Wicklea Academy

Term 1 Newsletter
Autumn 2026

We have made it to the end of a very busy term and are all looking forward to some well-deserved rest.

This term we have launched Class Dojo to share more about what is going on in school overall and in each class. We hope that you are finding this helpful and interesting. I want to reassure you that you do not have to subscribe to any paid version of Class Dojo. We will only ever post things that you can access on the free version.

The children have settled back into school after the summer and have worked hard this term. Many Year 4 children have also attended Hooke Court camp.

Mrs Morris

Important Dates

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance: Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 16th December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance: Thursday 17th December

Closing date to apply for a Year 7 place: 31st October

School Disco: Friday 20th November

Parents evening: Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November

Lost Property

We have had an unprecidented amount of lost property this term.
We would really appreciate if you could please take the time to label all of your childs property, this includes clothing, coats, lunch boxes, bottles or other items they may bring to school.
Any property with names on will be handed back to the student.
Property without names will be put into the lost property boxes at reception, Lost property that is not claimed for a minimum of two weeks, may be recycled.
Thankyou for your understanding and helping us to reduce unnecessary waste.

Parental Consents

If you have not already done so, we would really appreciate if you could please take a few minutes to review and check your childs permissions on the My Child at School App.
There has been some confusion as to what the photo consents cover. To clarify, photos to be used for CLF purposes refers to anything within the Wicklea community such as newsletters, Class Dojo updates, and school displays.

Parking

We kindly ask if you could please bear in mind our neighbours when dropping off or collecting children.
The surgery nextdoor has limited spaces which are reserved for staff and patients.
There is a small school car park that you can use , though please be considerate of staff vehicles also using this space.
Thankyou

Clothing Bank

As part of new Environment Agency requirements for the export of used clothing, we must ensure that all textiles we receive are clean, dry, and free from contamination.
To help us remain compliant, please ensure that all goods you send to us are:
Textiles only (clothing, shoes)
Not wet, mouldy, or heavily soiled
Not mixed with non-textile items
These changes are important because contaminated loads can affect our legal classification under Article 18 (Green List), our Annex VII documentation, and our obligations to the Environment Agency.
Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



Year 3



What a fantastic start to Year 3! The children in Ash Class have settled brilliantly into junior school life and are already demonstrating what it means to be excellent Wicklea Citizens.

We have worked hard to improve our handwriting, and it has been wonderful to see many children beginning to join their letters confidently.

In English, we enjoyed writing stories and persuasive letters inspired by our class text, I'm Going to Eat This Ant!.

In Science, we explored forces and magnets through a range of practical investigations. Our Geography learning focused on the South West of England, and the children discovered many exciting places they would like to visit in our region.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value in numbers up to 1,000, building strong foundations for future learning. In PE, we have enjoyed practising balancing skills and gymnastics, showing increasing confidence and control.

We have also learned how to greet people in French, explored how computer networks work in Computing, and discussed our rights and responsibilities as members of our school community in PSHE.

Looking Ahead to Term 2

Next term, our English work will be based on the beautiful story The Secret of Black Rock, which will inspire our reading and writing activities.

In History, we will begin learning about the Tudors. To launch our new topic, we will be holding a Tudor Day on 3rd November. We can't wait to step back in time and experience life in Tudor England. Don't forget to come dressed up and ready for a day of Tudor fun!



Year 4



Oak

Oak class has truly had the best start to the year and have packed so much learning into our first term!

In English, we have read and used the picture book 'The Dark by Lemony Snicket', to practice speech punctuation and tension-building techniques in our own writing. In Maths, we have strengthened our addition and subtraction skills and begun exploring numbers up to 10,000. We have also studied South-East England in Geography, developed our gymnastics skills in PE, and enjoyed learning about electricity in Science, facial features in French, citizenship in PSHE, and networks and websites in Computing. Alongside all this, we have loved reading our class novel (The Velveteen Rabbit), and exploring major and minor pentachords in Music. The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved this term. It has certainly been a busy and successful 7 weeks, and we are excited to see what Term 2 has in store!



Elm

It's been a fantastic first term in Elm class! In English, we've been using the book 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket to write a narrative from an alternative viewpoint. We also wrote an explanation text about light and dark. In Maths, we delved into column addition and subtraction, and have been starting our times tables practise for the MTC at the end of Year 4. In Geography, we learnt about the south-east of England and major cities, doing a case study on London. In Science, we have been learning about electricity. The children learnt how to create a circuit and then tested materials to see if they could conduct electricity. In PE, the Bristol Sport coaches have been teaching us gymnastics. We finish the term with our Hooke Court camp. The children have earned a rest this half term!







Year 5

Pine

Within our science topic – atoms and matters - we have participated in some exciting investigations! We looked at which substances would dissolve – we found out that salt, sugar and coffee granules dissolve, although the coffee turned the water a murky brown colour! In addition to this, we investigated what would affect how quickly salt or sugar would dissolve according to the temperature of the water or the size of the sugar grain or salt grain. Another lesson that we took part in was separating materials! We pretended that we were a mining company and we had to separate sand, salt, metal and plastic! We had the following equipment: sieve, magnets, water, filter paper, funnels and beakers. I wonder if you can work out how we separated all the materials?

During our PE sessions, we have continued to improve our skills in gymnastics, concentrating on different types of jumps, increasing our skills in cartwheels and further improving different types of rolls, which we have thoroughly enjoyed! As part of our Real PE sessions, we have been learning about how to improve our co-ordination skills when catching and throwing a ball. We have also enjoyed competitive ball games to help support our throwing and receiving skills.

Our maths learning this term has been focussed on place value and we have looked at numbers up to one million! We have also learnt how to round up numbers up to one million! Also, we have continued to improve our addition and subtraction methods that include using mental strategies as well as written strategies!

Hazel

Year 5s have been enjoying getting practical in this term. In science, we have looked at dissolving, reversible and irreversible reactions. Our investigation was looking at what sped dissolving up. We considered factors that may speed dissolving, and chose only one to research. The others became our fair-test factors- what we wanted to control to ensure we only measured our question. We have also looked at some products and considered the materials used based on their properties. We have also been looking at lots of historic maps in Geography and for Brislington week- check them out, and our research notes- on the Class Dojo! And most practical of all- swimming. Fortunately, no-one sunk, but no-one could walk on water either. In maths, Hazel class has been growing a strong lunchtime maths club. As a fellow maths nerd, it has been brilliant seeing so many children want to solve complex questions in their own free time. Two questions have been put on the Class Dojo- can you solve them?

Year 6

Chestnut

Year 6 have already packed so much into the first term! In English, we have explored The Day the Crayons Quit, using the story as inspiration for a range of writing tasks. The children produced imaginative narratives from alternative viewpoints and developed their persuasive writing skills through carefully crafted texts. In Maths, we have tackled a number of new concepts, including long division and BODMAS. The children have worked hard to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills and have shown great perseverance when faced with challenging new learning. Our Science lessons have focused on classification and the influence of Carl Linnaeus. We enjoyed taking our learning outdoors, exploring the school grounds and identifying different plant species in a variety of habitats. The children were fascinated by the diversity of plants they discovered and enjoyed applying their classification skills in a real-world context. We finished the term with an exciting Local History Week, where we investigated how Brislington has changed over time. By comparing and contrasting land use and jobs in 1901 and 2026, the children gained a greater understanding of how our local area has developed and how people's lives have changed over the years.

Next term we are looking forward to reading Kensuke's Kingdom as our class reader and delving into The Golden Cage in English. In History, we will be learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age period, while in Maths we will be focusing on fractions and developing our understanding of this key area of learning.

Term Dates
2026/ 2027

Term 1

First day of term: Monday 7th September
Last day of term: Wednesday 21st October

Inset days:
Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September
Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd October

Term 2

First day of term: Monday 2nd November
Last day of term: Friday 18th December

Inset days: Monday 23rd November

Term 3

First day of term: Tuesday 5th January
Last day of term: Thursday 11th February

Inset days: Monday 4th January & Friday 12th February

Term 4

First day of term: Monday 22nd February
Last day of term: Thursday 25th March

Bank Holiday: Friday 26th March

Term 5

First day of term: Monday 12th April
Last day of term: Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Term 6

First day of term: Monday 7th June
Last day of term: Friday 23rd July

Inset Day: Friday 2nd July

OCTOBER HALF TERM FREE FAMILY MEAL



12 PM TO 1.30 PM

AT ST. ANNE'S HOUSE
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TUE 27TH,
WED 28TH,
THU 29TH,
FRI 30TH



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs are designed with an emphasis on fun. With a variety of sports clubs delivered throughout the academic year, there will be plenty of opportunities for your children to be active and to fall in love with sport.





Wicklea - Term 2

MONDAY (02/11/26 - 14/12/26)
Y3 to Y6 Dance - 18 spaces
£25.50 in total for 6 weeks (£4.25 per person, per session)

TUESDAY (03/11/26)
Y3 to Y6 Dodgeball - 18 spaces
£29.75 in total for 7 weeks (£4.25 per person, per session)

Time - 15:30 - 16:30

*If you are booking onto a club after the start date, please note that the price is automatically adjusted on the booking page.

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Gym & Dance!



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October - HOLIDAY CLUBS

Filton - Knowle - Stapleton - Pilning

26th -30 th October 2026

9am-4pm

Early / Lates

£25 per day
£2.50 Early/Late
10% off until 10 OCT
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HALLOWEEN THEME

FRI, 30TH

PRIZE FOR THE SCARIEST COSTUME!



FUTURE
BLUEBIRDS TRAINING DAYS

CARDIFF CITY FC

BRISTOL HALF TERM TRAINING DAY

TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER
9AM - 12PM

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