Westwood Farm Schools

Newsletter

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Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

We continued our assembly themes this week by talking about British Values, in particular, The Rule of Law. The children understood the importance of having rules in school which keep them safe and make sure that they are all able to learn. They did mention that they had rules at home, such as cleaning their rooms and helping with the dishes, they didn't say if they actually stick to the rules though!

We have had our first trip out of school this week. Year 2 went on their local walk and thoroughly enjoyed looking at the local houses and their surroundings. They were all very well behaved and followed instructions carefully.

We have also had 'meet the teacher' in both schools, and I hope you had the chance to ask any questions. Class PowerPoints are still available on the website with lots of information about the school day.

The Foundation children have been in all day since yesterday. They still seem to be taking it all in their stride, however, a few have found they needed an afternoon nap! They are very much looking forward to the fire engine arriving in a couple of weeks as part of their current topic.

Thank you for your support as always,

Mrs Ross and all the Westwood Farm Staff

School Contacts

Should you have any concerns regarding your child, the class teacher should be the person you contact first. We then have a Leadership Team who should be your next point of contact. Following that we have a Deputy Head and lastly, we have our Headteacher, if you need to speak with a member of staff, you must contact them via the school office. Please see the structure below:

Mrs. Norford – FS1 (Nursery) and FS2 Team Leader (Foundation)
Mrs. Wakeham – Key Stage 1 Team Leader (Years 1 and 2)
Miss Exworth – Lower Key Stage 2 Team Leader (Years 3 and 4)
Miss Harrison – Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)
Mrs. Dutton – Teacher in Charge of the Hearing Resource Base
Mrs. Howlett – Teacher in Charge of McKee Class
Mrs. Wall – Special Education Needs Co-ordinator
Mr. Gunn – Deputy Head
Mrs. Ross - Headteacher

Universal Credit - Free School Meals
If a parent claims Universal Credit then the child is now eligible for free school meals. If you believe that your child/ren could now be eligible please email PPG@westwoodfarmschools.w-berks.sch.uk, or contact the school office who can take your details and pass them onto Miss Exworth. The checks are very quick and conducted by West Berkshire council, who you can also contact directly: freeschoolmeals@westberks.gov.uk.

Whole School Allergen Safety Policy
In line with new regulations that came into effect in September, please find attached a copy of Westwood Farm Schools Whole School Allergen Safety Policy.

PE Uniform
There has been a little confusion regarding what is acceptable PE kit. The website has the correct details, but in short, it is fine to have either a white or red polo shirt. Branded tracksuits are acceptable as long as any logo is small and not in bright neon colours. If in doubt, please contact the office.

Absence Reporting via parentmail
If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please log the absence via Parentmail before 8.45am on the first morning of absence and send an update notification every subsequent day until return to school.

Lunch orders via parentmail
We would kindly ask that you remember that if your child requires a school meal, that they are booked online 24 hours in advance.

Nuts
We have several pupils and staff members who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts, therefore can we please ask that ingredients are checked on snack and lunchbox items before being brought into school. Thank you

Earrings and jewellery
Please remember that Jewellery should not be worn into school, except a sensible watch (No smart watches) and/or a single plain stud earring in either or both ears if ears are pierced (pupils are responsible for these at all times). Earrings should not be worn on PE days or taped up.

Celebrating Achievement
We are once again proud to share when our pupils achieve awards or recognition outside school. Well done to Annabel Kakkad in Year 5 who is both under 9 and under 10 Berkshire Tennis County Championship winner. Please let us know of any success you would like to share with us in this newsletter.

Year 4

We had an amazing start to our Gods and Mortals topic by holding our own Olympic games! The children were all great sports, encouraging each other and we found some very talented runners and throwers. Whilst we were all very glad not to uphold the traditions of taking part naked, girls not being allowed to participate and beheading those that were deemed to have cheated, there were some punishments and lots of cheering.

PSHE

As we start a new term and a new school year, we begin our whole school PSHE unit called 'Being Me in My World'. Each year group have got their own, age-appropriate curriculum which incorporates feeling a valued member of our school community and being able to play an active, positive and successful role. If you wish to know more, please visit the PSHE section of our school website. More detailed information is available on the Password Protected webpages. If you don't already know the password, please enquire at the school office. As a school we use the Jigsaw published PSHE scheme, which has time limited parental access to some of the resources for this half term. If you wish to access the Parental Portal of Jigsaw, please contact the school office, who will be able to provide you with the relevant information. Please note when accessing the online parent portal, we are now using the RSHE 2026 curriculum.

British Values Post Competition

Please see attached flyer for more details.

Safeguarding Officers

Please be informed that we have a number of staff members who are trained safeguarding leads. Should you have any concerns, please contact any of the following, through the school office, and one of them will get back to you. Please do not state the nature of your concern, just ask for a safeguarding lead to contact you.

Mrs Ross –Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Gunn – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Norford – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Wakeham – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Wall – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Dutton – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Howlett – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (McKee Class only)
Our Parental Safeguarding handbook contains further information and can be found on our website via this link https://www.westwoodfarmschools.w-berks.sch.uk/docs/Safeguarding/2025-2026/Safeguarding_Handbook_for_parents_Jan_2026.pdf

Calendar dates to Christmas so far (these are subject to change)

September

Thurs 24th	Year 1 trip to Milestone Museum
Tuesday 29th	FS2 phonics information session for parents @3.30pm
Wednesday 30th	FS2 phonics information session for parents @ 5.30pm

October

Monday 5th	Fire Engine into FS1 and FS2
Friday 9th	Flu nasal immunisations for all pupils FS2 to Year 6
Tuesday 13th	FOWFS AGM @ 7.30pm – Infant Staffroom
Thurs 15th	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Museum
Wednesday 21st	School breaks up at normal time for Half Term
Thursday 22nd to Friday 30th	October Half Term

November

Monday 2nd	Back to school
Thursday 5th	Year 5 swimming lessons start today
Friday 6th	Turn Tilehurst Red – more details to follow
Wednesday 11th	Individual pupil photos
Friday 13th	Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 13th	Children in Need Day – more details to follow
Thurs 25th	Shakespeare Company into KS2

December

Tuesday 8th	Xmas lunch for Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 9th	Xmas lunch for Nursery, FS2 and Years 1 & 2
Thursday 10th	Xmas lunch for Years 3 & 4
Friday 18th	School breaks up at 2pm