, with spare footwear in a named bag, on their Wild Tribe Day, as follows......

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