



Woolhampton CE Primary School Newsletter

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week (as many of you know thanks to Mrs Javes decorating the front of the school!) was a special birthday for me. Normally, I'm very happy to keep such things quiet, but I couldn't get away with it this year. I had the best 'work-day birthday' anyone could have hoped for thanks to my wonderful Woolhampton family! I had an endless supply of mudcake birthday cakes, some beautiful cards and was sung to on multiple occasions, so thank you to all members of our Woolhampton community for making it such a memorable day.

On the subject of Woolhampton community, I would like to introduce our new families to one of our most loved members of the school community – Dougal. Dougal has been coming into school for over eight years, but he is still greeted every time he is in with lots of excited 'Dougal's here!' For those of you who don't know him, Dougal trained as an autism assistance dog. He now enjoys spending time in school acting as our wellbeing dog - he has an exceptional temperament which makes him ideal for the role. Dougal's roles are varied, he can support children coming into school, he loves to hear children read, he helps when children are upset, and he is just there whenever anyone is in need of a bit of TLC. His calm, gentle nature also makes him excellent for supporting children who might be scared of dogs – he has won a number of children round over the years, and now they are his greatest fans.

Finally, thank you for all of the Food Bank donations gifted for Harvest Festival yesterday. It was lovely to have so many families join us for the service in St Peters.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Cox
Headteacher



PS. We have a number of Open Afternoons for prospective parents this term. If you have any friends who are looking at primary schools for 2027, please direct them to our website for details of visits.

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What's on week commencing 28th September:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School		Golden Mile		Golden Mile	
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) Dance Club	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.....	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.

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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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Opportunity to work in school

If you know of anyone looking for this particular role please let them know.

Looking for Your Next Opportunity?

Bring your hospitality skills to Stir Food, an education caterer serving schools across the UK.

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