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Newsletter 20th November 2026

As we move into the final four weeks before Christmas, our school calendar is becoming increasingly busy with lots of exciting events, celebrations and activities planned for the children. Please take a few moments to regularly check the dates in your diary, emails and on ParentPay to ensure you don't miss any important information or upcoming events.

With the weather continuing to get colder, we would also be grateful if children could come to school each day with a warm coat. Hats and gloves are also recommended, particularly for playtimes, lunchtime and outdoor learning activities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a wonderful and festive few weeks ahead at Waddington and West Bradford Primary School! 🎄❄️😊

Shoe Box Appeal 2026

Just a reminder that Shoe Boxes need to be sent to school by 25th November please.

There are 2 ways you can take part:

1. Fill a shoebox yourself and send a £2 donation with the box
2. Send items and £2 into school and we will fill a shoebox for you

How to Take Part

1. Find an empty shoebox.
2. Choose who your box is for (for example: Girl aged 2-4, Boy aged 8-10, Adult Female 60+).
3. Fill the box with suitable items.
4. Wrap the box and lid separately so it can be opened for checking. Please do not wrap individual items.
5. Secure the box with an elastic band and clearly label who the box is intended for.

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God's Big Story Filming in Year 3

This week we welcomed Mrs Fenton, from Blackburn Diocese into Year 3 to film an episode of God's Big Story. Each week, we watch God's Big Story with the children and it was like having a celebrity in school today!

The children really made us proud; Mrs Fenton commented how wonderful they were, with insightful questions and answers and perfect behaviour! Well done Year 3!

We'll keep you updated about when the episode will be aired on their YouTube Channel.



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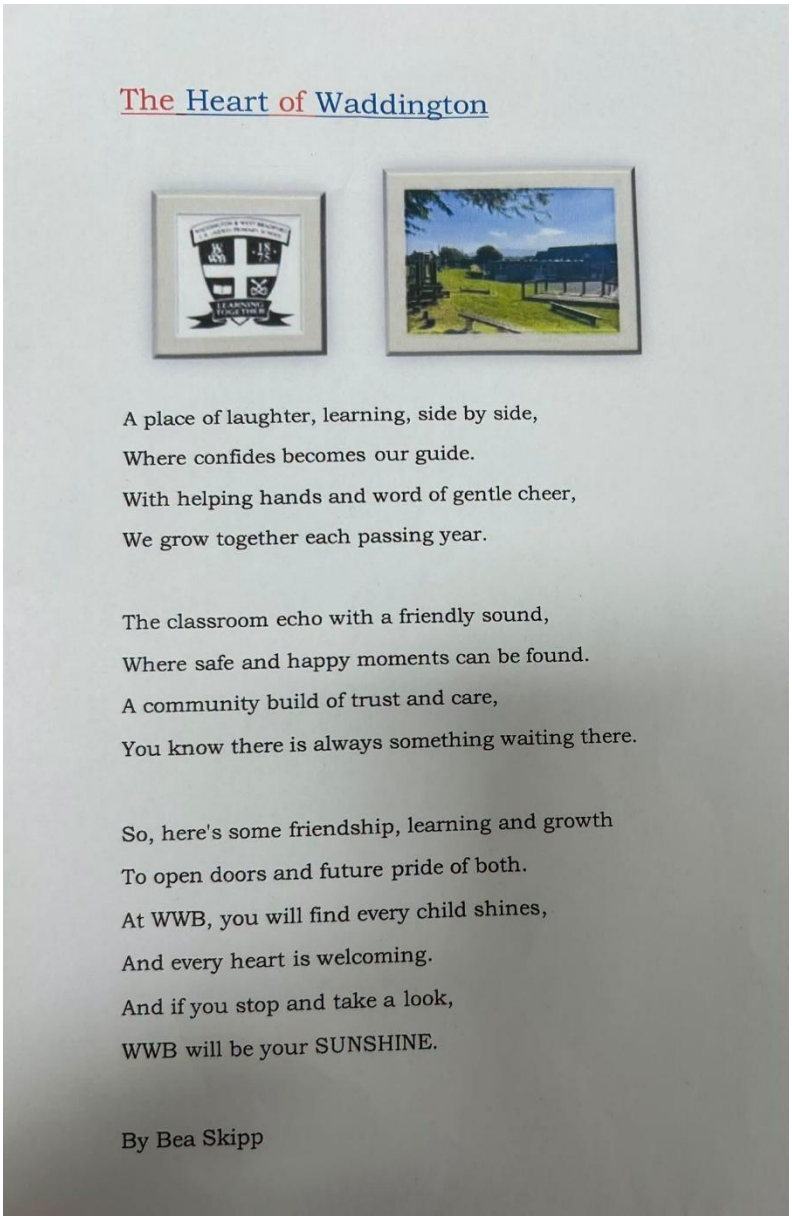
A school full of poetry

This week in worship we started the week with poetry! Mrs White enjoyed reading lots of poems by author and poet, Andy Tooze, in preparation for his visit to us in January. Little did we know what an impact it would have! Since Monday, many children have been writing their own poems (at home as well as in school) using the writing station outside Mrs White's office. We have been blown away by the children's creativity with the wonderful poems!

We just had to share this one that was written at home...

WWB will be your sunshine ☀️



The Heart of Waddington

A place of laughter, learning, side by side,
Where confides becomes our guide.
With helping hands and word of gentle cheer,
We grow together each passing year.

The classroom echo with a friendly sound,
Where safe and happy moments can be found.
A community build of trust and care,
You know there is always something waiting there.

So, here's some friendship, learning and growth
To open doors and future pride of both.
At WWB, you will find every child shines,
And every heart is welcoming.
And if you stop and take a look,
WWB will be your SUNSHINE.

By Bea Skipp

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Anti-Bullying Week 2026

This week, our school proudly joined thousands of schools across the country in marking Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year encouraged us all to think carefully about how we treat one another and the positive difference that kindness, respect and understanding can make in our daily lives.

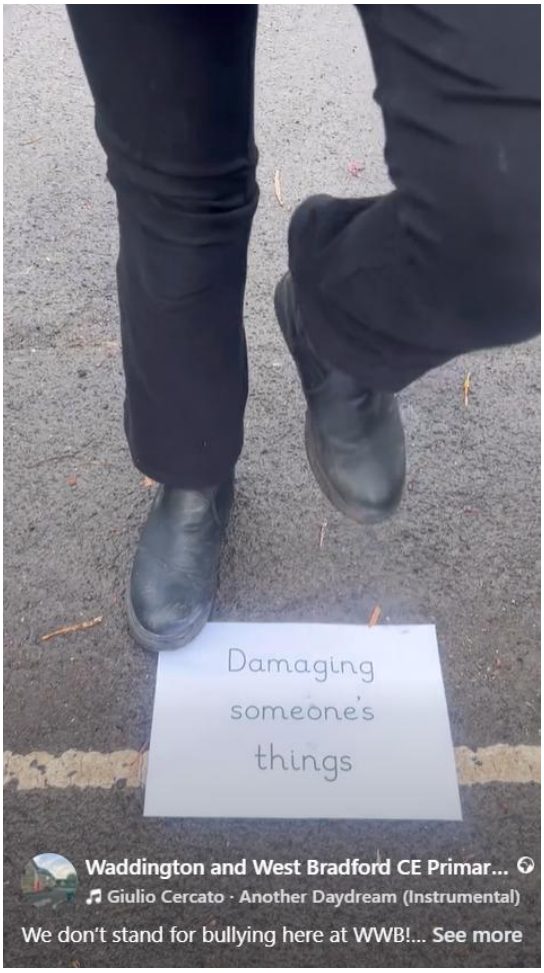
Throughout the week, pupils took part in a range of activities designed to help them understand what bullying is, how it can affect others and, most importantly, what we can all do to prevent it.

One of the key messages we shared was that everyone has the right to feel safe, valued and respected. Bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, online or emotional bullying, and it is never acceptable. We reminded pupils that if they are worried about themselves or someone else, there is always a trusted adult ready to listen and help.

At Waddington and West Bradford Primary School, we are committed to creating a culture where everyone feels included, respected and able to thrive. Anti-Bullying Week provides an important opportunity to reinforce these values, but they are values that we strive to live by every day.

Thank you to our pupils, staff and families for supporting this important message. Together, we can continue to build a school community where kindness is celebrated, differences are valued and everyone feels they belong.

Have a look at our Anti-Bullying Video on Facebook/Instagram!



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Year 5 trip to Lancaster

Year 5 visited Lancaster Castle and Police Museum on Thursday. They had a tour around the castle and saw dungeons similar to the ones the Pendle Witches were held in and heard the story of the Pendle Witches sat in the courtroom. They also completed a treasure hunt in the police museum and carried out some forensics activities with Mrs Hartley, using CSI equipment to take moulds of footprints, explore their finger prints, collect fibres and 'DNA' samples and find secret messages.



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Dates for Diaries - Autumn 2 - UPDATED

Mon 23rd Nov	Year 1 parents' meetings Year 2 parents' meetings Book Fair after school
Tues 24th Nov	Year 5 Swimming Reception parents' meetings Pre-School Stay and Learn session 2.30pm-3pm Book Fair after school
Wed 25th Nov	Year 3 parents meetings Pre-School Stay and Learn session 2.30pm-3pm Book Fair after school
Thurs 26th Nov	Year 5 parents' meetings Year 4 parents' meetings Pre-School Stay and Learn session 2.30pm-3pm Book Fair after school
Fri 27th Nov	Book Fair finished Pre-School Stay and Learn session 2.30pm-3pm
Tues 1st Dec	Year 5 Swimming PM Rock Steady lessons in the afternoon today
Wed 2nd Dec	Non-Uniform day for Jarola
Fri 4th Dec	Panto AM Christmas Fair PM
Mon 7th Dec	2pm Woodwind Concert
Tues 8th Dec	Year 5 Swimming PM
Wed 9th Dec	10am - KS1 Play 2pm - KS1 Play 1pm - Choir at Methodist church to sing
Thurs 10th Dec	Triathlon Day with Trikidz - all classes 10am - Choir to the Almshouses
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Virtual Santa Dash 2pm - Pre-School Christmas Stay and Play
Mon 14th Dec	Year 6 STEM event PM
Tues 15th Dec	10am - Rock Steady Concert
Wed 16th Dec	10am - EYFS Nativity 2pm - EYFS Nativity 6pm - Carols by Candlelight at church for KS2
Thurs 17th Dec	Santa's Grotto in school

	Christmas Dinner Christmas Parties in PM in classes Children can wear party clothes to school today
Fri 18th Dec	Special Certificate Assembly School closes for Christmas

Reminders:

November food bank collections - LAUNDRY DETERGENT

Forest School

Each Class from Year 1 upwards will have half a term of Forest School with Mrs Burcher. The timetable is below and it will take place on a Friday afternoon.

Autumn 2	Year 4
Spring 1	Year 2
Spring 2	Year 3
Summer 1	Year 1
Summer 2	Year 6

PE Days for Autumn 2

Class	PE DAYS
Pre-School	Tuesday and Wednesday
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Friday - Forest School and PE
Year 5	Swimming - Tuesday Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

RECYCLING

Do you know that we recycle batteries at school and they are collected by Lancashire County Council?

If you want to send in any used batteries, please just send them into school and ask your child to pass them onto a staff member.

SENCO

Mrs Katherine Harrington is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, supported monthly by Kate Taylor, Associate SENDco.

You can contact Mrs Harrington via the school office or via email on senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk

Attendance

Week commencing 16th November 2026

We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance

Class	Attendance
Reception	91.3%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	94.1%

Book Fair

Please make sure you have seen the email regarding our upcoming book fair at school. Next week it will be open in the hall, 3.20pm-4pm. (23,24,25,26 Nov)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Safeguarding Updates

The **Designated Safeguarding Lead** (DSL) in school is: Mrs White

The **Deputy DSLs** are: Mr Stell, Mrs Harrington and now also Mrs Clarkson

Please see our Safeguarding Page on the school website for more information:

https://www.wwb.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=47

CONTACT US



Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will aim to make themselves available to you as soon as possible.

School contact details: 01200 422915 or office@wwb.lancs.sch.uk

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