



Warden Hill  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUNE 2021





## Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

We've had a very busy time over the last few weeks and our children continue to do really well in school.

### Transition Days

Due to the increased prevalence of positive Covid cases it has not been possible again for our Year 6 students to visit their new secondary schools. I know that the secondaries involved have not taken this decision lightly and have communicated this with the Year 6 parents. The risk of mixing children from different schools into new classes only increases the risk of spreading transmission and we are ever hopeful that our children get to enjoy their end of Year 6 celebrations together before leaving Warden Hill.

Our own transition day will go ahead, but sadly without our new Reception children, linked to the same reasons given above. **Our Transition Day** this year will take place on **Wednesday 7th July** more information will follow before this date.

### Covid-19 Update

There has been a rapid increase in the number of positive cases in Cheltenham, which are really affecting the schools. As you know we have a positive case, which doesn't impact on the children at all. I would like to thank you for supporting the wearing of masks and socially distancing on site – the more we do this

the better for all. Please do not contact the office for more information. We are not allowed to disclose the identity of individuals who have tested positive. In line with Public Health England's directive we will notify you by email if your child was a close contact and therefore needed to isolate.

Letter from Local Authority regarding rising infection rates is available on our Coronavirus Update page

### Communication

Since the introduction to the weekly bulletin we have seen a real decrease in the number of phone calls regarding clarification for different year group events – which goes to show it's working. However, after a conversation held between one of the staff and a parent, I would like to outline the different communications and their purpose. Please remember you can always request a paper copy from the office.

**Xpressions:** this will be used only if we need to get some information out to you quickly. E.g. a bubble closure or a change in pick up area due to flooding. It is vital that all parents are able to access Xpressions. Please contact the school office if you have any issues with this service.

**Weekly Bulletin:** this is a weekly communication letter outlining up coming events for the week for all year groups as well as any key communications. This is where your child's PE/Games days will be listed. Make sure to check, to know what day they will need to wear their sports kit.





EVENTS	
JUN 25	9:00 - 12:00 pm BALANCEABILITY: Reception
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WEEKLY BULLETINS

NEWSLETTERS



#### Sports Week 2021

SPORTS WEEK 2021: Our biggest sporting week of the year has taken place this past



#### Eco Warriors: The Everyday Plastic Survey

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RECEPTION	
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Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
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YEAR GROUPS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS



#### NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

NSPCC Speak out, Stay safe We would like to



#### England Does the Daily Mile

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#### Sports Week 2021

SPORTS WEEK 2021: Our biggest sporting

**Newsletter:** mostly monthly outlining key updates and sharing of news and celebratory information.

**Year group termly Curriculum Newsletters:** they are sent via a link on the weekly bulletin for all year groups for the term ahead. They outline what curriculum is being covered for that term, what homework is given out and when it needs to be completed by. These are really important newsletters about your child's learning for that term. They can be found on your child's year group page – but remember we send the link to you in the bulletin.

### Parent Survey

We will be sending out a survey in the next week or so, just to gain your views on certain aspects (similar to previous parent surveys). In advance I would like to thank you for taking the time to complete it – it really helps us build a 360 picture of our school.

### Staff Training

As a school we are always striving to improve and keep abreast of National developments – the change to the EYFS curriculum being one. During this term our staff have taken part in different forms of training and two of the courses we have all attended were on Metacognition and Cognitive Load Theory. Both of these sessions have provided us personal reflection of how we can enhance our teaching styles using different strategies in the classroom and therefore benefiting our children further. Other CPD has been delivered by the subject leaders during staff meeting time and these have focused more on curriculum developments.

### Year 4 Trip

Year 4 pupils had a wonderful experience on their trip last week and what better way to hear about but from one of the pupils.







Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, year 4 travelled by coach to Wincombe Station. It was a long-lasting and very bumpy ride filled with World War II songs and lots of laughter. We were experiencing what it was like to be evacuated from London. ✓

When we arrived, we were greeted by our tour guide called Farmer Broomfield who lead us onto an old-fashioned steam train. At the 4S and 4E rushed onto into it and sat down excitedly. A little while later, a suspicious man ~~who~~ approached ~~who~~ who was wearing sunglasses, a hat, a grey suit and carried a briefcase. It was a German spy! Miss Jones and Mrs. Widge raced after him as he hopped off the train. They caught him and arrested him. It was so hilarious! ✓

After that, a lady taught us about different sized gas masks, ration books and tynes. Next, we watched a disheartening film which told us about what life was like for us living in World War II in Coventry. I couldn't imagine my house getting deconstructed by bombs. ✓

Then, an ear piercing siren ~~sounded~~ sounded and Farmer Broomfield hurried us into the air raid shelter and. ✓

we listened to bomb noises in the dark. Overall, the trip was exciting and fascinating and I really enjoyed learning about evacuees.

✓LOA: WOW, a super recount! 1hp



## Year 1 Trip to Bisley

Year 1 had the most amazing trip to Bisley. Their smiles and excited chatter as they came back into school (and chocolate round their mouths from the smores!) were wonderful to see and hear! “Mrs Flooks I had the best day ever!” “I didn’t want to come back!” “Can we go again?” were just some of the comments to me as the children came through the doors. Full photo gallery available on our website: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/1s-trip-to-bisley/>







I am a rather special loo  
 In to which you may wee and poo  
 However I must be used with care  
 Or else I'll smell worse than a monsters lair  
 The front hole is for wee  
 The back hole for poo  
 But when using either, you must make sure your aim is true  
 If it's yellow you can let it mellow  
 But if it's brown , you must chuck woodshavings down  
 • Then all you have to do,  
 Is have one last look at the time to look at the magnificent  
 view,  
 With a squeeze of antibac on your hands  
 Your'll be fit to go and as good as new!



## Reding at Warden Hill

Our English Team have uploaded a video and resources to our curriculum page. We hope they will aid you in supporting your child's reading and developing their vocabulary. Please visit [The Importance of Reading](#) page.



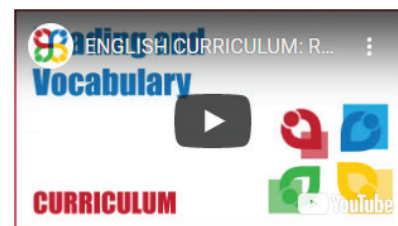
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### THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

**Reading is a skill that most of us take for granted, yet is one that is essential for being able to get on in life. As a child grows up, being able to read well not only enables them to discover new facts and to learn at school, but also opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories and opportunities. As such, all our staff are committed to ensuring that all children become independent and fluent readers during their time at our school. We want our children to enjoy books as much as we do!**



At Warden Hill we are passionate about books and this love of reading is shared with all pupils. As you walk around the school, you are instantly struck by engaging reading displays and inviting book corners. Our newly modelled libraries and our significant investment in new and exciting books demonstrates our commitment to reading and developing a culture of reading for pleasure. We have also invested in a new 'staff library' in an effort to introduce the adults in our school to new literature, both adult and children's books, and to model the good reading behaviours we wish to instil in our pupils.



[Reading with your Child: Journal Note \(EYFS\)](#)

[Reading with your Child: Questions to Ask \(EYFS\)](#)

[Reading with your Child: Journal Note \(KS1\)](#)

[Reading with your Child: Questions to Ask \(KS1\)](#)

[Reading with your Child: Questions to Ask \(KS2\)](#)





## Eco Warriors Update

Our Eco Warriors have been busy this term. Please visit their website to read about their recycling and planting schemes: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/eco-warriors/>



### Eco Warriors: The Everyday Plastic Survey

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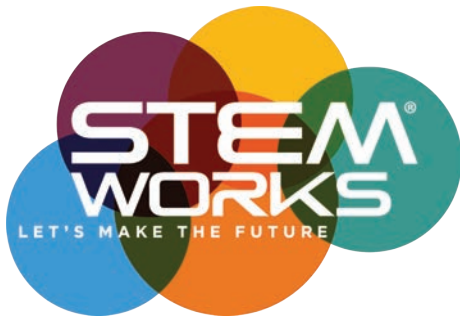
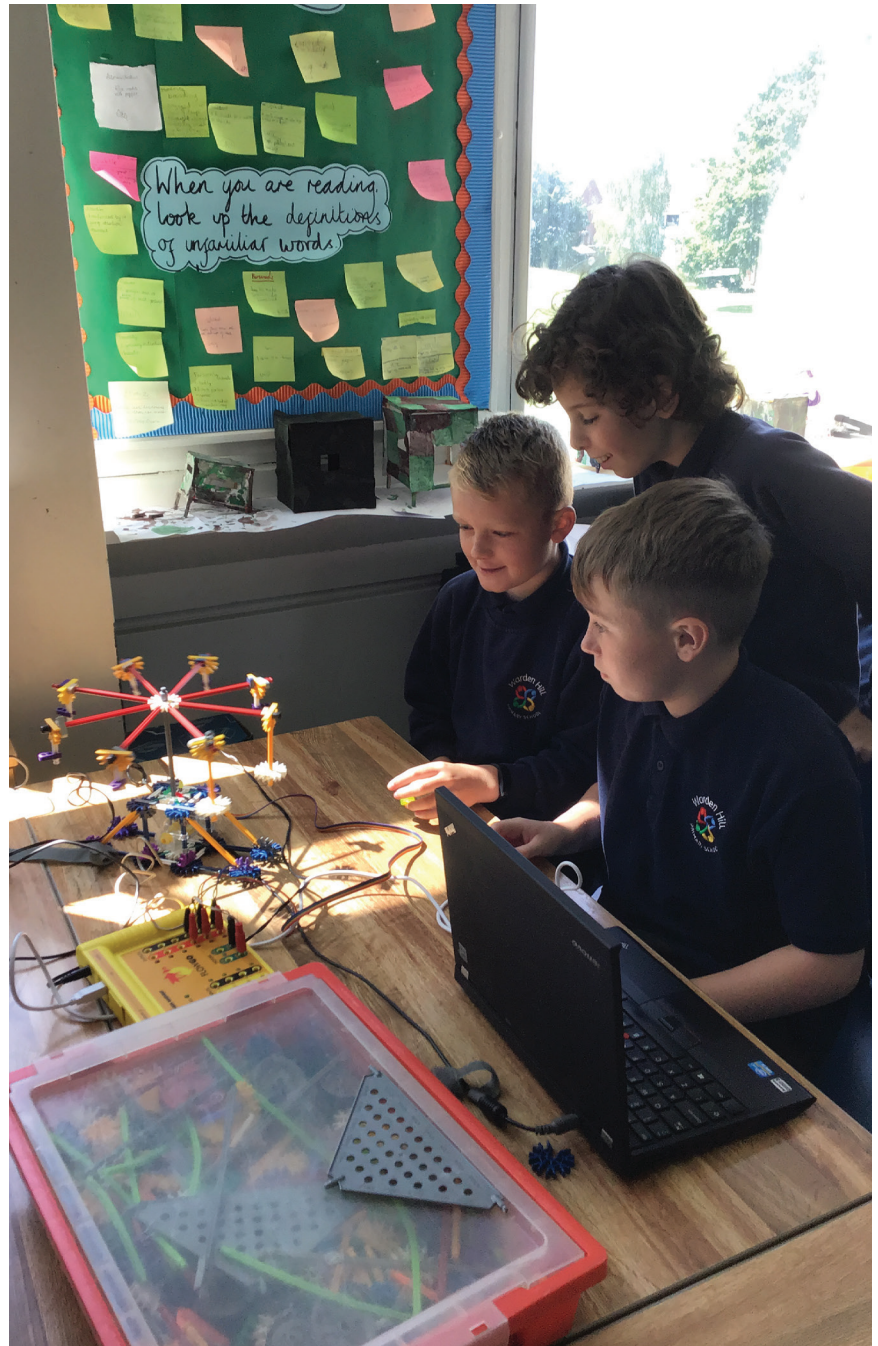


## Fun with K'nex

The Year 5 children took part in a K'nex Fairground Computer Control workshop.

Pupils were challenged to build and program a fairground ride using K'nex construction kit. Working in groups of three, to a design specification, pupils had to use their creativity to engineer a fairground ride before using their computing and numeracy skills to program the ride.

Year 5 pupils had an amazing time and created some exciting rides with music and lights.









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