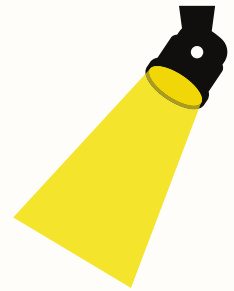


WBSpotlight

w/e 11th July 2025



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Sports Day Thursday 16 th July

AM – Field events

**PM – Whole school
outside for track events**

**Drinks and snacks will be
sold. Students will need
£1-2 if they would like to
purchase anything.**



What a week it's been!

As Miss Harrison, Mrs Ferrans, Mr Wilson and our Year 8 students head off to Paris, it's been a lively week in school.

The Summer Dance was a great success — thank you to Mrs Leason and her talented dancers for a fantastic show.

Prom photos are in! With over 400 taken, we've included a curated selection for you to enjoy.

On Tuesday, Mrs Adams and her gifted musicians visited the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire for the Modulo programme finale — huge thanks to her and Mr Chadwick for making this possible. Next week promises more excitement with end-of-term activities. Don't miss the letter about the Summer Fair — there's also a page in this Spotlight.

Mrs Mincher Deputy Head Teacher

School calendar



12th July – Top table event

17th July – Spots day

18th July – Summer fair

End of the Summer term 18th
July @ 3.20pm

Students start back Tuesday
2nd September



The Tour of the Eras Taylor Swift tribute

Saturday 1 November 2025

The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock TF13 6NB

Tickets now on sale!

Adults £20, Children (16 years) £12

Matinee 2pm

Evening 7.30pm





What's new!



Sports Update



Our annual Sports Day will be held on **Thursday 16th July** and promises, as always, to be a highlight of the school calendar.

The morning will feature field events, including throws and jumps, followed by an afternoon of track events on our outstanding running track, with the whole school in attendance. We anticipate enthusiastic support from students, who always cheer on their peers with passion and pride.

It will be inspiring to witness our athletes striving for every point towards the overall trophy. Every placing matters — a student securing third place instead of fourth contributes just as meaningfully as the event winner.

We extend our congratulations in advance to all participants, especially those stepping outside their comfort zones to compete in less familiar events. Their commitment and resilience embody the spirit we value so highly.

This year's Sports Day will also serve as a special occasion to bid farewell and express our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Jardine, our esteemed Head of PE. Her dedication to school sport at William Brookes and across Shropshire has been exceptional. She leaves behind a lasting legacy, and we are deeply grateful for her many contributions.

Competing on the very grounds that inspired the modern Olympic movement is a privilege unique to William Brookes — a heritage we are proud to uphold.

Subject celebration



Sport



In our PE lessons, we have been making the most of the fantastic weather while developing students' skills in our summer sports – athletics, cricket, and rounders – alongside our year-round activities such as badminton, safe exercise practices, and leadership development.

Inter-house sports continue to thrive, with our Year 9 cricket and rounders competitions taking place last Thursday. The events showcased excellent teamwork and spirited competitiveness. Preparations are well underway for one of the most significant weeks in the PE calendar, which includes both our Sports Awards Evening and Sports Day in the final week of term. This week, every year group attended an assembly celebrating the school's Olympic heritage, helping students appreciate the privilege of competing on the same grounds that inspired the Wenlock Olympian Games – the very spark of the modern Olympic movement.

Health & Social Care



This half term, students in the Health and Social Care class have been examining the public health challenges posed by influenza and other viral infections. Their studies have focused on understanding modes of transmission, identifying common signs and symptoms, and evaluating the role of Public Health England in preventing, controlling, and mitigating the spread of these illnesses. As they transition into Year 11, students will begin to identify and analyse target audiences in order to develop strategies aimed at supporting the prevention of viral outbreaks.



Religious Studies

Year 7 students have been weighing up whether Jesus is perfect or not. Year 8s are continuing to look at whether there's a life after death, whilst Year 9s are discussing issues surrounding crime and punishment. GCSE RS students in Year 10 are debating some really difficult topics such as euthanasia and abortion, and how the law has changed and is changing in these areas.

Amazing us!



The Year 7 and 8 visit to Paris was a truly enriching cultural experience. Students had the opportunity to practise their French and grow in confidence as they used the language in real-life settings. We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Crowther, Miss Harrison, Mrs Ferrans, and Mr Wilson for accompanying the students and making this memorable experience possible.



Mrs Mincher, Mrs Aston, and Mr Colburn were incredibly impressed by the standard and quality of cooking demonstrated by our Year 10 Design and Technology: Food students during their recent session in the professional kitchens at Shrewsbury College. The students truly excelled, showcasing both skill and creativity in a professional culinary environment.

Our music students went to Royal Birmingham Conservatoire today for the finale of this years' Modulo programme with Orchestras for All.

Students played on the big stage in the Bradshaw Hall - what an incredible experience!



Prom Night







Wednesday 16th July activity day



Key messages

Year 7

Activities Staff led activities such as an Escape Room, Mural Painting, Cooking and many more will be offered in the morning. In the afternoon, students will be able to opt to go on the inflatable in the Swimming Pool if they want to. Students who wish not to swim can enjoy a game of rounders, relaxing outside or watching a film (weather dependant). I have arranged for an Ice Cream van to visit school at midday.

Clothing Students should wear WBS PE kit for this day, no own clothes to be worn.

Year 8, 9, 10

See the letter sent via arbor for detail. Please note student PE should be worn on these visits.

Here are the key highlights and important information from the Summer Fair Letter:

🎪 Summer Fair 2025 Overview

Date: Friday 18th July 2025

Time: Celebration events in the morning; Summer Fair begins at 1:30pm

Location: School field

Who: Exclusively for WBS students and staff (not open to the public)

💰 Spending Guidance

Students are encouraged to bring £5–£10

Stall prices range from 20p to £1

Food and treats available include:

Cupcakes

Chocolate fountain fruit skewers

Popcorn

Drinks stall

Other fun food items

Canteen meals will still be available at lunchtime

🏆 ATL Golden Ticket Competition

Deadline: Friday 11th July

Rewards:

Top ATL (Attitude to Learning) scorers in each year group receive a Golden Ticket

Golden Ticket holders get free access to inflatables

Teachers will also nominate students for exceptional effort and attitude

🌟 Purpose and Future Plans

The event supports fundraising for termly student rewards in the next academic year

Rewards will recognise:

Outstanding ATL scores

Academic effort

Commitment during GCSE preparation

**Summer fair parental
information just incase
you have missed it!**

**Friday 18th July for WBS
students 1.30–3.30pm**

Advice, Guidance & Community

Screen-Free Teens: Ideas for Engaging Teenagers without Devices
100 Screen Free Activities for Bored Teens

20 Best Days Out In Telford For Teenagers Near Me | Attractions in Shropshire | Day Out With The Kids
HAF holiday clubs | Shropshire Council

Visit Shropshire – Activities and things to do in Shropshire
Free and low-cost activities for families in... | Original Shrewsbury



Google these links



For Absence Due to Illness:

Telephone 01952 728900 and choose option 1 - for each day of absence.

Leave a message containing:

Name of Student

Which Year the student is in?

Symptoms of Illness

For Medical Appointments:

Telephone 01952 728900 and choose option 1

Leave a message containing:

Name of Student

Which Year the student is in?

Please advise what the medical appointment is for.

Please state the time of the appointment, if a morning appointment please advise if the student is coming into school prior to the appointment. If the appointment is during the day or in the afternoon, please advise the time the student will be collected and whether they will return afterwards.

Please email a copy of the appointment letter or screenshot to the following email address:

wbs-attendance@wbs.318education.co.uk

For For Holiday Requests/Requests of leave for all other Absences from School:

Form on School Website, click link – [Attendance - William Brookes School](#)

Please fill in and email the request form to the following email address:

wbs-attendance@wbs.318education.co.uk



Events at the Edge Arts Centre <https://edgeartscentre.com/>



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