

THE WEEK AT



FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

After the horrendous bout of sickness that swept through the academy last week, I am so pleased to announce that we are well and truly on the road to recovery and it has been a fabulously spooktacular week here at WOA!

- Ms Woolvin and Mr Logan have continued to hold 'Lunch with a Leader sessions' to talk with pupils about our Kindness is Power strategy. Thank you to all involved. #pupilvoice #yousaidwedid #wecare #kindnessispower
- Our WOA6 pupils have continued making items to sell on their market stall and have been working so hard in building garden areas, watering flowers and making our school site look beautiful - thank you so much to all involved!
- On Tuesday we had our auditions for WOA's Got Talent - WOW! What an amazing bunch of people who took part in the auditions and also in the audience. A BIG well done to Areeli and Summer who are through to the next stage and we wish Rozalea, Florence and The Band well with their call-back auditions when we return to school after the half-term break.
- Once again our Y11 pupils have been sell...sell...selling at their tuck shop to raise money for the Prom - don't forget that after half-term you can continue to buy drinks and sweet treats every Thursday and Friday.
- On Wednesday evening we held our first Year 10 Raising Achievement Evening and also our final Year 6 New-intake Open Evening - thank you to all who attended!
- Today was our seventh FOMO Friday of the year - many more pupils won prizes or vouchers because of their attendance over the past week or they were awarded a 'Catch them being good' reward during the Wheel of Wonder followed by Miss Moore's trolley of joy during Tutor check-in time!
- We opened our Spooky Shack on Thursday and Friday this week and more than 800 pupils won prizes as rewards for their hard work and attendance. Well done to all!
- 623 children had 100% attendance over the past 2 weeks and were entered into our Spooktacular Attendance Prize Draw - 8 families have won activity prizes including pumpkin carving and curse of the crimson circle!
- Year 11 won top attendance of the week and enjoyed a chocolate treat at the end of school today. Well done and keep up the fabulous high standards!!!

After half-term we will move straight into Year 11 Mock Exams - all pupils have been issued with timetables and we urge them to attend Holiday Revision Sessions next week as well as the scheduled Exam Crams and other revision activities we have planned. Years 7-10 will be having assemblies on Anti-bullying, Exploitation and DECCA.

Another reminder - holidays, medical appointments and being late after registers close are all classed as absences from school and have a negative impact on attendance, learning and progress. There is a really clear link between attendance, outcomes and future earnings and we need to work together to ensure that learning is not lost due to absence.

Please continue to support your child by ensuring they are in school on time every day and work with us if you have any concerns, issues or barriers to attendance.

ATTEND TO ACHIEVE

Our top attending tutor groups of the week are ...

Year 7- 7EHE

Year 8- 8HOV

Year 9- 9THN

Year 10- 10TLA

Year 11- 11ARO

Well done to all our FOMO Friday winners taking part in our Halloween quiz, trolley of Joy and wheels of wonder!

Be in school to join in on the fun!

Every Friday is FOMO Friday so make sure you are in school!

Year 11 are the most improved attenders' week on week and will collect their treat during the wheel of wonder today.

#attendtoachieve

#missitmissout



HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

SPARX READER

1	Lacie Powell (Lacie the Upholder)	1,188 SRP
2	Carter Wood (Carter the Big fish)	947 SRP
3	Nikola Ziemba (Nikola the Santa Claus)	930 SRP

SPARX MATHS

1	Lacey-Lacey (Lacey-Lei the Boss)	2,527 XP
2	Freya Smith (Freya the Forerunner)	2,415 XP
3	Ellie George (Ellie the Number one)	2,333 XP

Don't forget Sparx Homework Club is open every night from 3.15pm – 4pm in the LRC so that you can log on and get it done!

Snacks and drinks provided 😊

HOUSE POINT LEADERBOARD



Our House point leaderboard is back!

1st Place – **Bronte** 1034 points

2nd Place **Dickens** 1008 points

3rd Place **Austen** 904 Points

4th Place **Shakespeare** 654 Points.

Remember you can earn house points every day!

Top earning tutor groups are: 7SFR, 8ROR, 9CBO, 10JLG and 11KGO! Well done everyone.



RAISING ACHIEVEMENT

October Holiday School is next week – don't miss out.

Our First Exam Blast of the Year is on Sunday 2nd November at 6pm for English Language with Mr Wagstaff. Details in the Google Classroom.

Mock exams began on Monday 3rd November.

Week 1:

Monday 3rd 9am: English Language Paper 1

Tuesday 4th 11.30am: Maths Paper 1

Wednesday 5th 9am: Biology Paper 1

Thursday 6th 11.30am: Maths Paper 2

Friday 7th November 9am: English Literature Paper 1

UNIFORM REMINDERS

This half term we are focussing on ensuring our students are dressed to impress in their WOA Uniform. A reminder of our expectations for uniform are below. If you need support with uniform please do contact us.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Demolition work on the Hydes Road Pavilion will begin on **6 October 2025** for **approximately 2-4 weeks**.

This demolition is the first step in a redevelopment project to replace the current facility with a brand-new, modern pavilion and WOA students are helping to shape the project, including having the chance to name the new pavilion.

We have been asked to advise all parents and community members that the demolition and subsequent construction work may cause some temporary disruption, including noise, dust, and increased traffic in the area.

During the demolition, vehicle access to the site will be limited but there will be full pedestrian access to the playing fields. We will work closely with contractors to minimise any impact on the local community and school activities and please accept our apologies for any disruption.

The contractors have also been directed to restrict vehicle movements during the start and end of the school day to minimise disruption.