



Woolhampton CE Primary School

Enabling all to Flourish

Weekly Newsletter: 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The K of our school's Christian values is Koinonia. For us, Koinonia is all about being a valuable part of our valued community. Community is central to life at Woolhampton, as the proverb goes 'It takes a village to raise a child'. Our community consists of many people who all contribute to the success of our school in various ways and this week I would like to thank all members of our community for helping to make our school the special place it is.



We have had a glorious end to the week weather wise and all of the school have been lucky enough to be out at forest school at various points. As a school, we are extremely fortunate to have such lovely surroundings and very grateful that we are able to make the most of them thanks to the generosity of our neighbours in the community. Thank you especially to Mr and Mrs Moir for a wonderful day at Ferrises today.

Another key part of our school community is FoWS, our PTA. I would like to say a huge thank you to FoWS for everything they do for the school. Their tireless efforts to raise funds and find grants enables us to provide resources that give the children a richer school experience. In the light of the current funding crisis in schools, the working of FoWS is becoming increasingly more vital to our school.

I would also like to thank all of the staff for their exceptional hard work and always going above and beyond for the school. We have a fantastic team of people working together to try and give the children the best school experience that we can. Sometimes this is hard, and we may not always get it right, but we are all passionate about doing what is right for the children and our school.

Finally, I have a staffing update for you - Mrs Auld will be leaving us at the end of May. Mrs Auld has made a real contribution to our school in her time here, particularly in developing our Early Years provision and our art curriculum, amongst many other things. Mrs Auld is looking forward to spending more time with her family and supporting them with GCSEs. We hope to see her back here in the future if we need supply cover. We have recently recruited a new member of staff and more details will be shared shortly.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Cox

Headteacher

Class Spotlight – Chestnut

Chestnut Class have had a lovely, busy week.

On Monday, we went on our school trip to the West Berkshire Museum to support our learning of the Anglo- Saxons. The children got to experience; looking at artefacts, writing their name using the Anglo- Saxon alphabet, creating art using the stamping method and dressing up in traditional Anglo- Saxon outfits. The children were a credit to the school and demonstrated our school rules so well- Go Chestnut class.



In science, we have been studying teeth. Last week we set up experiments to find out what effect different liquids have on teeth. Did you know that the shell of eggs is similar to the enamel on our teeth? Each table had a hardboiled egg covered in a liquid. We tested vinegar, orange squash, orange juice, milk, coke, tea & coffee. The children observed changes over the course of a week and yesterday, we observed the outcome. The conclusion? Acids (vinegar, orange squash, and orange juice) have the most negative impact. Everyone now understands the importance of brushing their teeth.





Today, we have been to Forest School all day. What a fantastic week we have had!

FoWS News

FOWS will be in school on 28th March making gifts for Someone Special with all of the children.

This year we are going to do something slightly different and would be very grateful for any donations of beads or charms. We will be collecting these at the school gate.

We are also asking for a voluntary donation of £2 for this event, towards our fundraising this year.

*Mother's
Day*

A gift for someone special
Friday 28th March

All children will be invited to create a beautiful keepsake for their special someone on Friday 28th March

We are asking for a £2 donation for this event . This can be brought in in cash in an envelope labelled with child's name and class or if preferred you can pay by bank transfer to the following account.

Account name: Friends of Woolhampton School
Account number: 10981397
sort code: 20-59-14

West Berkshire Food Bank – updated 14/3/25



Below is the updated list urgently needed by the foodbank.

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

We are still happy to receive donations for the food bank.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS – CEREAL BARS, JAM, LONGLIFE JUICE, NAPPIES 6/8, TINNED FRUIT.

LOW ON STOCK – NON-BIO WASHING POWDER/TABLETS, TINNED MEAT MEALS (SPAGBOL, CURRY, STEW), UHT MILK (FULL FAT, SEMI SKIMMED)