



Woolhampton CE Primary School

Enabling all to Flourish

Weekly Newsletter: 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

The sunny weather has been a real treat this week. On my drive to work, I always think how lucky we are to have a school in such a beautiful location and when the sun is out it looks even better than ever. This was particularly the case on Tuesday morning when I went out onto Douai Field to watch the children who were taking part in a cricket skills event with several other local schools. The children were having a fantastic time playing cricket against the backdrop of Douai Abbey, the woods and St Peter's church. We have made good use of Douai field this week as all the children have taken part in several 'golden miles' as part of a national event linked to the London Marathon.

As a Church of England school, we hold daily acts of collective worship. This gives us the chance to reflect upon ourselves and our world, and time to think about things bigger than ourselves. This week, the theme has been making mistakes and learning from them and we have linked it to the sinking of the Titanic. The Titanic has proved to be a subject that a lot of the children are really interested in, so from next year we have decided that we will be incorporating this into our history curriculum. As a school, we always try to be as child centred as possible and one of the ways we can do this is by personalising the learning to areas that really inspire the children. It is really important to us that our children are excited about their learning and keen to know more. If we can get this right now, it will hopefully set them up for the future.

I wish you all a lovely long weekend and hopefully the beautiful weather will continue just a bit longer.

Best wishes
Mrs Rebecca Cox
Headteacher

What's on week commencing 5th May 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School		Golden Mile		Golden Mile	Class Photographs
YR & Y1	PE		Forest School		
Y2 & Y3				PE	
Y4 & Y5			PE	Forest School	
Y6	PE/Leadership				
Clubs	Football Club Yrs R-6	Dance Club All Years	Cricket Club for Year 4,5 and 6	Taekwondo Yrs 4,5 and 6	
Before/After School & Team Events					

Additional Information:

Coming Up....	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday</p> <p>Friday 9th May – Class Photographs Thursday 15th May – Chestnut Class visit to Rushall Farm Thursday 22nd May – Woolhampton's Race 4 Life</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half Term - Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May inclusive</p> <p>Thursday 12th June – Sycamore Class trip to Reading Museum Friday 20th June – Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day – Friday 27th June) Tuesday 8th July – Friday 11th July – Year 6 Residential to Calshot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 22nd July – End of Term</p>
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Beech Class Spotlight

This week in Beech class, we have been enjoying the lovely sunshine and have done lots of our learning outside!

In Maths the Reception children have been looking at the numbers 11, 12 and 13 this week and looking at the patterns these different numbers can make. Year 1 have been perfecting counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and looking at equal and unequal groups ahead of beginning to learn about multiplication and division.



In English, we have started looking at our new book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' that encouraged lots of wonderful discussion about our ocean and pollution. The Yr 1 children have been learning to punctuate their sentences with question marks and exclamation marks too.



Finally, in Independent Learning, we have been making the most of our outdoor area and the children

have taken part in lots of imaginative play in the mud kitchen and have set up wonderful structures with the water tray. Not only is this great for cooling down, but the children are working together, listening to one another, taking turns and adapting their play as they go to try different things.



Sports News

Twelve children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a cricket skills festival run by Berkshire Cricket Foundation this week on Douai Field. Alongside other schools, the squad took part in skills stations working on throwing, catching and batting.



Almost every child has joined hundreds of schools across the country, to once again, take part in the TCS Mini London Marathon. Over three days the children have amassed a run of at least 2 miles each.

A huge 'Well Done' to everyone.

West Berkshire Food Bank – updated 2/5/25



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 – AMBIENT SPONGE PUDDINGS, CEREAL BARS, LONGLIFE JUICE, TINNED FRUIT.

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