



Woolhampton CE Primary School

Enabling all to Flourish

## Weekly Newsletter: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't quite believe that it's half term already! We have managed to fit a lot in this term and there is a really good feel in school at the moment. The children are, as always, really positive and enthusiastic, and it is so lovely to be greeted on the gate in the morning with lots of smiles and 'good mornings!' Well done to Chestnut and Oak class for presenting their work in sharing assembly on Tuesday - it is always rewarding to see the progress that the children make as they go through the school.

As I mentioned last week, we have introduced some new school rules this week. These incorporate the views of the children who are all very keen to make our school the best it can be. These rules provide a good opportunity for the children to earn 'Gem Points' for their class, so I expect that we might have a few pyjama days coming up as rewards for earning the class Gem Point targets! Each class has a Gem Point target that they have to reach before they get to decide on a whole class reward. Gem Points are only one form of reward that we give out at school. Other rewards include sharing work with another teacher - I always love it when children come to share their achievements with me. You may occasionally find your child coming home with a 'Note of Positivity'. These are given out by out by teachers and myself as a very special reward for an exceptional display of our school values. We also value the power of a simple 'well done' and genuine praise for effort. I will be sharing more about our approach to behaviour over the coming weeks.



**Our School Rules**

At Woolhampton, we are **Respectful, Optimistic, Compassionate and Kind**, and we try our hardest to make our **School Community** the best it can be.

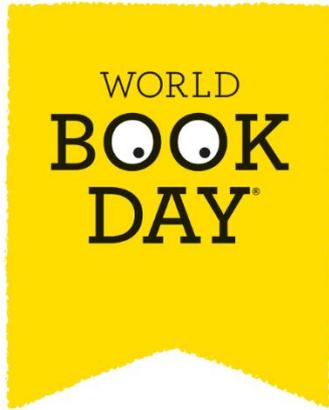
I wish you all a happy and safe half term holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Rebecca Cox  
Headteacher

- 1.** We take care of each other and our school. 
- 2.** We work hard and try our best. 
- 3.** We actively listen to adults and each other. 
- 4.** We make sure that everyone feels safe and can learn. 
- 5.** We stop and think about our behaviour. 



## Celebrating with



## World Book Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that the official World Book Day is on the Thursday, but as this clashes with forest school and gymnastics, we will be having our day on the Friday. We are extremely lucky that FoWS have organised a visiting theatre group to come to school on that day. They will share an immersive theatre experience with the children based on a traditional tale. We would therefore like to set the challenge of coming to school dressed up as a character from one of the many traditional tales (Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Hansel and Gretel etc). Dressing up is not compulsory and children are welcome to come in uniform if they prefer, or they may wish to simply wear an accessory or bring a cuddly toy in costume. We

know that sadly World Book Day has become a commercial opportunity, but there is absolutely no need to buy anything special for this day – let's keep the focus on having fun, enjoying reading!

### Can you help? - Items Needed

If you are planning a clear out over Half Term, we are looking for items of good, like new quality and would be very grateful for donations of any of the following items.

Play Sand    Cars/ Large Vehicles    Big piece Puzzles    Den materials (lengths of fabric)

Blankets    Bunting    Small picnic bench    Outdoor rugs    Tepee

Solar powered fairylights    Small watering cans    Buckets and Spades for Construction Area

Bedding plants    1m lengths of Guttering    Baby dolls and clothes    Dolls buggies/prams

Happyland construction    Rubber ducks    Fishing nets    Drawing easel

Small soft balls    Garden Decorations (Wind catchers)

Thank you in advance!

### Free autism and ADHD advice workshops

Berkshire West Autism & ADHD Support Service is offering free autism workshops to parents, across the spring term. All of the workshops take place online between 10-11.30am, with full details available on the

[Autism Berkshire website](#). The general autism advice courses can be found below.

- [Supporting Behaviour Part 1](#) – Thursday 27 February
- [Supporting Behaviour Part 2](#) – Thursday 6 March
- [Emotional Regulation](#) – Thursday 20 March

The following workshops are available for parents of autistic young people aged 11 to 18. These sessions are also all 10-11.30am.

- [Teenagers & Social Situations](#) – Friday 28 February
- [Autism & Mainstream Secondary Schools](#) – Friday 14 March
- [Mental Health & Social Struggles of a Teenager](#) – Friday 28 March

Parenting Special Children is also providing ADHD advice workshops and two follow-up workshops for the service that are open to parents and carers of autistic and/or ADHD children who are registered with GPs in the Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire areas:

- ADHD workshops (a linked series of three sessions) - Tuesday 11, 18 and 25 March – email [helpline@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](mailto:helpline@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk) to ask to be notified when bookings open

The workshops offered by Autism Berkshire are **for parents only** and those who are interested must please complete the registration form at the link below.

[Autism Berkshire-self referral](#) and add a note to say they are interested in the workshops.

Parents are given passwords so that they can join the course after having been in contact with the organisation and making a booking.

The link to the actual workshop is <https://www.autismberkshire.org.uk/otherevents/online-workshop-supporting-behaviour-part-1-10/>.

It is all about support children with ASD / ADHD

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FRIENDS OF WOODHAMPTON SCHOOL

## CHALLENGE 2025

**THE CHALLENGE**

Can you help us raise **£20.25** by the end of term?

You can fundraise in any way you choose.

Fill out the attached sponsorship form and bring to school in a sealed envelope with the money you have raised by Friday 4th April.

The year group who raise the most money combined will receive a prize next Term.

**IDEAS**

- Hold a cake sale
- Readathon
- Car wash
- Help at home or in the garden
- Sponsored silence, walk, run or bike ride
- Selling old toys or clothes
- Surprise us with your fantastic fundraising ideas

THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS

THIS IS AN OPTIONAL EVENT

### FOWs News

After a quiet start to the year, we thought we'd try something a little different for our first fundraising activity!

We're inviting all the children to raise **£20.25** in any way they choose by the end of the term.

To help spark some ideas, we've attached a poster with suggestions—but we're excited to see their creativity in action!

This is completely optional, but as an extra incentive, the year group that raises the most will receive a special prize. We can't wait to see what they come up with!

## Head Lice

We have had instances of head lice reported. There is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. They can be treated at home. Please follow this link for more information on how to check and treat head lice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## West Berkshire Food Bank – updated 14/2/25



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** – ADULT & CHILDREN TOOTHBRUSHES, BABY FOOD 4-6 MONTHS/12 MONTHS, COOKED MEAT WITH RING PULLS, LONGLIFE JUICE, MUGSHOTS, NAPPIES SIZE 5/6/7/8, NON-BIO LAUNDRY TABLETS, TOILET CLEANER, UHT MILK.