



Woolhampton CE Primary School Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The highlight of this week has to be the Beech and Sycamore class nativity! It is such a special start to all the Christmas celebrations in school. A big well done to all the children who learned their lines and the songs and performed them so well. We now look forward to Douai carols next Tuesday for Years 5/6 and the Christmas celebration day on 17th December where the whole school will come together to enjoy Christmas lunch. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers, or own clothes on that day. The term will then end on 18th December at 2pm after we have had our Christingle service at St Peters at 1:15pm. Families are welcome to join us for this.

This week, I had to opportunity to join with other local headteachers to discuss concerns over SEND provision with our local MP, Olivia Bailey. I have provided a summary of this meeting overleaf.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Cox
Headteacher, Woolhampton CE Primary School

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What's on week commencing 8th December:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School		Golden Mile		Golden Mile	
YR R			Forest School	PE	
Y1 & Y2	PE		Yr 1 Forest School		
Y3 & Y4			PE	Forest School	
Y5 & Y6		PE			
Clubs	Football Years 1 to 6	Dance Club All Years	Art Club Years 2-6	Taekwondo Club Yrs 3,4,5 and 6	
Before/After School & Team Events					
Additional Information:					
Coming Up....	Tuesday 9 th December - Carols at Douai- Years 5 and 6 Thursday 11th December - Beech /Sycamore CLass to The Hexagon Wednesday 17 th December – School Christmas Dinner Thursday 18 th December – Christingle Service in St Peter’s Church – 1:15pm- 2:00pm <p style="text-align: center;">Term Ends at 2:00pm</p>				

Football Club - Yrs 1-6

The last football club session is this Monday 8th December.

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Special Needs Update

As you may be aware, the education system is currently experiencing a crisis with its support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A lack of funding over the years has resulted in specialist services and professionals being withdrawn and children being left without the support that they need to be able to thrive in school. The end result is that schools are now being expected to provide specialist services and support that we are simply not equipped to do and can not afford. As a school, we do our absolute best to be inclusive and provide the best possible support to all of our children. We are passionate about meeting the needs of all of our learners, but with extremely limited funds and decreasing access to external professional support, like all schools across the country, we are finding this very challenging.

Last night, I, along with other local headteachers, met with Olivia Bailey our local MP to share these concerns. The concerns that were raised were:

- A lack of access to early help services which often means that children have to reach crisis point before anything is done.
- A lack of available professionals such as speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, SEMH (social, emotional, mental health) support workers. Instead, schools are now expected to provide these services.
- Severe delays in accessing CAMHS resulting in long waiting lists for children waiting for autism and ADHD assessment. This restricts access to support for these children.
- A lack of specialist school places. In our local area, the few specialist schools that there are, are full, resulting in children with extremely complex needs having to stay in mainstream schools where their needs can not be met.
- A lack of school funding resulting in the need to reduce the number of teaching assistants. This impacts all children as teachers are having to try and meet the needs of a wide range of abilities and needs.

The government are currently reviewing SEND support and we encourage anyone with any concerns to share them with Olivia Bailey olivia.bailey.mp@parliament.uk so that they can be taken into consideration.

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