Westwood Farm Schools

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we reach the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect. This term has been filled with wonderful moments that have showcased the talents and abilities of our children. The performances we have enjoyed – whether on stage, in the classroom, or across our wider school community. Watching our pupils grow in confidence, develop new skills, and support one another has been a real highlight.
This year has been successful in many ways, not just academically. We pride ourselves on looking at the children as a whole. They can't learn if they are not emotionally and physically ready. This has been recognised beyond our school community.

As we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, I want to express how proud I am of each and every one of them. They have demonstrated exceptional character and kindness throughout their time with us. The legacy they leave behind is one of positivity and inspiration for the younger pupils who will follow in their footsteps. We wish them all the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some staff members. Mr Finn is relocating to Wales, but I'm sure we will hear all about what he is up to from Mrs Finn! He will be missed by the staff and children, but we wish him all the best for his new role, and I thank him personally for his hard work and dedication for the last three years as a teacher and prior to that as a teaching assistant.
We also say goodbye to Mr Wilcox, Miss McManners, Mrs Bilby and Mrs Swann. They are all moving to begin different roles, either training to teach, relocating to Cornwall or returning to special education and I thank them and hope they enjoy what they have chosen.
I thank all the staff and Governors for their support for me personally and for each other.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your generous gifts, kind words and donations to the school. They are very much appreciated.

As we break for the summer, I encourage all our families to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for new adventures and continued success.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Ross and all the Westwood Farm staff

McKee trip to the Park

McKee had a lovely trip to the local park. Everyone had fun on the scooters and the playground before stopping for a well earned snack. The children behaved beautifully and the accompanying parents enjoyed joining in the fun.

Out of Hours Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern regarding one of our children, we will monitor the following email during the holidays. Safeguarding@WestwoodFarmSchools.w-berks.sch.uk. If you have an urgent concern, you should contact the police or Children's Services.

Year one carnival parade.

We had such a fantastic parade this year!!! The weather was brilliant, the children were on top form and the support from you all was wonderful. The children worked so hard on their headdresses, which looked stunning alongside the colourful part clothes. They all made us so proud, performing their samba and cha cha moves like professionals!!

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS - END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS
This week we still have lots of children trying hard to move up their status, well done!

Rosen are our Star Class this week, 3 children improved their status and they now have 9 children who are either Rock Stars or Rock Legends.
Naidoo were a very close second, as they had 2 children improve their status this week, they now have 15 children either at Rock Legend or Rock Hero status.
Naidoo have 52% of their class answering times tables questions in under 2 secs, the highest percentage of any class, which is amazing.
Lin had 1 child move up, but due to some moving down, they end the year with 11 Rock Legends or Rock Heroes.
Dahl had no movement this week so still have 6 Rock Stars or Rock Legends.

It has been wonderful to track how much hard work the children put into learning and practising their times tables, I have been so impressed, and they should be proud of themselves for their dedication. Having rapid recall of times tables is essential in helping children being able to focus on understanding trickier, multi-step math concepts without spending mental energy on the basic calculations, which is vital as they progress in their school life.

Thank you to all the adults and older siblings that have supported and encouraged the children over the year, we greatly appreciate it.
Next academic year I will continue to track the Year 5's and any that make it to Rock Hero will also be awarded a badge at the end of the year, so don't give up Year 4's!

Parking
We have been contacted by the police regarding parking around Cotswold Way and Skilton Drive. They have photographs of illegal parking and have asked that we remind all our parents again about the dangers of parking illegally, which could result in a child getting hurt. They will be patrolling the area in September.

Lost Property

This week we cleared out the lost property boxes, any named items made their way back to the correct child. However, by the end of this year we had 96 red jumpers, cardigans or fleeces in Infants that were unnamed and 86 in Juniors. Junior also had 55 black hoodies this year that were unnamed, Infants had 16. This is a huge amount of school uniform that could not be returned to the correct child. With the start of the new school year in September please can we ask that all uniform and coats are named, we will then happily return them to the correct child, saving you the cost of replacing these items.

Outside Clubs running at Westwood Farm Schools from September
We are delighted to be able to offer lots of afterschool clubs from September. All clubs will start week commencing 14th September.

Monday	**Acrodance** (3.30-4.20pm) - FS2 to Year 6. Booking: https://breaking-barriers-theatre-classes.classforkids.io/info/936
Wednesday	**Flying Art club with Marie** – (3.30-4.30pm) Years 1 to 6 – contact 'That Art Lady' Marie Cope on marie.offtoaflyingart@gmail.com for more details or #flyingart_with_thatartlady
Wednesday	**(6 weeks only to Autumn half term) - Bright Sparks Science Club** Infants (3.20-4.35pm) booking: https://bit.ly/infantsT126 (case sensitive) Juniors (3.30-4.45pm) booking: https://bit.ly/juniorsT126 (case sensitive)
Wednesday	**NW football coaching for years 3, 4 & 5** to book and pay please use the following link https://my.coacha.app/member_signup/M63XM8DL0B
Friday	**Parkour with Liam Sargeant** – Years 1 to 6 for more information contact Liam via liam@escapeparkour.co.uk or call 07501090774
Friday	**Young Engineers** – flyer attached Booking https://reading.young-engineers.co.uk/location-and-program/

Donation

We would like to thank Smile Community for their kind donation to Westwood Farm Schools.

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

Message from FOWFS

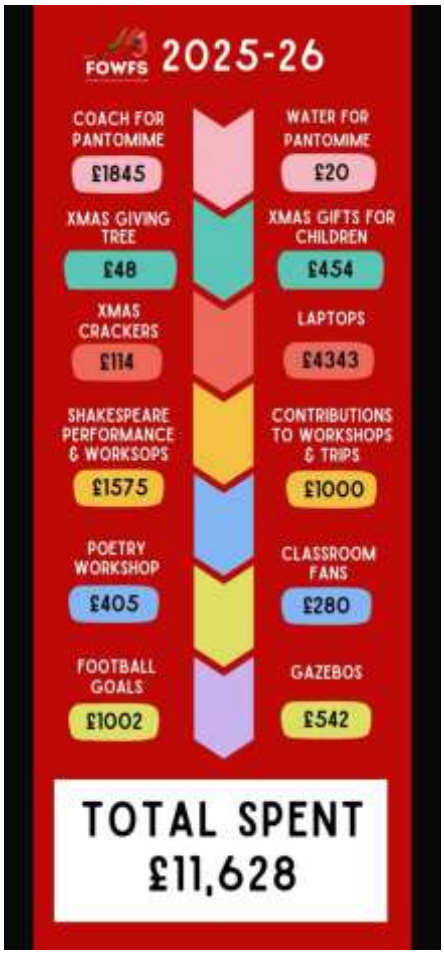
What an amazing year it has been for FOWFS! Thanks to your incredible generosity, enthusiasm and support, we have had another fantastic and successful year.

Together we raised an incredible amount for the school through a fantastic range of events and activities. Every cake bought, raffle ticket sold, disco attended and hour volunteered has made a real difference to our school community.

This year we were also able to spend a considerable amount of money on school resources and experiences that will directly benefit our children, including laptops, football goals, classroom equipment, workshops, trips, gazebos and much more. None of this would have been possible without your continued support.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, donated prizes, attended events and supported us throughout the year.

We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer and look forward to another fantastic year together.

We would also like to thank the Year 6 children for raising an amazing £322 last week with their fayre stalls!!

Team FOWFS xx