



Woolhampton CE Primary School Newsletter

24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I have spent a lot of time in classrooms, observing lessons and talking to children about their learning. It has been such a positive experience. It is very evident that the children are happy and engaged with their learning. It was also great to see that the new teaching techniques that we have implemented are becoming well established and having good impact, and the classrooms are what we are aiming for - productive learning environments where everybody is making good progress.

It is really important to us as a school that we constantly reflect upon what is going well and what we can do to make things even better. On Tuesday, we had a member of the West Berkshire school improvement team visit and their feedback was very positive. Their overall impression was that the atmosphere in the whole school was calm and focused, and areas that we had been working on – excellent behaviour, consistency and high quality teaching in every lesson - where going really well.

Going forward, we are going to continue our focus on improving writing across the school. Writing is a hard skills to master as it involves so many elements, particularly when modern ways of communicating often ignore the grammar and punctuation rules that the primary writing curriculum is so heavily based upon. We look forward to sharing examples of our writing success with you over the coming terms.

In sadder news, our long serving school minibus has finally reached the end of its life with us. At 18 years old, it has served us well – it has ferried children to and from school, enabled us to attend many sporting and other extra-curricular events, and it has taken children all over the country on trips and residential. We feel that having a minibus is an important part of our school as it enables us to do many things that we wouldn't otherwise be able to do. We are working with our governing board to find a solution as a matter of urgency.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Rebecca Cox
Headteacher, Woolhampton CE Primary School

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What's on week commencing 27th April:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School		Golden Mile		Golden Mile	
YR R			Forest School	PE	
Y1 & Y2	PE		Year 1 Forest School		
Y3 & Y4	Year 4 Swimming Yr 3 PE			Forest School	
Y5 & Y6		PE			
Clubs	Football All Years	Wellbeing Walk (lunchtime KS2) Dance Club All Years	Garden Club (lunchtime Yrs2/3) KS2 Hockey Club Yrs 3-6	Cricket Club Years 3,4,5 and 6	
Before/After School & Team Events					

Additional Information:

Coming Up....	<p>Tuesday 28th April - JMF Rehearsal at Aldermaston school Calshot Parents Presentation - Year 6 Residential 3:15pm</p> <p>Friday 8th May - Class Photographs David Attenborough Celebration Day</p> <p>Friday 15th May - Race for Life</p> <p>Tuesday 19th May - Year 6 to Calshot on Residential.</p> <p>Friday 26th June - Sports Day - Family picnic at 12pm followed by races on the field.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May inclusive - Half Term</p>
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Safety at Drop-Off and Collection Time

To keep everyone safe please following these simple steps at drop off and collection time (and please ensure that anyone else dropping off or collecting your child is aware of this too):

Parking - please **do not** park on the double yellow lines, the yellow zigzag lines, on the bend or outside Elstree School entrance. When parking please take care not to mount the pavement, especially when pedestrians are walking along the path.

Turning – please do not turn around in the school gates, entrances to the staff carparks, or further down the road at the grass triangle point as this is a private road. If you do need to turn, please find a safe alternative place and remain courteous to other road users and residents - **do not use the private road triangle.**

Your cooperation in keeping our community safe is gratefully appreciated.

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