



Woolhampton CE Primary School Newsletter

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great first full week back at school and lots has been achieved, but it can be quite tiring getting used to being back after a long break, particularly for our youngest members of the school. A weekend to relax and refresh will be very welcome before we get back to another week of learning and fun next week. Our time at school is very busy and our days are full, but as a parent myself, I was frequently told by my children that they did 'nothing' at school when I asked them about their day! Obviously, this isn't true, but after a non-stop day, sometimes the last thing children want to do is go home and talk about it.

To ensure that you know what your children are doing whilst they are with us, we have our long term curriculum plans available on our website. These can be found on the [class pages](#) and the [curriculum page](#). There is also lots of other useful information on our website about our teaching and learning, including what a lesson looks like and information about each subject. If you have any questions, please do let us know.

Beech, Sycamore and Chestnut class have all enjoyed forest school this week and I was lucky enough to be able to join Beech class as they experienced their first forest school session. They had Sycamore class to help them learn the ropes, but they didn't need much encouragement to join in, explore and have great fun. Dougal also joined us and we had a wonderful afternoon, led by our forest school lead, Mrs Howe. Oak class will be spending a day at Ferris later this half term – a special experience for our oldest children and something they all look forward to.

Our new raised beds are starting to fill up. Lots of children have been busy helping Mrs Howe to plant herbs and rhubarb, and gardening club children enjoyed picking the tomatoes that they planted last year. We were delighted to have success with our produce at the Aldermaston show! We look forward to watching the new gardens take shape this term.

Just a reminder that next week, we have our annual whole school Welly Walk to Beenham park in aid of Jeans for Genes. For details, please see page 3 of this newsletter.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Cox
Headteacher
Woolhampton CE Primary School

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What’s on week commencing 14th September:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School		Golden Mile		Golden Mile	Welly Walk for Jeans for Genes
YR R			Forest School	PE	
Y1 & Y2			Year 1 and 2 Forest School	PE	
Y3 & Y4		PE		Forest School	
Y5 & Y6					PE
Clubs		Wellbeing Walk (lunchtime KS2)	KS2 Hockey Club Yrs 3-6	Garden Club (lunchtime Yrs3 &4) Netball Club Years 4,5 and 6 3:30 - 4:30	
Before/After School & Team Events					

Additional Information:

Coming Up....	Friday 18th September - Welly Walk (Weather permitting) Thursday 24th September - Open Afternoon for prospective parents Thursday 24th September - Harvest Service in St Peter’s Church - 2:30pm Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - 1:30pm (Douai Pavilion). Monday 28th September - Flu Immunisation - Years R to 6 Football Club Starts (Years 1 to 6) Thursday 15th October - Open Afternoon for prospective parents Wednesday 21st October - Parent-Teacher Meetings Half Term - Thursday 22nd - Sunday 30th October Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Service 10:50am Friday 20th November - Sharing Assembly - 2:30pm Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th - Beech and Sycamore Class Nativity. Thursday 10th December - Whole School Trip to the pantomime. Friday 11th December - After School Disco Thursday 17th December - Christingle Service - St Peters Church at 1:15pm Thursday 17th December - End of Term 2:00pm
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Important - 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.

Prize Winning Produce



Congratulations to Mrs Howe and Mrs Collins along with the children of our Gardening Club for their prize winning entries at last week's Aldermaston Produce Show. Their cherry tomatoes took 2nd place and they also gained second place for the heaviest courgette.

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Jeans For Genes/Welly Walk



On Friday 18th September the children will do their annual Welly Walk to Beenham after lunch. This year we would also like to fundraise for Jeans For Genes. A donation of £1 can be made via Tucasi/Scopay (Trips and Events) for this worthwhile cause.

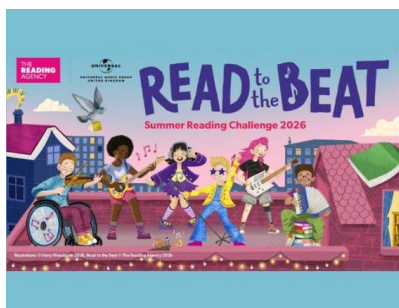
The children can wear jeans if they have them, but if not, they will need long trousers/leggings and suitable tops. We are hoping for nice weather, but previously on our Welly Walks we have had rain, snow and hail so please dress your child appropriately and send them with a coat / sun hat depending on the day. If it's sunny, don't forget sun cream. Children will also need a water bottle.

Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat

We have had a lovely summer, in Theale Library. It was fantastic to see so many children sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat.

We would like to remind everyone that we are nearing the end of the Challenge and the final date to register completion and collect your certificate, medal and stickers, from Theale Library, will be Monday 14th September.

We would love to see everyone, who has completed the challenge, be able to receive their certificate and write their name on a star to add to our Summer Reading Challenge finishers wall.



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SAVE THE DATE

Our FoWS Fireworks Display is BACK!

Saturday 7th November
5–8pm

It's our biggest event of the year and we need your help to make it happen!

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

Entrance – taking money & checking tickets
Selling plastic toys

Estate Agent boards – if you live on a road with passing traffic and would be happy to have an advertising board outside your home in the run-up to the event

Booking portal - someone who is happy to set up and manage the ticketing portal.

Even if you can only spare an hour, we'd really appreciate your help!



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