

Wembdon News

21st September 2026



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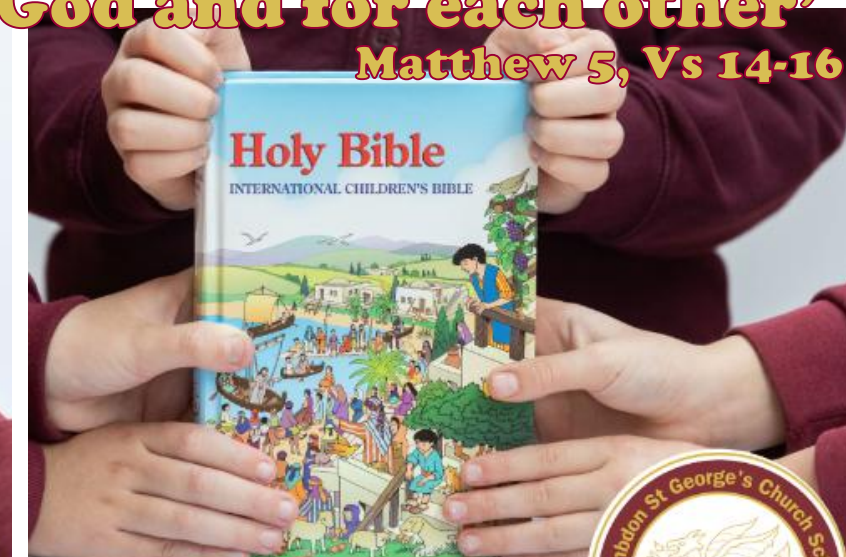
'Shining together to be the best we can be for God and for each other'
Matthew 5, Vs 14-16



Forgiveness



Compassion



Wisdom

1. Update from Senior Leadership Team

Welcome back to the start of the 26-27 school year!

A warm welcome to all children and families especially those joining us for the first time in Reception and other classes. The Wembdon Staff team have been busy planning and preparing for the term ahead and look forward to providing children with experiences and learning to support them to be the best version of themselves!

There will be a 'Wembdon News' every 2 weeks where we will share dates, updates and celebrations with the school community. This is posted on the ClassDojo pages so please do get yourselves registered with the new classes (email prompts have been sent).

I have included a few things below to support communication on some key changes/updates for the start of the year, please do let us know if you have any questions:

1. Medications in school- safeguarding changes for September 2026

- Please be aware that for all medications in school, parents will be required to complete relevant forms and sign for permission to administer. This includes asthma pumps.
- Where parents request liquid paracetamol to be administered to children, this must come into school in a sealed bottle or sachets. We are no longer able to accept bottles that have already been opened at home.

2. Wembdon Wrap Around Care- safeguarding changes for September 2026

If you are an existing user or new user of Wrap Around Care (breakfast/after school club) please note the changes to drop off and collection times. These changes are to support effective safeguarding within these clubs.

3. School Streets Parking Restrictions- Update

In July 2026 last year we were notified that the timed street closures for Brantwood Road are now permanent. This means that only staff, blue badge holders, residents and special agreement pass holders, are permitted to drive into the street at the start and end of the day. Where these permissions are breached, we are required to report to Parking Wardens and where relevant Police. We thank all parents in advance for supporting these arrangements.

4. Mobile Phone reminders

In line with national Safeguarding expectations, Wembdon is a phone free site for all children. This means that children are not permitted to have possession of or access to a mobile phone for the school day or any school related activities such as day trips, discos and residential visits. The following arrangements are in place:

- Only Y56 children are permitted to have signed parental permission to have a phone in school. General use of a phone is discouraged and should only be for safeguarding reasons.
- Where this is the case, it is handed in at start of day and collected at the end
- Where children are found to have phones in school, without permission, these will be confiscated and will need a parent to collect
- Children are not permitted to use their mobile phones in the school site or directly outside the school site at the start or end of the school day; this includes social media, camera and music and whilst riding a bike/scooter.

5. Healthy Snacks- changes for September 2026

This Term we will be launching our healthy snacks approach using government guidance on healthy eating. This will be clearly communicated and reinforced.

Children in Y3456 do not receive free fruit and therefore we would advise starting healthier habits for snacks as chocolate bars and similar high fat/sugar snacks will not be permitted.

Staffing Updates September 2026:

You have probably noticed some new faces around school already this week, so below is a reminder of the new staffing and updates.

We welcome the following staff to school:

- Miss Liell - RA class teacher
- Mr Rubino - 23C class teacher
- Miss Underwood TA supporting 2/3C & 4/5C
- Miss Cox - TA supporting 6A

Congratulations to Miss Addicott and Mrs Bewes who have been appointed as Phase Leaders for this academic year. Miss Addicott will provide leadership and support to the staff in YR123 and Mrs Bewes for those in Y456.

Mrs Bell who is a TA supporting 45A is currently absent from school and we wish her a speedy recovery. Her role is currently being covered by a supply agency TA.

Mrs Wallace (headteacher) is also currently absent from school recovering from foot surgery and carrying out limited duties from home. Mrs Venning, an experienced BWMAT Executive Headteacher, is providing support to the leadership team and staff in her absence. Mrs Wallace hopes to return before the end of September.

Mrs Clare Wallace
Headteacher

Classes 2026-27

YR1	RA	R1B	1A
Staff	Miss Liell	Miss Addicott	Mrs Luke
	Mrs Sak	Mrs Chard Maple	Mrs Sak
Y23	23A	23B	23C
Staff	Mrs Garcia	Mr McEvilly (M, Tu) Mrs Bond (W, Th, F)	Mr Rubino
	Mrs Morgan	Miss Wiblin	Mrs Bryant Miss Underwood
Y45	45A	45B	45C
Staff	Miss Eggby	Miss Serjeant (M, Tu, W, F) Mrs Sparkes (Th)	Mr Truscott
	Mrs Bell Mrs Van Heerden	Mrs Green	Mrs Martin Miss Underwood
Y6	6A		
Staff	Mrs Bewes		
	Miss Edwards Miss Cox		

Congratulations Mrs Warwick!



We are delighted to share some wonderful news and offer our **warmest congratulations to Mrs Warwick**, who has successfully passed her **NPQSEND qualification**.

This fantastic achievement reflects Mrs Warwick's hard work, dedication and continued commitment to supporting pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

We are incredibly proud of her achievement and know that her knowledge and expertise will continue to make a positive difference to our children and the wider school community.

Well done, Mrs Warwick, on this thoroughly deserved success! 🙌



Attendance updates at Wembdon- 21.9.26

All day, every day, on time!



What will be changing?

- Mrs Wallace is the Attendance Champion for Wembdon and will delegate certain tasks to other senior and admin staff.
- Updated National Policy
- Updated BWMAT Policy
- Updated Wembdon Policy
- Department for Education and Somerset CC can access our attendance data base remotely to monitor compliance with national policy.
- Weekly school-based monitoring and contact with families.

What does this mean for my child/children?

- School-based monitoring will look at 95%+ as the expected attendance rate for children.
- Children will be marked as late from 9.00-9.30am each day. Late marks can be counted towards unauthorised absences.
- Children will receive an unauthorised absence mark if they arrive after 9.30.
- Collection of children after the afternoon session has started will be under scrutiny and evidence may be required for reasons to take children out of school.
- The H code for holidays no longer exists, all holidays are unauthorised absences and very few will be considered as exceptional circumstances.
- Holidays taken in term time that equal 10 sessions or 5 school days will be referred for a penalty fine.
- Holidays under the 10 sessions/ 5 days will be considered as unauthorised absences and will count towards the 10-week monitoring.
- 20 unauthorised absence marks (am/pm) in any 10-week period will trigger the next stage of intervention which is likely to involve Education Engagement Services from Somerset CC.
- We are currently undertaking a new attendance monitoring process and will be populating a list of children whose attendance was below 92% last year. We will continue to support and monitor these children and will let families know via a letter in due course.

2. Safeguarding – Updates and Information

Parents and carers who would like to understand more about how grooming and exploitation can happen online and what they can do to keep their child safe, can join free online information sessions in September and October, led by Avon and Somerset Police.

“Keeping your child safe online” sessions will take place on Tuesday 29 September from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm and Tuesday 6 October, from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm, with Child Exploitation Prevent and Coordinator Officer Andri Nicolaou.

Andri will share information, advice and tips to help parents and carers create a safer digital space for children and young people. The session will explore the different forms, exploitation can take, the warning signs to look out for, the practical steps they can take to help protect young people online and how to reach out for help.

Grooming happens when a perpetrator develops a relationship - often using online platforms, such as social media, messaging. and live streaming - with a child, to enable their abuse and exploitation, both online and offline.

When sexual exploitation happens online, perpetrators may persuade or force young people to send or post sexually explicit images of themselves, take part in sexual activities via a webcam or smartphone, or have sexual conversations by text or online.

Child exploitation is often subtle, gradual, and may hide in plain sight. It can happen online, in public spaces or through friendships - and it can affect any child.

To sign up for one of the sessions visit:

29 September 2026 - 19:00 till 20:30: [Keeping Your Child Safe Online](#)

06th October 2026 - 13:00 till 14:30: [Keeping Your Child Safe Online](#)



Could you tell if your child was being exploited online?

Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct





3. Inclusion Updates

Somerset School Street is here at Wembdon



What is this about?

- It is aimed at reducing traffic in Brantwood Road to improve road safety for children and families who walk and cycle to school. As well as reducing traffic congestion for the residents of the street.
- Somerset Council and SASP will support school in monitoring families adhering to the road closure, it is enforceable by traffic wardens and there will be periodic visits.

What will it mean for my family?

- Brantwood Road will be closed with a barrier from 8.30-9.05 each morning.
- Brantwood Road will be closed with a barrier from 3.10-3.35 each afternoon.
- If families are parked in Brantwood Road prior to barriers being put up they will need to wait for the barrier to be moved to exit the street.
- Blue Badge holders, residents, emergency services and council services will be permitted to cross the barrier. Residents and Blue Badge holders will be issued with a permit to display.

Uniform Policy - September 2026

It is the policy of the Local Governing Committee, that all children wear the school uniform. We feel a uniform gives the children a sense of belonging to Wembdon St George's Church School and it gives them an identity and a distinctiveness when representing the school off the premises. It also encourages pride in the school and seems to have a beneficial effect on conduct.

Children will be rewarded daily with team points for wearing the correct full uniform and reminders will be issued for those not in full school uniform. Teachers and Leaders will support families wherever possible to have access to the school uniform. This will include access to second hand logo items which have been donated by families, these can be accessed via main reception.

Hair should be neat and tidy with long hair tied back. Nail varnish and make-up should not be worn at school. **Children may wear single stud earrings** (which they must be able to remove for PE and sport) and a watch; other jewellery is not permitted, and children will be asked to remove it should it be worn to school. Hair accessories can be worn but should not hang down or protrude.

Uniform items with our school logo can be obtained via Jual (www.jual.co.uk), South West Schoolwear (www.swschoolwear.co.uk) or Goldstar (<https://goldstaruniforms.co.uk>).

Logo items of uniform should display the newest logo which was introduced a few years ago. All clothing, including coats and bags, should be labelled clearly with the child's name, this will support us in returning misplaced items to the correct child.

AUTUMN/WINTER

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress, culottes or trousers (no leggings should be worn unless under a skirt/dress);
- White shirt, logo optional, *(we would like to phase out blue polo shirts in 2024-2025)*
- Maroon cardigan, hooded sweatshirt or jumper with a school logo,
- Socks and tights should be white, grey or black,
- Plain black shoes, black boots or plain black trainer type shoes should be worn, heels are not appropriate for school.

SUMMER

- Red/maroon/burgundy summer dress/jumpsuit *(we would like to phase out blue and white options in 2024-2025)*
- Trousers, skirts, shorts or culottes in grey,
- Flimsy sandals, flipflops or slider type shoes are not appropriate for school,
- Children are not required to wear jumpers and cardigans in hotter weather.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM

- Maroon fleece with logo for colder weather or outdoor use,
- Maroon hooded sweatshirt for PE and clubs,
- Logo drawstring bags,
- Logo bookbags.

PE/SWIMMING UNIFORM

Children will wear their PE kits on the day of a PE lesson; however, they should bring their kit in an additional bag for any after school sports clubs or competition events.

- Maroon school t-shirt with or without school logo or plain white t shirt,
- Black/dark coloured shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms,
- Change of socks/tights in colder and wetter weather is advised,
- Plimsols or trainers (velcro and elasticated are ideal).

Swimming

- Full swimsuit or swimming shorts (not baggy or long, no bikinis),
- Towel.

This policy takes into consideration the Department for Education guidance on affordable uniforms for schools and will be reviewed annually. Thank you in advance for your continued support with our school uniform this academic year.

Mrs. Clare Wallace

School Day Timings - September 2026



7.30 Wembdon Wrap Around Breakfast Club opens, bookings only

8.50 Pedestrian gates unlocked
Children and families welcome on site
Staff on duty

8.50 Classrooms open
Children to enter
Teachers present

9.00 Register taken
Children are marked as late after this time

10.30 Breaktime (flexible)

12.00 Lunchtime (flexible)

3.25 Pedestrian gates unlocked
Families welcomed on site
Staff on duty

3.30 Children dismissed from classrooms

3.40 Gates and classrooms closed

3.30 After school clubs as advertised

5.30 Wembdon Wrap Around After School Club closes

6.00 Site closed

4. Wembdon School Life



Class Dojo

Please may we let you know that classes for this year have been set up on Class Dojo.

Invites have been sent out to families for you to connect to your child's class.
Please check your emails.

If you are having problems connecting to your child's account, please email the school office.

We would also like to remind families not to message class teachers on Class Dojo.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please email the school office.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#).

These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day of absence. Please let us know that your child won't be in and the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

<u>Coughs & colds</u> It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold . But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.	<u>High temperature</u> If your child has a high temperature , keep them off school until it goes away.	<u>Chickenpox</u> If your child has chickenpox , keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	<u>Cold sores</u> There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore . Encourage them not to touch the blister while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	<u>Conjunctivitis</u> You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis . Do get advice from your pharmacist.	<u>COVID-19</u> If your child has mild symptoms, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should stay at home if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they do not feel well enough to go to school.	<u>Ear infection</u> If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better, or their high temperature goes away.	<u>Hand, foot & mouth disease</u> If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.
<u>Head lice & nits</u> There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	<u>Impetigo</u> If your child has impetigo , they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.	<u>Ringworm</u> If your child has ringworm , see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	<u>Scarlet fever</u> If your child has scarlet fever , they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise, they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	<u>Slapped cheek syndrome</u> Children do not need to be kept off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome as once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	<u>Sore throat</u> You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat . But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis .	<u>Threadworms</u> You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms . Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	<u>Vomiting & diarrhoea</u> Children should remain at home until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



Wembdon St George's
Church School

Open Day

Is your child starting
school in September 2027?

We invite you, and your child,
to come and view our school,



Wednesday 30th of
September at 9:30am



Monday 5th of October
at 2pm



Thursday 15th of October
at 2pm



How to book:

Please call 01278 451726
or email office@wembdon.bwmat.org

We are very much looking
forward to meeting you.





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TUESDAYS

**KS1
FOOTBALL**
(YEAR 1 & YEAR 2)



WEDNESDAYS

GYMNASTICS
(YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6)



MULTI SPORTS
(YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6)



THURSDAYS

**FOOTBALL
KS2**
(YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6)



3:30 TO 4:30



£4.50



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OR CALL: 07494175299

After School Sports Club

Tuesdays - KS1 FOOTBALL (YEAR 1 & YEAR 2),

Wednesdays - GYMNASTICS (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6)
Wednesdays - MULTI SPORTS (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6)

Thursdays - KS2 FOOTBALL (YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6)

Bookings to attend these sports clubs can be
made via IPAL using the following link:

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com/app>

Please help the PTA raise funds this **Christmas**

Christmas Art Project

1. Get your children to draw a festive design
2. Get the design printed on a number of gifts like christmas cards, mugs etc.
3. Surprise your loved ones this Christmas with a personalised touch!
4. Help the PTA raise funds by taking part

Please check your childrens bags/bookbags
for the Cauliflower Art and Ordering Form

Designs & Orders need to
be back by:

7th October 2026

We appreciate your support in helping us raise
funds for the school





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2026 - 2027
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DONATE ♥ REUSE ♥ SUPPORT

**DONATIONS
NEEDED!**



Please donate
your outgrown
uniform
today!



**THANK
YOU!**

WE HAVE ALREADY SHARED
40 UNIFORMS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT!

DONATE ♥

If your child has outgrown their
uniform or no longer needs it,
please donate it to help other
families in our school community.

WE WELCOME:

- ✓ Jumpers, Cardigans & Hoodies
- ✓ Polo Shirts & Sweatshirts
- ✓ Trousers, Skirts, Pinafores & Shorts
- ✓ PE Kit (Tops, Shorts, Joggers, etc.)
- ✓ Dresses & Playsuits
- ✓ Coats & Jackets
- ✓ School Bags & Accessories

Please ensure all items are
clean, in good condition and
ready to wear.

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SCHOOL AT RECEPTION**



**ORDERS WILL BE SENT TO
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26th to 30th October



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The camps will give children a fun and active half term, with sports, creative activities, fun challenges, opportunities to make new friends, and much more.

Bookings are now open:

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If parents have any questions, they can contact us at:

hello@inspiredschools.co.uk

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School Dates

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
31	1	2	3	4
Summer Holidays			Inset Day	Inset Day
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
		Year 6 Camp		
28	29	30	1	2

All dates are available to view on the calendar on our school website: <https://wembdonstgeorges.co.uk/calendar/>

Attendance this week:

97.43%

National Average: 96%

Overall Attendance:

97.03%

This is **above** the national average.



Teams

Knights: 1,352

1A, 2/3A, 2/3B, 2/3C, 6A,

Dragons: 1,457

RA, R1B, 4/5A, 4/5B, 4/5C



5. Wembdon Community



A club for school yrs 3-6 (6-11s)

Fridays (monthly)

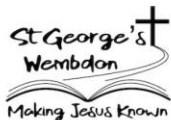
6.30-8pm

£1.50 (this includes a bag of sweets)

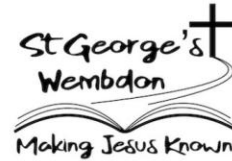
**St George's Parish Centre, Church Road
starts September 11th**

Crazy games, creative crafts and
time to investigate Jesus.

An adult will need to
fill in a consent form
before dropping off
your child on the
first visit.



Or pre-register



A group that journeys with
babies, toddlers and their families

**Mondays during schools term time
Parish Centre, Church Road, TA6 7RR**

10-11.30am

£1 per adult and child

