



September 2025 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN – FEDERATION NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break and that like me, your batteries are re-charged for the exciting year ahead. I look forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks but in the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to give a special welcome to the families and staff who are joining us this year.

MUGA given the green light

During the school holiday, I was given the opportunity to present our proposal for a multi-use games area (MUGA) on our school field to the GBC planning committee. As many of you will know, we have been working tirelessly on this exciting initiative for the last 18 months, supported by Roger Steer, and I am delighted to inform you that the planning committee unanimously approved our proposal. The installation of a MUGA will benefit children, staff and the local community.

What are the benefits for our children?

- Every child would receive at least 2 hours of PE per week
- Every child would be able to run a mile a day
- There would be an increase in the number of sporting extra-curricular clubs offered
- Playtimes would not be cramped and therefore, a variety of resources could be used safely such as ball sports, skipping, running etc
- Children would be able to play across year groups



How will a MUGA benefit our staff?

- More space will enhance our teaching of P.E.
- With an all-weather pitch, there will be no need to have to change lessons at the last minute due to bad weather
- Improved behaviour within the classroom due to children having the space to play during break times and again, weather not preventing the children from enjoying outside spaces



What are the benefits to parents and the local community?

- We could host sports matches / tournaments with other local schools
- Community groups such as Cubs & Rainbows could use the facilities
- Primary aged sporting groups could use it for training and competitions

Value of the month – Belonging



Updates & Dates

Our next step is to raise the funds swiftly to enable the children to benefit from this resource this year. Whilst we work hard on submitting many funding applications, it would be wonderful to be able to raise some of the funding from our own community and this is where you can help. Look out for more details over the next few weeks.

Nursery at Wood Street approved

At the end of the summer term, we found out that our goal to have a nursery for our federation based at Wood Street Infant school is coming to fruition. Phase 1 of the building works have begun which has been a renovation of all toilets and the addition of nursery age facilities. I look forward to sharing details of phase 2 over the next few months and our aim is for our nursery to be open by September 2026.

Staff INSET Days

Our staff made excellent use of the three INSET days at the start of the term. These days provided us with the opportunity to focus on:

- **Curriculum Development:** Ensuring we deliver an engaging and ambitious curriculum for all pupils aged 5-11
- **Safeguarding:** Keeping our children safe remains our number one priority, and staff revisited key safeguarding policies and procedures
- **Fire Safety:** Refresher training and drills so everyone knows how to keep safe in an emergency
- **School Development Planning:** Setting clear priorities for the year ahead to keep driving Worplesdon Primary forward

Once the School Development Plan has been finalised and approved by governors, we will make this accessible via the federation's website.

Making Every Day Count

During their recent visit to Wood Street and Worplesdon in the spring term, OFSTED recognised that while attendance is improving, *"too many pupils remain persistently absent or arrive late. These pupils miss out on crucial learning."* We need your support to ensure your child attends school every day possible and arrives on time. Every day of learning counts: missing just 10 days of school across the year means your child could lose out on over 50 hours of teaching, making it harder to keep up with their classmates and impacting their academic progress and confidence. Please help us give your child the best possible start by making school attendance a top priority for your family. Thank you for working with us to support your child's success.

Working in Partnership

We know that a strong partnership between home and school is key to your child's success. We are committed to building positive, open relationships with all our families. Please remember that we have an **open-door policy** - if you ever have any questions, concerns, or simply want to share your thoughts, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Looking Ahead

We have an exciting year planned, full of opportunities for our pupils to learn, grow, and thrive. We look forward to working together as a community to make this year the best yet for the Federated Schools of Wood Street Infant School and Worplesdon Primary School.

I look forward to seeing your children on Monday and catching up with you over the next few weeks.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Executive Head Teacher