



# WYBUNBURY DELVES

C of E Primary School



## ***Welcome!***



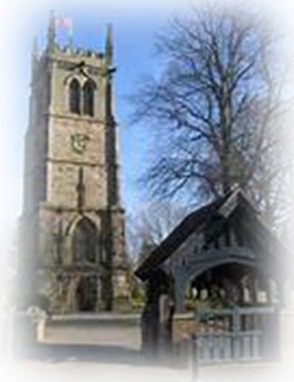
## ***Parent handbook 2023-24***

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Matthew 5: 16 'Let your Light SHINE!'

# Welcome to Wybunbury Delves CE Primary School

Thank you for choosing Wybunbury Delves CE Primary School. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child and family to our school. Our school is a family with Christian Values at it's heart.

Starting school is a big step in your child's life. It is a time of excitement and sometimes a time of anxiety. At Wybunbury Delves CE Primary School, we want the transition to school to be happy and smooth. We aim to be able to provide you with all the information you need, to answer your questions and to be able to support you and your child with this big step in their learning journey.

We strongly believe that the relationship between children, parents/carers and school is extremely important and we know that when this is most effective the impact is always positive for all.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch; no question is a silly one!

*Welcome to the Wybunbury Delves family.*





At Wybunbury Delves we aim:

- ◆ To know Jesus, Light of the World;
- ◆ To be the guiding light on the path of each child's learning journey;
- ◆ To light the spark for a love of learning and of life;
- ◆ For our children to become leading lights in our community and our world;
- ◆ For every child to shine.



### Our Vision Statement

*"We build a school community where each child experiences a love of learning and of life and is able to 'shine'."*

Simply said, our school motto is: *"Towards the light"*

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**Our Christian Values** are taken from Galatians 5: v22-23  
These represent the values of a good person and we want all of our children to understand how to show them to others.







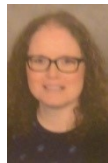








Self Control  
Goodness  
Kindness  
Peace  
Gentleness  
Love  
Forgiveness  
Joy



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## Our Team

There are many people who make WD a special place. First and foremost are our children but they need a little help. Your child will get to know all the adults in our school and our staff will know your child. To help you put a face to a name, our team this year is below.

Wybunbury Delves Team					
					
Mrs Chesters	Miss McCurrie	Mrs Burns	Mrs Ward	Miss Welch	Miss Pennance
Head Teacher	Deputy Head	Assistant Head	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
					
Mr Dale	Miss Haynes	Mrs Pointon	Mrs Jenkins	Mrs Wainwright	Mrs Whittingham
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	TA	TA
					
Miss Holland	Mrs Cross	Mrs Van-Russelt	Mrs Parker	Miss Dunn	Ms Piggott
TA	TA	TA	TA	TA	TA
					
Helen Bracegirdle	Vacancy	Kim Williams	Miss Roux	Mrs Cliffe	Miss Critchley
Preschool Supervisor	Deputy Preschool Supervisor	Preschool Key Person	TA	OOSC Manager Midday and TA	OOSC Deputy TA
					
Mrs Vickers	Ms Moulson	Mrs Tomkinson	Mrs Wilson	Mrs Wright	Miss Tripp
Midday	Midday OOSC Worker	Midday OOSC	TA Midday	Midday	TA OOSC
					
Mrs Hughes	Mrs Lawlor	Mrs Beresford	Mr P Carter	Mrs D Taylor	Miss K Michalowska
School Business Manager	Admin Officer	Admin Assistant	Site Manager	Cook	Kitchen Assistant

## Term Dates for 2023-2024

### INSET DAYS (Included)

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
<b>Summer 2023</b>	Thursday 20th July 2023	Monday 4th September 2023
<b>Autumn Half Term 2023</b>	Friday 20th October 2023	Monday 30th October 2023
<b>Christmas 2023/2024</b>	Friday 22nd December 2023	Monday 8th January 2024
<b>Spring Half Term 2024</b>	Thursday 15th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
<b>Easter 2024</b>	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
<b>May Day 2024</b>	Friday 3rd May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
<b>Summer Half Term 2024</b>	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
<b>Summer 2024</b>	Friday 19th July 2024	

- Friday 1st September
- Friday 16th February
- Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 23rd July

### Uniform

Your child is expected to attend school smartly dressed in the correct uniform. Parents are asked to mark all clothing with their child's name.



Daily Uniform	PE Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Grey or Black skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts</li> <li>◆ White or Navy polo shirt</li> <li>◆ School coloured sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional)</li> <li>◆ School Blazer (optional)</li> <li>◆ Clip on Tie (optional)</li> <li>◆ Black school shoes (buckled/laced or velcro)</li> <li>◆ Blue gingham summer dress (optional)</li> <li>◆ Long hair tied back</li> <li>◆ No Jewellery – earrings must be studs and taken out for PE</li> <li>◆ No brands or logos showing</li> </ul> <p><b>Bags</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Reception and KS1 (Y1 and Y2): WD Book Bag</li> <li>◆ KS2 (Y3-Y6): Drawstring Bag – Black branded one will become available from uniform shop (£6)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ For all PE and Games lessons and after school sport clubs:</li> <li>◆ Wybunbury Delves Blue PE top (only available from uniform shop) or plain white polo shirt (no logos or prints)</li> <li>◆ Black shorts</li> <li>◆ Black trainers (no fashion shoes)</li> <li>◆ Black Tracksuit / joggers (essential for PE during winter months)</li> <li>◆ Wybunbury Delves Black PE Hoodie (optional) or school jumper or plain black hoodie</li> <li>◆ Long hair tied back</li> <li>◆ No ear rings or jewellery</li> </ul>

Please ensure your child has the correct outdoor clothing for the weather e.g. warm outdoor coat, hat and gloves; suncream, sunhat during hot weather; waterproof coat for rain.

Our uniform is available online from School Shop Direct: <https://schoolshopdirect.co.uk/product-category/schools/schools-wynbunbury-delves-primary/> or from Wynsors World of Shoes in Crewe.



### Bags in school

We have limited space in school and children do not need large bags, we discourage the use of ruck sacks for this reason. Children should not be bringing extra things in from home.

#### Reception and KS1 Children (Y1 and Y2) will need:

- ◆ a Book Bag – which will be stored in their tray; containing reading wallet and snack
- ◆ Named water bottle
- ◆ Packed lunch if they are having one.

#### KS2 Children (Y3- Y6) will need:

- ◆ Plastic book wallet and reading book
- ◆ Snack to be in coat pocket or lunch box



#### Packed Lunch brought into school:

- ◆ A wipe-able plastic lunchbox or lunch bag or disposable plastic named bag only please.

Please ensure your child is equipped for the weather and all the changes the British climate can bring us! E.g. hat and gloves; sun-cream and sun hat.

### Jewellery and Hair

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school other than, stud earrings and a watch. If your child wears an item of jewellery for religious or personal reasons, please ask the school office for permission.

Smart watches (those capable of receiving messages, taking photographs or accessing the internet etc.) are not allowed in school due to the safeguarding risks they present. A basic (no connectivity capable) 'Fitbit' type watch is acceptable but is worn at the owners own risk.

Children are encouraged to tie long hair back for practical, health and safety reasons. Hair bands should be plain; novelty hair bands are not permitted. Dyed hair is not allowed in school, other than on a novelty dress up/theme day and the dye/spray applied must be of the wash-out variety. Children are not permitted to wear make-up during the school day for any reason. The wearing of nail varnish is discouraged and parents are asked to remove nail varnish as soon as practical, if their child has had their nails painted for a special occasion.



### Personal Possessions

We discourage children from bringing in their own toys, as the school cannot be responsible for any damage or loss. When children bring in items for 'show and tell' opportunities, we ask parents to remind their child to pass the item to the teacher for safe keeping. Your child's classteacher will organise when there are 'show and tell' opportunities.

Every class is provided with handwriting pens, green editing pens, pencils, glue sticks, sharpeners and erasers. This equipment is kept in the classroom and is the only equipment the children will need. Children do not need to bring to school their own pencil case.

Mobile Phones and other electronic/digital equipment are not allowed in school.

Occasionally an older child needs a mobile phone due to travelling between parents/walking home alone – in this case the parent must email the class teacher to give permission for this to happen and outline when it needs to happen. The phone will be stored in the school safe during the daytime and collected at the end of school – it must be clearly labelled with their name and handed to their class teacher at the beginning of the day.

Anything brought into school from home is done so at the child's own risk and it is their responsibility to keep safe.

### Lost Property

All clothing and possessions should be named before coming into school to allow for quick re-uniting with their owner. There is a lost property box in the conservatory. Please do not expect the staff to look for items lost, their time is focused on teaching your child and their friends. Please encourage your child to take responsibility and look after their belongings.

### Contact with Class teachers

There is limited opportunity to talk to your child's teacher on the door in the morning or in the afternoon. Quick messages can be passed on but please be mindful that this is not a confidential environment and that the class teacher has a whole class to either welcome into school or pass back to families. They can be contacted via the office email, [office@wybunburydelves.co.uk](mailto:office@wybunburydelves.co.uk) and mark the email FAO your child's teacher.

We ask that you are respectful in how you make contact with your child's teacher. The teachers will only be checking emails during term-time and school hours and they are not expected to be making daily checks of their email as they had been doing during lockdown. Please allow at least 2 working days for a response. Anything urgent, please telephone the school office during their working hours and they will pass on a message that you need to get in touch with the teacher.



### School Safety:

The gates are locked between 9:10am and 3.10pm each day to ensure children's safety. Please use the main front door and report to the office if you need to come into school during the day.

- ◆ No dogs or smoking or vaping on the school site please.
- ◆ Dogs should not be left unattended on our school boundary or by the gates. Please respect that not all our community are ok with dogs and that even the friendliest of dogs can respond in an unfriendly manner if stressed, surrounded or left alone.
- ◆ The School cannot be held responsible for children playing on the playground equipment before or after school. Please ensure that your children are supervised and with you at all times. Please ensure they do not access play equipment before and after school.
- ◆ Please do not play with balls which may have been left outside in these times, we have babies and toddlers on site who can easily be injured.
- ◆ Please ensure all children are respectful of our school grounds and equipment at all times.

**3:35pm** We ask that all families have left the school grounds by this time, the gates will be locked at this time. This allows OOSC and after school clubs to use our facilities and everyone on site is accounted for.



## Drop off and pick up arrangements

The Government are encouraging ALL children to walk or cycle to school wherever possible.

As our route is a dangerous cycle to school, we would expect parents to discuss this with your child's teacher and for them to have completed Bikeability training on the roads (Level 2).

Parents/carers are expected to accompany their child to/from school.

A child in Year 6 may be allowed to walk alone between home and school. We have a policy for this, which needs sharing with your child and signed permission needs to be granted before this arrangement can begin.

Parents and carers arriving by car are asked to park in the parents' car park at the top of the school field, or to use the nearby car park at the Red Lion and walk up to school.

Please avoid parking on the road, it is dangerous.

The single yellow line outside of school is restricted for parking, please ensure you adhere to the small sign which explains the parking restriction, our local PCSO regularly checks parking.



Please escort your child across the car park and onto the school site, being careful of moving cars. We ask that families do not arrive early, we will only open our gates 5 minutes prior to our hand over times.

The teachers or teaching assistants will open the doors when we are ready to welcome you in. Wait with your child on the playground, say goodbye when the door opens and watch them go into school. Please do not try and come into school with your child.

Once you have dropped/collected your child, please leave the site immediately, we need to be able to lock our gates for the security of all our children and staff.

Our gates to the field and car park, will be open from 8.35am to 9.10am in the morning and 3.10pm to 3.35pm in the evening. All cars parked on our premises are done so at your own risk. We ask that you respect the other car park users. Please do not queue down the centre of the car park, fill the spaces available.

## Drop off times

Reception to Year 6 will be 8:40am to 8:50am, staff will close the doors at 8:50am

## Collection times

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be 3:15pm

Key Stage 2 (Year 3- Year 6) will be 3:25pm

Please arrange to collect your child **on time**. Siblings will not be able to wait with their class teacher beyond the collection time (until the older children time).



We ask that once you have collected your child(ren) you leave the school site asap, this helps greatly with the parking situation and allows us to secure our site for the children who are in school. At the end of the day we ask that you do not allow your children to play on the outdoor equipment, OOSC need to get outside for their session and they are unable to do so until the site is clear of families.

Reception will have a phased start to the beginning of the Autumn term which has been shared in the New Starter letter.

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### End of School day:

Parents and carers are asked to collect children from the playground. Staff will be see the children out. Year 6 children will be allowed to walk home, if school have written permission from parents. Any changes to your usual collection arrangements please let the school office know.

### Late Arrivals:

Children arriving after 8:50am and doors are closed, are asked to enter by the front office and register at the office using the computer screen. Late arrivals to Preschool will also need to enter school through the school office and your child will be taken to Preschool

### Late Collections:

Parents and carers are asked to inform the school office if they are going to be late for collecting their child after school.

Children who are waiting for parents who are late will be asked to wait in the office until 3:30pm, after which your child will be put in OOSC and this will incur a charge. Parents late in picking up from Preschool or OOSC will incur a late charge.

### Preschool:

Hand over arrangements are different.

From September 2023 there is a change to our session times.

Early Birds Paid for session 8.45am-9am

Morning Session 9am-12pm

Afternoon Session 12pm-3pm

Late Birds Paid for session 3pm-3.15pm



The morning sessions hand over is on the playground at the Preschool door.

Pick up at 12pm from the morning session is from the main school office. Staff will bring your child to you in the conservatory.

The end of the days sessions, pick up is from the Preschool garden, access is around the front of the old school building, through the Reception garden gate.

Further details about Preschool can be found in the preschool pack.

## School Attendance

The Government guidance states, 'School attendance will therefore be mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term... parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age'



## Registration and Punctuality:

Although we understand that occasionally things can go wrong which cause late registration, it is important that children are in school on time each day. When children arrive late they miss important information from the teacher regarding the day as lessons start promptly.

Morning	Afternoon	
8.40am-8.50am	12.55pm-1pm	Registration time
8.50am—9.20am	1-1.15pm	Pupils will receive a Late Mark—Code L
9.20am onwards	1.15pm onwards	Pupils are marked as having an Unauthorised Absence— code U

## Absence:

It is expected that an explanation for absence is received on the first day the absence occurs, at the start of the school day and, where possible, give some indication as to when the child is expected to return. If school does not receive a message giving reason for absence, then as part of our safeguarding procedures, after checking the registers, a text will be sent to parents requesting they contact school immediately so we can ensure children are accounted for.

- 95% attendance means that your child has missed 10 days in the school year (2weeks)
- Attendance 90-94% will be internally monitored.
- 90% attendance means that your child has missed 19 days in the school year (Nearly 4 weeks).
- Attendance below 90% is classed as Persistent Absenteeism by the DFE. A letter will be sent home if your child falls into this category and your child's absence record will be discussed with the Cheshire East Attendance team

## Attendance Ladder



### Ill Health:

We understand that, on occasions, pupils may have to miss school due to ill health. We ask parents to:

1. Only keep pupils off school when it is absolutely necessary
2. Contact school by email (<mailto:office@wybunburydelves.co.uk>) or phone on 01270 841302 on the first day of absence by 9.20am, indicating the reason for the child's absence and the expected date of return. Please note if the reason given is 'poorly' or 'unwell', staff will ask for further information about the absence.
3. In cases of persistent, prolonged absence or repeated absence, school may require medical evidence, e.g. doctor's note, to explain the absence.
4. Parents are asked to keep a child off for 48 hours where s/he suffers sickness or diarrhoea.
5. Parents are asked to contact the school for advice regarding recommended absence for contagious illness.

Your child cannot attend school or Preschool whilst they have a raised temperature. Whilst we understand this is an inconvenience to your work, please do not give your child Calpol or paracetamol and send them in, it will wear off and a child with a temperature is fighting an infection, they need rest. Please think about the impact on other children or staff - an absent member of staff affects all the children's education.

## When should my child return to school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*		



This information is based on the  
Public Health Agency guide - full copy here

\*No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.



### Medical Appointments:

Medical/dental appointments should be made out of school hours to prevent disruption to learning. Where this is not possible, please provide the school office with the appropriate evidence, e.g. letter/ appointment card. Children should not be taken out of school due to other family member appointments. If a child leaves school after the register has been taken for the session for a medical appointment then their registration mark for the session will be recorded as an M – a medical appointment absence.





### Holidays from school:

Parents are not entitled to take a child out of school for a family holiday.

The rules make it clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If parents still decide to take their children out of school for a holiday, then we have no choice but to mark the absence as an unauthorised absence.

Unauthorised sessions of absence will lead to the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice, the cost of which is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days increasing to £120 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. If it remains unpaid will be processed to Court for prosecution. These Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the government's drive to improve attendance. School will ask Cheshire East to issue fixed penalty notices on its behalf under the following circumstances:

- ◆ 10 or more sessions (5 school days) lost due to unauthorised absence (O code) in any two consecutive half terms
- ◆ Unauthorised leave of absence (G code) of at least ten sessions (five school days) due to holidays in term time
- ◆ Persistent (more than 10) late arrival at school, for example after the register has closed, in any two consecutive half terms

### Early Collection from school:

#### Medicines:

Ideally, it is better if parents keep control of all medicines prescribed for short term illnesses. However, if you need us to administer prescription medicine, it is essential that you complete the relevant form at the school office, giving full details and consent. School will not administer any non-prescription medication. If your child has a medical condition we would ask that you make an appointment to discuss it with Mrs Lawlor so that a Health Care Plan can be set up for your child, this will need to be reviewed annually or if changes need to be made. Our complete Medication Policy can be found on our website.

**Illness and Emergencies:** If a child becomes ill or sick at school, parents are contacted by telephone so that they can collect their child. Qualified First Aiders deal with cuts and grazes etc. You will receive a First Aid slip in your child's bag. If your child receives a minor head bump, you will be notified by text and we will monitor your child.

If your child is sick in the night or before coming to school, please keep him/her at home for 48 hours. Emergency telephone contact numbers must be provided – home, work, friend etc. Please remember to notify school immediately of any change in address or telephone number.

**Head Lice** As in every school, head lice can be a common problem. Please check your child's hair at least weekly. Advice on how to treat head lice is available from your local pharmacy and from the school office. Children should not be kept off school if they have head lice but please treat your child as soon as possible and let their teacher know.



**Sun Cream** On days when it is hot and sunny, we ask parents and carers to apply a high factor sun cream before school starts as we are not able to apply sun cream to the children ourselves. If you want to come into school to reapply sun cream at lunchtime, you are very welcome to do so and for older children you may give written permission for them to do this for themselves. If this is the case, sun cream must be in a named bottle.





### Arrangements for lunchtime

Our children will eat their lunch in their classroom before going out to play. School made lunches will be collected by your child from the hatch in the hall and taken back to class to be eaten. After that they will go out to play either on the playground or the field, the children will mix with children from other year groups and they will be supervised by the midday staff.

### School lunch

A hot lunch, made on the premises by Cheshire East Catering, is served daily in the school hall. A two course hot school lunch is available free each day under the Universal Free Meals initiative for Reception to Year 2 children.

**School Lunch costs £2.50 per day** for children in Years 3-6.

The school lunch menu is published online and is updated termly. Visit our school website and click on the 'school lunches' section for further information. You may wish to discuss school lunch options with your child prior to the school day. The children book their lunch at morning registration.

### Packed Lunch

Alternatively, children may bring a packed lunch. Our school supports the Healthy Schools Campaign and we would therefore ask that there are no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks included within the packed lunch. **NO NUTS OF ANY KIND** are allowed (including peanut butter and Nutella).

Children are encouraged, not forced to eat the savoury food first and to eat a reasonable proportion of their food. Children are not allowed to swap or try food from anyone else's lunch box. Any food not eaten from packed lunch boxes will be brought home so that you are able to see what is being eaten. If staff are concerned about a child's eating habits we will inform you.

### Payment:

All pupils in Reception and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) are currently entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. The cost of lunch for children in KS2 is £2.50 per day. All payments are to be made through the school's online payment system – ParentPay.

Some children in KS2 are eligible for Free School Meals. If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals please ask at the school office for details or look at Cheshire East's website ([https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx)) about how to claim. You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

You can apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions at our school.

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.

School receive Pupil Premium money for any child in receipt of IRFSM and for the following 6 years after you cease to be eligible for IRFSM. We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 as school can claim the Pupil Premium to use towards new equipment and resources.

### Break Time Snacks

Children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are provided with a free piece of fruit each day which they are encouraged to eat at break time.

Children in KS2 can bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack for break time. Biscuits, snack bars and crisps are discouraged.

### Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring in water bottles to drink during the day. These should only contain water and children will not be permitted to drink anything other than water during lesson times.

### Safeguarding duty

We take very seriously our responsibility to promote the safeguarding and welfare of all children in our care.

As a school we aim to create an atmosphere in which children feel secure and valued. We work in partnership with parents and carers to support children in every way possible. The Children's Act places a clear responsibility on schools to ensure that they work together with agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.

In line with Government and Child Protection Policy, if safeguarding concerns are raised by the school, a child, or a parent, the matter is referred to Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) for advice and support.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Miss McCurrie.

The Deputy Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs Chesters is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer.





## The School Day

- ♦ 8.40am Doors Open. Registration begins including dinner orders. Children begin activities.
- ♦ 8.50am Doors Closed. Registration closes. Access after 8.50am via school office, marked as late
- ♦ 8.50am onwards Morning Lessons—focused on Phonics; Reading, Writing and Maths
- ♦ Mid morning break
- ♦ Lesson continue
- ♦ From 11:40am Lunch time begins, staggered by class. 1 hour in length.
- ♦ 1pm Worship
- ♦ 1.15pm until end of day Afternoon lessons including a break of daily mile



## Lessons

Throughout the day your child participates in different lessons. Every day will include **English** (Reading, Writing, Phonics, SPAG) and **Maths**.

At WD we follow a **Study Work** holistic approach to learning which is text led and encompasses all **National Curriculum subjects**. Some subjects will be taught as separate subjects e.g. French and PE. Your child's classteacher will provide you with a **Holistic Plan and newsletter** at the beginning of each term. Our week also involves well-being or mindfulness activities and the Daily Mile on our track (in all weathers!)



**PE** On the days your child does PE, they will need to wear their PE kit all day. Your child's class teacher will let you know in their class newsletter, which day they need to be in their kit. If there is a medical reason why your child is unable to take part in PE, a note from parents is required. If the problems persist, we may ask you for further medical information, to ensure that we are able to support your child's physical development, appropriately.

### PE Kit

- For all PE and Games lessons and after school sport clubs:
- REC-Y6: Wybunbury Delves Blue PE top (only available from uniform shop) or plain white polo top.
- Black shorts
- White or Black trainers (no fashion trainers please e.g. those with lights or wheels)
- Black Tracksuit / joggers (essential for PE during winter months)
- Wybunbury Delves Black PE Hoodie (optional) or plain black hoodie (no logos or slogans)
- Long hair tied back
- No ear rings or jewellery

## Curriculum at Wybunbury Delves.

Our study work books provide a treasured resource of learning for our children. Each page provides the hook for a child to demonstrate their knowledge and allows them to take the listener into their world of learning for that term. Their content is the culmination of activities, processes, knowledge and skills. Further details can be found on our website.



### Curriculum Intent:

Our school aim is to '*Light the spark for a love of learning and of life.*' To excite and promote a love of learning and enable pupils to make at least good progress, the teachers plan a stimulating, literacy-led, cross curricular focus for study each term which captures your child's interest and imagination whilst embedding reading, writing and maths. Our starting point is the National Curriculum. Holistic Plans for each class can be found on their webpage and are sent home at the beginning of each term.

### Curriculum Implementation:

We drive our school curriculum through **SPARK** approach to learning. Our newsfeed is updated weekly and demonstrates how the SPARK for a love of learning and of life is lit at Wybunbury Delves. We are using the acronym SPARK to act as a unifying reminder of our priorities for delivering children's learning:

Spirituality Practical Asking questions Resilience Knowledge

The Curriculum presents an opportunity to design learning that challenges our children to be part of the learning process as equal learning partners. In school we strive to create a Learning Culture. Teachers organise visits to places of interest or invite visitors into school to give children first hand learning. We explore the wonderful opportunities our school grounds and the local environment offer, to engage and motivate the children to enjoy and want to look after their locality (e.g. the Moss) with the support of local rangers and local community members. Children engage in a range of projects to enhance their learning experience.

**Curriculum Impact:** Our children talk about their learning with enthusiasm, knowledge and understanding. Parents share this through our study work sharing sessions and website news.



## Reading

At Wybunbury Delves, we actively promote a love of reading. We aim to enable our pupils to read confidently, fluently, accurately and with understanding. We aim to foster an interest in words and their meanings and to gain an appreciation of books from a variety of genres.



Children on the RWI phonics programme will take home a Read Write Inc decodable 'book bag' matched to their reading ability and a sharing, story book to be enjoyed and shared at home. These books are matched to RWI and reading levels are monitored by the class teacher/reading leader to ensure that children are reading books of an appropriate level. Once a child has finished reading their allocated reading book, an adult from home needs to sign the child's reading record book to confirm that the book has been read.

Once children have completed the RWI phonics programme, they move onto Collins Big Cat Books. At Wybunbury Delves, we call these our 'Read Aloud' books. Children reading these books are expected to read for a minimum 20 minutes per day and reading aloud to an adult at home is promoted. This is encouraged to be recorded in reading diaries by parents or children. Children receive regular 'reading responses' in book club time, through focused questions, which are targeted to develop their vocabulary, inference and deduction skills and comprehension skills. Through reading these books, children are introduced to a wide range of authors, both non fiction and fiction books, at their reading level. Children are encouraged to read material which interests them, to assist them in fostering a genuine love of reading and to help them to appreciate its value. During reading time in school, children will read either their school 'read aloud' book, a book which they have chosen from the school library or a magazine.





### Collective Worship (Assemblies)

As a Church of England School, collective worship is an important part of our ethos and we have worship after lunch every day. They are led by staff, children and visitors.

Monday is led by Year 6 as a Light your Light SHINE Celebration worship

Tuesday – Reverend Alison visits us or we have house worship

Wednesday and Thursday are focused on Christian teachings, values and messages.

On Friday's we hold Class Worship and invite parents/carers or in school we use Picture News which poses a question about something currently in the news

For Class worships and services details are shared via class newsletters and the school calendar.

Parents have the right to withdraw children from worship. Please contact the Headteacher if you intend to consider this possibility. Our policy can be found on the website.



### Church Links:



We have excellent links with Wybunbury Parish Church, St. Chad's, and we are regular visitors, both as part of the curriculum and for church services at key times of the school year and in the Christian calendar. Reverend Alison is our vicar and she regularly visits school. St Chad's is a family friendly church and offers a warm welcome to all who wish to share the journey of faith. Sunday services are at 9.30 each week and every first Sunday of the month is a family service. For families with younger children St Chad's host 'First Steps' sessions every Wednesday morning during term time: 9-11am.

### Christian Festivals:

You will be invited to join us for special worships and activities across the year in relation to the Christian Festivals of Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

We will also share worship through virtual services and events sometimes.

Please note these are acts of worship and not performances.

For those services taking place at church, parents and families are reminded that the church will only be open 15 minutes before the service is scheduled





## Behaviour

Wybunbury Delves is proud of the standards of behaviour achieved by its pupils. Everyone who visits our school comments on the positive ethos of the school and attitudes and good behaviour of the children. We have high expectations of all of the children and expect all our children to show our Christian Values through their interactions and actions.

At our school we say 'we are NICE here'. Our school Children's Code reminds us to act with care and respect for others at all times.

- ◊ Never be unkind, (never bully)
- ◊ I can follow instructions
- ◊ Care for everyone
- ◊ Enjoy learning

**Positive rewards**-Those children who behave in an appropriate manner will be rewarded for their positive response: eg: Praise, positive affirmation, marbles/housepoints, stickers, 'treats-not sweets'. A headteacher's award is sent home as a special reward. Each week children are recognised for going the extra mile and putting others before themselves, they are celebrated as guardian angels in collective worship.

Where a child chooses not to follow the rules, School operates a yellow and red card system. A yellow card being a verbal warning and initials are placed on the card (KS1 operates 2 yellow cards / KS2 1 yellow card). A red card is given where child breaks our behaviour code when they already have a yellow card warning. At the head's discretion an incident may trigger an immediate red card. The child then completes a Red Card Behaviour sheet- they copy out Code of Conduct and what they did wrong. This is sent home and parent/carer signs the sheet and it is returned to school. The Head will talk to child about responsible choices and model/rehearse what should have been said or done in the situation. In cases of severe disruption the child will be sent, immediately, to the headteacher and parents notified.

It is vital that parents work in partnership with the school in managing their child's behaviour. If a child's behaviour is causing concern, we may invite you in to discuss how we can best support each other with this. We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to name calling and foul language and you will be informed in writing if your child is involved in this. Racist and discriminatory language is also deemed unacceptable and will be dealt with similarly as well as being reported to the Local Authority as required. We have a clear anti-bullying policy which we follow strictly should any incident arise. Behaviour and Anti Bullying policies are available for you to see on our school website.





### Special Educational Needs and Inclusion

At Wybunbury Delves, we are committed to meeting the individual needs of all children. Most children are supported through differentiation in the classroom and teacher or teaching assistant support when it is needed.

Children may also be taken out of the classroom for extra support in small groups. Some children may have additional needs and may be supported by additional outside agencies.

A small number of children have an Education and Health Care (EHC) plan, this is issued where a child has very specific needs which must be met in a special way. The need for a Statement or EHC plan is determined by the Local Authority following a Statutory Assessment by all the professionals who work with a child.

If you are concerned about your child's progress and feel that they may need additional support, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help you.

Miss Welch is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.



### Houses And House Points

Children are allocated to "houses" when they join the school. Children are awarded house points in recognition of their effort or for positive behaviour such as being polite or thoughtful and for their commitment to learning. The House Captains (Year 6 pupils) add up the house points each week and report the scores to the whole school in an assembly. On Sports Day, children compete for their house and a cup is awarded to the winning house.

### Educational visits

School trips and in-school visits are an essential part of your child's learning and development. During the academic year, we hope to be able to offer your child a number of trips including, for example, a walk into the village, a theatre visit, trips further afield or enjoying sessions from visitors in school. In order for your child to participate in these activities, you will be asked to give your permission by signing and returning a trip consent form/ParentPay Permission, and you will be asked for a voluntary contribution, paid via the online payment system. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received it may not be possible for the visit to go ahead. From time to time we may need parental assistance on visits, if this is required then first priority will be given to those parents who hold a DBS through regularly volunteering in school and therefore know school policies for confidentiality, Safeguarding and Behaviour. Pupils receiving Pupil Premium may be able to receive assistance with payment for school visits. Please ask at the office for details.



### Extra curricular activities

As a School we aim to provide a rich variety of extra-curricular activities. These are run after school by members of school staff and Sports Coaches. On occasions these clubs may have to be cancelled due to other commitments. In addition we also have a range of activities provided by external providers who charge for their club or activity. Places at clubs are booked via [schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code provided, they are changed each half term and places need to be re-booked. There are limited places at clubs due to staffing ratios. Once a club is fully booked, the school office holds a waiting list for places.







### Wybunbury Delves PTA and Fundraising

We have our very own PTA which will organise various social and fund - raising events throughout the year. The PTA will offer a positive means by which parents can contribute to the school and help to provide some "extras" for the children. There will be events across the year in which you can help to support our school.

All parents will automatically be members of the PTA and a committee organise events, new volunteers are always welcome to help out with individual events and to join the committee. Meetings will be advertised in our newsletter and on the school website.

All Parents, Carers, Friends and Family can help us fundraise for free, please may we ask you to help your school fundraise for free when you shop on-line. Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for your school. There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the Trainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra so join today! It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join. Sign up for free. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wybunburydelves>
2. Shop. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising

### Out of School Club (OOSC)

At WD we are fortunate to be able to offer wrap around care through our Out of School Club. Clare Cliffe manages OOSC and she is your first point of contact if you require bookings or further information.

OOSC provides care for our children out of school hours (from Reception-Year6 ). Children can play with friends, choose to complete their homework, participate in a range of activities or just choose to relax in our warm and friendly environment run by a dedicated team of staff.

The club operates from 7.30am to 8.45am in the morning and from end of school to 6pm in the evening.

If you wish to book your children in on any day, please [email oosc@wybunburydelves.co.uk](mailto:oosc@wybunburydelves.co.uk). There is a limit on the number of children in the club and therefore places can get booked up.

Sessions are charged at:

- Breakfast Club from 7.30am to 8.45am £6
- After School Club from 3.15pm to 4.15pm £5
- After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm £10 — includes light snack
- After School Club sessions booked at short notice (on the day) will be charged at £10 for the session regardless of collection time.



### Bookings are administered through the OOSC email

([oosc@wybunburydelves.co.uk](mailto:oosc@wybunburydelves.co.uk))

OOSC Emergency mobile number: 07444363107

A weeks notice is needed to cancel a permanent booking otherwise the session will be charged for. Ad-hoc bookings once booked are chargeable and cannot be cancelled. Full charges, terms and conditions can be found on our website ([www.wybunburydelves.co.uk](http://www.wybunburydelves.co.uk)) or please ask Clare for a paper copy.

## Home - School communication

We greatly value the link between home and school and have found that the education of children is even more successful where this link is strong. We are delighted to involve parents in the life of our school and do so in the following ways:



- ◆ Your class teachers are available on the door at the end of the day should you have anything you wish to discuss. For a longer discussion parents are asked to make an appointment through the office.
- ◆ The school office is able to pass on any communication to the class teacher at the start of the day.
- ◆ The school website offers a wealth of information and is frequently updated. It feeds to our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- ◆ Classteachers provide a class newsletter and holistic plan at the beginning of each term. This will outline key things for the term and dates
- ◆ Class teachers update the school website with details about what the class have been doing in the week. We try and complete this weekly
- ◆ Parents are asked to complete their child's reading record when they hear their child read or in the case of the older children to regularly sign their record to confirm their reading.
- ◆ Mrs Chesters emails a school newsletter and updated school calendar at the end of every half term
- ◆ All other updates with what is happening in school will be emailed to you
- ◆ Parents' consultation evenings take place in the Autumn and Spring terms.



- ◆ You will receive an annual report by your class teacher in July
- ◆ Parents' are invited to share their child's study book at the end of the year
- ◆ In July there is an opportunity to meet your child's new classteacher and see their new classroom
- ◆ There are information evenings on various aspects of the curriculum held throughout the year
- ◆ Parents are invited to Class worship each term and Christian festival services/Messy Church – dates will be provided on the school calendar.

We strongly believe that two way communication is vital in supporting your child's school experience. We would like to take this opportunity to request that you inform us of any factors that may affect your child's performance or well-being in school. Thank you.

## Volunteers

We very much appreciate parental support in our classrooms and with reading. If you would like help in any way at all please let us know. A volunteer pack can be obtained from the school office. We are happy to accept regular help, however it is not always best for you to volunteer in your own child's class, it can be unsettling for your child.

Any parents coming into school on a regular basis will need to have a DBS check which the school will organise and agree to abide the confidentiality and safeguarding policies of school.



## Queries or Issues

In the first instance you should always contact your child's class teacher – this can be done via the school office either in person, by phone or email [office@wybunburydelves.co.uk](mailto:office@wybunburydelves.co.uk)

Please do not approach any WD staff via social media or personal email addresses. School Office hours are open: 8:30am until 4:30pm our phone lines are open during this time. Please leave a message on the school answer phone if you get no response or it is outside of these times we will get back to you.

If you email a class teacher please remember that they are teaching throughout the day and may not have time to pick up an email before school starts. They cannot come to the phone during teaching times, the office staff will take a message to be passed on. Please only send emails during working hours.

Please be aware that our policy is to provide an initial response to parental contact within 48 hours. We may need to seek further information after our initial contact, in which case we will do so within five working days.

**Sometimes parents would like a response by the end of the day, or an immediate appointment; as we all teach and have appointments already scheduled, we are not able to meet this request.**

## Complaints

Parents are encouraged to communicate concerns and issues to the class teacher or member of staff responsible so that the concern can be resolved as quickly as possible. Where parents are unable to do this or are not satisfied that the situation has been resolved, an appointment with the Head Teacher should be made.

If the complaint persists parents will be advised to follow the formal Complaints Procedure, available on the school website [www.wybunburydelves.co.uk](http://www.wybunburydelves.co.uk) or from the school office.

## Online Payment

Wybunbury Delves School operates a cashless online payment system for all monetary transactions - ParentPay. Parents are issued with a log in for each child to enable them to set up an online account as soon as your child starts with us. Any payment for uniform, lunches, trips etc is paid for using this system. The school office is happy to assist parents in setting up their account and is available to discuss any difficulties that may arise from this system. For further details please ask at the school office.

**Definition of a Bad Debt** at Wybunbury Delves CE Primary: an outstanding payment which exceeds

- ◆ £25 per child for school dinners debt
- ◆ £75 per child for OOSC
- ◆ Preschool invoice not paid within 4 weeks
- ◆ Total debts to school services (Dinners/OOSC/Preschool) exceed £100

Once the bad debt threshold has been reached, you will be contacted in accordance with our Bad Debt Policy – see our website for further detail.

**Data Protection** In order to comply with the 2018 Data Protection legislation and UK GDPR, you are informed that the data supplied by you, or your child, in relation to your involvement with this school, both now and in the future, will be processed in line with our Data Protection Policy. The information you provide will be used for the purposes of maintaining accurate records with regard to registration and contact details. Also statistical information required by other education bodies such as a new school, LEA, OFSTED, and the DfE. In order to provide effective educational services and to ensure the accuracy of the information supplied, we may share this information with other bodies, in particular, CDAT, the Local Education Authority and Health Authority and DfE. If you have any queries about the processing of your data or would like to know what information we hold about you; then please read our Privacy Statement on our website







Chester Diocesan Academies Trust

At Wybunbury Delves we are proud to be a part of Chester Diocesan Academies Trust – CDAT. CDAT's aim as a trust is to give everyone within their schools – pupils and staff – the chance to achieve to the very best of their gifts and abilities within caring, Christian communities. There are tremendous opportunities for partnership working, and for tackling together the many challenges that currently exist in education. There are currently 12 schools within the trust from across the Chester Diocese.

*We hope that your child and you feel very much a part of our Wybunbury Delves family. We are proud to have you in our team and look forward to working with you across 2023-2024 and beyond!*

*Mrs Chesters and the Wybunbury Delves Team.*

#### Contact Details

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Head Teacher: Mrs Kathryn Chesters

Deputy Head Teacher: Miss Natalie McCurrie

Assistant Head: Mrs Julia Burns

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss McCurrie

SENDco: Miss Abigail Welch

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Vice Chair of Governors: Mrs Helen Hunter

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