



Woolhampton CE Primary School
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Weekly Newsletter: 10th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year and a very big welcome to the start of the Spring Term. It has been a great start so far and I have really enjoyed spending time with all the children and seeing what they are up to in their classes. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week, so that you too can see what your children get up to at school. I have been out at playtime today and taken a few photographs to share:



I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in getting their children to school on time and looking smart this week. It makes a big difference if the children are in and ready to learn on time, as the day starts promptly in each class at 8:45am and we have a lot to get through every day.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rebecca Cox
Headteacher

What's on week commencing 13th January 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School		Golden Mile		Golden Mile	
YR & Y1	PE		Forest School	Gymnastics	PJ/Oneies Day
Y2 & Y3				PE/ Gymnastics	
Y4 & Y5			PE		
Y6	PE/Leadership			Forest School	
Clubs		Dance Club All Years			
Before/After School & Team Events					

Additional Information:

Coming Up....	<p>Tuesday 14th January – Open Morning for Prospective Parents – 09:30</p> <p>Thursday 16th January – No Outsiders Parent Morning – 09:00am Meet the new SENCo – 09:30am</p> <p>Friday 17th January – Year 6 Trip to the Houses of Parliament Beech Class PJ/Oneies Day</p> <p>Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st January – Year 6 Bikeability Levels 1 and 2</p> <p>Thursday 6th February – Beech & Sycamore Class Sharing Assembly at 2:45pm</p> <p>Tuesday 11th February – Chestnut & Oak Class Sharing Assembly at 2:45pm</p>
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Sports News

Archery Competition

Five children from year 6 had great fun at the Theale archery competition yesterday. With fifteen teams participating there were many stations to enjoy with the overall favourite being the coloured targets.

We amassed a massive 410 points but even that wasn't enough to earn a medal!

Well done to everyone.

Chestnut Class



On Tuesday, Chestnut Class finished their pop-up pages to retell the Nativity story. Each page had a moving part: a pop-up, lever or pivot.

The pages were designed for Year 1 children, so they shared their pages and read the story to Beech Class. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Well done Chestnut Class - you worked really hard on these.

Important Reminders

Attendance and punctuality

You may have seen in the news that the government are having a real push on attendance and punctuality and as a school we support this. One area that parents may not be so aware of are the rules surrounding lateness. Statutory guidance means that children who arrive after 8:45am are marked as late; however, children who arrive after the registers close at 9am, have to be marked as absent for half a day (one session). Unless a valid reason can be provided, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. As a result from January, if your child is late, you will need to bring them to the school office and not drop them at

the gate. This is so that the office can record the reason for absence – please be aware that we can only authorise absence in very specific circumstances e.g. illness, and we are required to inform the local authority of any child who has ten or more unauthorised absences (ten half days/five full days) in any ten week period. The local authority may then issue a fine.

We do understand that the mornings can be a busy (and stressful!) time, but arriving on time is really important. If we can offer any support to families surrounding this, please do let us know.

Uniform

Having a smart uniform gives the children a sense of pride in their school, prompts equality and removes the pressure to have the latest clothing or accessories. The holidays provide a good opportunity to check uniform and ensure that your child has everything that they need for the new year. There has been some confusion lately over acceptable items of clothing, so I would like to remind everyone of our winter uniform requirements as outlined in our uniform policy, which is available on our website or from the office:

- Grey skirt or grey pinafore dress, grey tailored trousers or shorts
- Red polo shirt (plain or logo)
- School sweatshirt or cardigan (red **with logo on**)
- Red / grey tights or white / grey socks (no trainer socks)
- Black school shoes (no trainers) maximum heel one inch (2.5 cm)

Please note that FoWS have a large selection of nearly new uniform for sale at a cost of £1 per item. This includes jumpers and cardigans with logos on. If any families require support with the purchase of uniform, please contact the office and we will be able to help.

The following items are not part of our uniform: jumpers/hoodies that are not school jumpers, leggings and trainers (children should wear school shoes and have a pair of trainers in school everyday for use in PE, golden mile and other outdoor activities). Jewellery is not allowed, with the exception of stud earrings, which must be removed for PE and forest school (if this is not possible they must be covered with tape). Watches are allowed, but smart watches or those that connect to the internet are not. We would like to assure you that our classrooms are well heated, but if your child is cold, please provide them with extra layers to wear under their uniform.