Westwood Farm Schools

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

We have had a lovely week of celebrations for all different reasons this week. We are very proud of all the children who have been at various events representing the school. Firstly, some children from McKee and HRB represented the school at the NADAS Challenge Day (see below). Then we had lots of children represent us at Panthers Tournament. The Year 1 and 2 girls won their first trophy and were delighted. Miss Davies was just as excited, if not more, than the children! As I write this newsletter, we have more children and staff out at the Palmer Park Athletics. I hope to bring you good news from there next week. I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and carers who transported the children to and from these events, and all the staff who attended.
I am currently trying to keep my head down so that Year 2 don't try to get me to walk the plank during their Pirate Day, I'm not sure I will get away with it though!
I would really like to reach out for volunteers for the Summer Fayre on Friday 26th June after school. You only have to offer a small amount of your time, but it makes a huge difference. This event will only go ahead if we are able to get some more volunteers. Currently, it falls to a small number of FOWFS volunteers the link to sign up is https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowfs/index.cfm

I would also like to extend our congratulations to Miss Goddard, our School Business Manager, who got married in Greece on Monday. We wish her and Elliot every happiness for the future. On her return she will be known as Mrs Birkett.
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Ross and all the Westwood Farm staff

Attendance for week commencing 1st June 2026
Infants – 91.6% (14.6% up on previous week), Juniors 95.8%(17.9% up on last week).

Top Doodler – KS1
Top Maths doodlers this week is Donaldson Class with 24% of the class! Well, done!

Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)
A very quiet week this week, only 2 classes had anyone go up on the board.
Rosen had one child move up their status and Lin class also had one child move up, congratulations to them for keeping on rocking!!!

Rosen are our star class for keeping on rocking, I am really impressed that a Year 3 class have worked so hard at improving and so many are at rock star and legend status.
Unfortunately, we did have several children move down on their status. Don't forget to keep practising, times tables are vital in Maths especially as children move up the school and into secondary education.
Keep on rocking!

📚 Summer School Book Swap 📚

We are excited to announce our upcoming Summer School Book Swap! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share books they have enjoyed and discover new stories to read over the holidays.

How It Works

Students are invited to bring in one used book that they no longer read. During the book swap, children will have the chance to choose a different book to take home and enjoy.

What Can Be Donated?

Children's fiction and non-fiction books
Picture books
Early readers and chapter books
Books should be in good, clean condition

Why Participate?

Encourages a love of reading
Gives books a new home
Promotes sustainability through reusing and sharing
Helps children discover new authors and genres

Important Information

Date: Friday 3rd July 2026
Book Drop Off: Children hand book to class teacher
Swap Event: Friday 3rd July 2026 after school / KS1 & KS2 playground.

We look forward to seeing lots of wonderful books exchanged and helping you find your next favourite read!

Thank you for your support.

📚 Mrs. Cooney and Mrs. Frewen 📚

PSHE For Summer 2 - Changing Me

Our whole school focus of PSHE this half term is Changing Me. This is the last unit of the year from the published PSHE scheme called Jigsaw PSHE which is a progressive and spiral scheme of learning and this term includes aspects of Sex Education for children from Y4 upwards. Jigsaw PSHE ensures that learning from previous years is revisited and extended, adding new concepts, knowledge and skills, year on year as appropriate. If you wish to know more, please visit the both the public PSHE area on the school website and the password protected PSHE area, where there is a copy of our policy and other documents about PSHE. If after having read this information, you would like to know more about the content and vocabulary used, please contact the school office who will be able to send you a link to the Jigsaw Parent Access area for this half term's unit, enabling you to see more detailed information. The government has published new guidance about RSHE, which applies from September 2026. We are using the old scheme until next academic year, so if you do access the plans using the Parent Access, we will be using the undated plans this term and only using the plans dated 2026 from September.

NADAS Agricultural Challenge Day

On Tuesday, children from the HRB and McKee class took part in the Newbury and District Agricultural Society's SEN Challenge. The children were superb ambassadors for our school. We took a display of our work and entered in five categories of the competition including puppets, growing a flower bed, decorated eggs, animal themed biscuits and a seasonal flower arrangement. Judges came round to talk to the children about the things we had made and taken for the competition. We were one of only two groups of primary aged children who took part. We were all very proud when it was announced that Westwood Farm had won 1st place for our animal themed decorated biscuits and overall, we received a Highly Commended Certificate. All the children received an individual certificate for participating in the challenge.
The children behaved beautifully, had fun, socialised with other schools and we were really proud of them.

Tilehurst Panthers Football Tournament

On Thursday, we were delighted to attend the Tilehurst Panthers Girls School Tournament, taking along teams from across the school: a Year 1 and 2 team, a Year 3 and 4 team, and two teams from Years 5 and 6. It was a fantastic event filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination. All of our players demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, supporting one another and playing with great respect for their opponents. There was skilful passing, impressive defending, and some brilliant goals. A special congratulations goes to our Year 1 and 2 team, who performed exceptionally well and were winners in their age group - an amazing achievement! We were very proud of everyone who took part. Well done, girls - you represented Westwood Farm brilliantly

Years 1 & 2

Years 3 & 4

Year 5 & 6

Year 2 Pirate Day

Today, Year Two jumped aboard a pirate ship and set sail on the scurvy seas. We spent time making up our pirate names and adding details about our dastardly deeds to our pirate passport. We then followed clues in the hope we would find some pirate treasure, but those mean old pirate Captains stole it all. Our next pirate challenge was to hoist the anchor, Captain Balogh's crew were mighty. Sadly, the other Captains were furious and made us walk the plank! After a good soaking (some more than others!), we played pirate games and sang some pirate songs. We finished off the day with a pirate feast, 'Yo, Ho, Ho and a bottle of rum!' (orange squash in case you are

worried!) At the end of the day, we were awarded our bravery certificate and our share of the booty!

Look at what a scary bunch of pirates we arrrhhhh!!

Berkshire Music Trust

Please find attached the latest Berkshire Music Trust Summer of Sound flyer.

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

GO BEANIES SUMMER ACTIVITY DAY CAMP will be running weekdays on the 22,23,24,27,28,29,30,31 July at Westwood Farm School (RG31 6RY)

We have a lot of activities on offer ranging from outdoor explorer, active sports, arts & crafts, and fun & games with the well-being & happiness (and of course safety) of the children at the heart of everything we do. A bit more information about us can be found at www.gobeanies.org. There is a helpful section on the website which illustrates some of the activities on offer.

Camp runs from 9.15am to 4.15pm. We also have an extended option for parents with drop off from 8.30am and pick up until 5.00pm (our extended day pass, which also includes breakfast and afternoon snacks).

To book your child's place, please email info@gobeanies.org by Friday 19th June with your preferred dates, full name(s) of your child/children and whether you would like the day pass option or extended day pass. Go Beanies is an Ofsted registered childcare provider. We also accept childcare vouchers.

Go Beanies is the breakfast and after-school club provider at Westwood Farm. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-booked basis; and the camp is open to children at Westwood Farm along with siblings and friends from FS2 to Year 6

Dates known to end of Academic Year (dates may be subject to change)

June

Thurs 18th	Reptile Man into Year 1, FS1 and McKee
Thurs 18th	FS2 hearing re-tests
Friday 19th	FOWFS Crazy Hair Day in return for a bottle, unwanted gift or toy (new date)
Wed 24th	Rosen Class assembly to parents @ 9am (new date)
Friday 26th	FOWFS Summer Fayre – starts at 3.30pm
Friday 26th	FS1 performance to parents @ 9.15am (new date)

Monday 29th	Year 6 Residential to Friday 3rd July
July	
Tuesday 14th	Year 6 production to parents – afternoon @ 1.45pm
Tuesday 14th	Denefield Meet the Y7 Team event – 6pm
Wednesday 15th	FS2 Celebration event for parents @ 2.15pm
Thursday 16th	Year 2 performance to parents @ 9.15am
Thursday 16th	Year 1 carnival event for parents @ 2.45pm
Thursday 16th	Year 6 production to parents – evening @ 5.45pm
Friday 17th	Year 2 performance to parents @ 2.30pm
Monday 20th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents @ 2.30pm (new date)