



December 2025 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning



Value of the month – Care & Compassion

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN – FEDERATION NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of 2025, I want to share some important updates and celebrate the wonderful community spirit that makes Worpleston Primary School so special.

Celebrating Our Community

Thank you to everyone who supported the Worpleston Christmas Fair and to those attending the Wood Street Fair this Saturday. My particular thanks go to the Christmas Fair Committees for organising such fabulous events that bring our community together whilst raising much needed funds for our schools.

Christmas Celebrations Ahead

Over the next two weeks, our Christmas festivities will continue with Christmas lunch, parties, plays and Carol Services. The children and staff have been working hard to learn songs and prepare wonderful performances for you. For health and safety reasons, I kindly ask you not to turn up if you have not booked a seat.

During this exciting time, we continue to maintain high expectations for behaviour so that children make the most of every day. We support this through our school Behaviour Policy and by teaching our school values in assemblies and Learning for Life lessons. Last month we focused on 'understanding', exploring how we can show sympathetic awareness to others. This month, we're focusing on 'care and compassion', where children will learn the importance of caring for others, showing concern, and appreciating how others feel.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to those families working hard to improve or maintain their child's attendance. Currently, Worpleston Primary School attendance is 94.9%, which is lower than our target of 96%. Every day in school counts – there is a strong link between attendance and children's academic achievement.

Punctuality is equally important. Children who arrive after the register (8.55am) miss the teacher's input, which can lead to them struggling to understand the learning. Please help us deliver the best possible education for your children by ensuring they arrive on time (8.45am arrival for 8.55am registration).

Your Voice Matters

Parent Surveys: Thank you to those who completed our recent surveys on club provision and communication. Leaders are reviewing your feedback and will share our actions to improve both areas in next week's newsflash.

SEND Consultation: The government is consulting on significant reforms to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system. Parents and carers have an important opportunity to influence these reforms by sharing their experiences and views. The consultation is open until early 2026, and your feedback on what works well and what challenges you face will help shape the future of SEND provision. To share your opinions, visit: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-reform-national-conversation/>

Exciting News for 2026

Looking towards 2026, we have even more to look forward to. I am delighted to inform you that the Department for Education has granted our Academisation Order, with the aim that our federation of schools will become academies within South Farnham Educational Trust (SFET) by 1st June.

Whilst the process of academisation takes up to six months, we are already benefitting from SFET, with staff working collaboratively across the trust to review the curriculum, share resources and support our nursery development at Wood Street.



Updates & Dates

This collaboration enables us to access the best expertise across the trust, with a wider pool of experienced and skilled practitioners supporting our children's learning.

Being part of SFET will provide enhanced opportunities for our staff's professional development and career pathways, whilst also helping to manage workload through shared resources and strategies. Most importantly, it will increase our capacity to make research and evidence-based improvements that benefit all our children, with colleagues across schools collaborating to offer specialist expertise, mentoring and quality assurance.

Support Available

If there are any families experiencing difficulties during this time, please do not hesitate to contact a senior leader. We are here to support you.

I hope, like me, you will treasure the next few weeks as we build up to Christmas. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, filled with love, laughter, and all the things that make this season so special. We look forward to celebrating with you and your children as we wrap up 2025 at school.

Best wishes,

Karen O'Brien, Executive Head Teacher

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL – FUN RUN

This week, the children all participated in a whole school fundraising activity for the Phyllis Tuckwell organisation. The children were challenged to run continuously for a set period of time in order to collect their sponsored amounts. The children showed incredible Christmas spirit and the joy and excitement was a real sight to see as they completed the run. We are awaiting the final amount raised from Phyllis Tuckwell but wanted to share with you some pictures of the day.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - WALKING BUS

We're looking for any parents or carers who might be able to help with the school walking bus on Tuesdays from the New Year. If you're available and willing to lend a hand, please let abennett@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk know. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

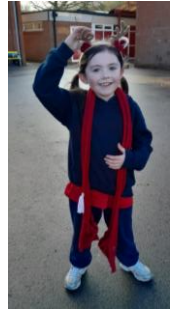
REMINDERS

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day is one of Save the Children's biggest annual fundraising events. It's been going since 2012!

Every December they ask schools, workplaces, and community and friend groups to put on a Christmas jumper and donate whatever they can afford. And every year, millions of you join us in making the world better in a sweater.

By taking part this year, you can help support kids and families who are having to deal with an increasingly volatile world. They'll use the money raised on Christmas Jumper Day to help children in the UK and all around the world stay safe, healthy and learning - and change their future for good.



<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd250031880/donation-amount>



Updates & Dates



Parking

We kindly ask that you **do not park outside the caretaker's bungalow** or in a way that **partially blocks the school driveway** (*please see below*). This area needs to **remain clear at all times** for safety and access reasons.

Thank you for your co-operation in helping us keep the site safe for everyone.

Gates

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children do not stand or swing on the school gates at drop-off and pick-up times. This is to help keep everyone safe and to prevent damage to the gates.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and for helping us maintain a safe environment for all our pupils.



EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have started getting Christmassy. The children have been given the opportunity to make a puppet reindeer from toilet roll tubes, string and lollipop sticks. As you can see from our photos Robbie was very proud of his and he showed real perseverance as it took a while to make!

The children were also set a challenge to make a sleigh for Santa from our junk modelling resources. Well done to Lilly and Florence and rose to the challenge and made some wonderful creations. We also set the children the task of making some paper chains to decorate our school hall for our Christmas lunch day. We were all amazed by how well they did making them as they had to be very long to reach from one side to the other.



Finally, the children had the chance to make some reindeer food to sprinkle out on Christmas Eve so the reindeer can find their way. Next week we will still be focusing our crafts around Christmas, making snowmen sensory bottles and toilet roll snowmen.

Our stars of the week this week are:

- Early Birds: Harry VDL for showing resilience when coming in to Early Birds
- Night Owls: Zoe for showing resilience and for speaking up when needed

Literacy Ambassadors

Ethan interviewed the Year 6 football team – Luke

Year 6 had a football tournament a couple of weeks ago; I interviewed Luke. He told me that when they had a match against Boxgrove, they won 1:1 and he scored that goal. In the match against Burpham, we won 2:1. When they played against St Joseph's, they lost 1:0 but that didn't stop them! When they played against Send, they won 2:1. In the whole tournament, Worpleston Primary came 2nd (only losing to penalties). Well done boys!



Nyah interviewed some girls from the year 5 & 6 football team

The 5 teams were Holy Trinity, Burpham, St Joseph's, Sandfield Primary School and us. They drew every game 0:0. Chloe, Evie and Lola nearly scored, but their shots didn't quite go in the goal! They came 3rd in the group. This was the first time that some of us had played, and it was exciting!





Updates & Dates

FRIENDS OF WORPLESDON SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

What a year it's been for the Friends of Worplesdon School; we're finally recovering from the excitement of the fair & looking towards 2026. Look out for our list of events in the next couple of weeks, including an Amnesty Day in January to build up our stock of prizes for next year, the usual Happy Bags (the first being in February) and a very exciting visit from a famous Gladiator...!

In the meantime, don't forget there's some simple ways to raise some extra money for the school.

Pre-loved uniform

All Pre-Loved Uniform is available to purchase online! Head to [PTA Events](#) select what you want and pay - it's quick and easy! 😊🛒

You will receive an email order confirmation and a further email when your order is ready to collect. All orders will be ready to collect within 7 days of your order. Collection is from the school office. All Pre-Loved uniform can be exchanged or refunded 7 days from date of collection.

My Name Tags

Still need new name tags? Visit www.MyNametags.com to purchase all your labels for uniform, water bottles, lunchboxes, bags and more. Add our **school ID code 29668** at the checkout and the FoWS will receive 24% back in commission!

Easyfundraising

If you're not already signed up to a fundraising cashback site then please consider shopping for your usual online purchases via their website [here](#) and they will donate a percentage of sales to our school. With over 7,000 brands signed up, from retailers to holiday companies, you can help us raise funds so easily and at no extra cost!

Socials:

Please do follow us to keep up to date with all our news:
https://www.instagram.com/friends_of_worplesdon_school/
<https://facebook.com/worplesdonprimarypta>

WWFS Prayer Group

A few Christians pray for the school once a month on Zoom from 8.30-9pm on a Tuesday and the next prayer meeting will be next Tuesday 9th December.

You are welcome to join by e-mailing wpsprayergroup@gmail.com so we can send you the Zoom link to join us in praying for the school, the community and blessing over our WPS and WSI children and families. Alternatively, if you can't join the Zoom meeting at that time, we email a list of suggested things on the school calendar to pray for in your own time.

SIME GALLERY

CHRISTMAS TREE WORKSHOP
ST MARY'S CHURCH,
WORPLESDON

Come and help decorate our Christmas Tree and enjoy a children's workshop with the Sime Gallery.

Saturday 13th December 2025
10.30am to 12.30pm

m:tech
Tomorrow's Music Makers ... Today

DIVE INTO THE EXCITING WORLD OF CREATING YOUR VERY OWN MUSIC AND EXPERIENCE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A REAL-LIFE COMPOSER AND SOUND DESIGNER!

- Work on inspiring projects like the professionals: movie trailers, radio shows, TV adverts, cartoons, video games and much more!
- Access the MyMTech home platform in-between lessons to explore musical ideas and concepts, monitor star progress and watch completed projects.
- Work your way through the M:Tech levels towards earning the ultimate prize...the M:Tech Gold Disc Award!

Fees are £17.50 per session, with weekly sessions of 60 minutes for KS2 pupils

SIGN UP NOW
www.mtechonline.co.uk
01483 578114

hope church

You're Invited to our
Christmas Carol Service

7.12.25 | 4PM | Royal Grammar School GU1 3BB

hope church

Christmas KIDS PARTY

During The Carol Service

Ages 4-11

Signup for your child