



February 2026 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN – FEDERATION NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

January's value was creativity and the children have explored what this means to them. It has been wonderful to see so many children using creativity to produce amazing work; to problem solve by thinking out of the box; to consider alternative solutions and to understand that making mistakes can make our learning stronger. During February, we will be looking at independence and building an understanding of what it means to be independent but also recognising when you need help and being brave enough to ask for it. We will be exploring what independence looks like (academically, socially, morally, financially) and how values such as teamwork and collaboration become skills that can support independence.

We are delighted to share that our Early Years settings across our federated schools achieved the Early Years Values Education Quality Mark last week. This award recognises how our values are embedded in everyday practice, creating a calm, caring and purposeful environment where children feel safe, valued and supported to learn through play. Our accreditor commented, "I couldn't believe how deeply embedded your values are across both schools. It was a genuine pleasure to experience." We are incredibly proud of our team and community for bringing our values to life every day.

As you know, we award children with a special Citizenship badge each time they achieve one of the citizenship goals. These goals are graded bronze, silver, gold and platinum, and it is possible for each child to achieve all four badges within one year if they are able to evidence four objectives over four different activities they have completed.

When your child has achieved a goal, we need you or another family member to email head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk with the evidence which will lead us to present your child with a very special badge for them to wear with pride on their school uniform each day. Examples so far have included:

- Children helping in the home when flooded (bronze)
- Children litter picking in their local community (silver)
- Charity work benefiting families beyond their local community (gold)
- Those consistently living by their values, at home, in their community, across the country in, a wide variety of ways (platinum)

As part of our citizenship curriculum, we will be welcoming Childnet into Worpleston Primary School to work with the KS2 children on the importance of internet safety. Childnet will also be working with parents to reinforce our safeguarding message about keeping our children safe online. Please look out for details of the parent workshops (open to all parents across the federation).

NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK

After half term, teachers are looking forward to meeting with you at our Parent Consultations to discuss your child's progress. Meetings are taking place on **Wednesday 25th February (3.30-4.30pm)** and **Thursday 26th February (4.00-7.00pm)**. For all year groups, parents will receive an interim report before Parent Consultations which will be the basis for your meetings. We hope you will find these interim reports a useful tool to find out how well your child is doing against the national expectations set by the Government.

Appointments will be available to book from **6.00pm on Monday 9th February** via your ParentMail account.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

Kareen O'Brien
Executive Head Teacher

Value of the month – Independence

REMINDER ABOUT IDLING VEHICLES

As a reminder, if you arrive early for drop-off or pick-up and are parked while waiting, we kindly ask that you please turn your vehicle's engine off.

Reducing engine idling helps improve air quality around our school and is better for the environment and our community. We appreciate your support in helping us keep our space healthy and safe for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**No idling
Please turn
off your engine**

GOOD TO KNOW



GIRL GUIDES & GIRL SCOUTS – WORLD THINKING DAY (Tuesday 24th February 2026)

World Thinking Day is a celebration of 10 million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22nd February since 1926. It remains a day for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

To celebrate **World Thinking Day** on **Tuesday 24th February**, children who are members of **Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers or Cubs** are invited to wear their uniform to school on that day.

Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS OF WORPLESDON SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Upcoming events/initiatives:

Thanks so much for supporting our ever-popular Break the Rules Day and Happy Bag events this week – look out for an update on how much we have raised in next week's newsletter!

Worpleicious Bars: Thursday 5th March – they're back! More details coming soon!

FoWS Planning Meeting and Social - Tuesday 10th February, 7.30pm at The Cricketers, Aldershot Road

We would love for you to join us to help plan our next events and wrap some Worpleicious chocolate bars ready for World Book Day! We'd really appreciate all the help we can get, even if you can only pop by for half an hour for a quick drink.

Gazebo & Storage box appeal

We are desperately in need of some new sturdy Gazebos for upcoming events – waterproof rather than shower proof - and some stackable storage crates for our shed. If anyone has any, they could kindly donate we would be very grateful 😊

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>



Need new Name Tags?

The fabulous company who create all of our wonderful Christmas cards and merchandise also produce name tags. Having recently purchased some we can confirm they are great quality and value, have been through the washing machine & dishwasher on numerous occasions and they are still good as new! Please follow this link to order <https://tigertags.co.uk/school/3166> which ensures the FoWS automatically receive £1 for each set up labels purchased.



Easyfundraising

If you're not already signed up to a fundraising cashback site then do 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!



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.

NICE TO KNOW

EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have based our activities around National Hedgehog Day. The children have had great fun making hedgehogs out of wooden materials. They also had the chance to make hedgehog paintings using forks for the spikes and cream paper to make 3d faces.

On our tuff tray area, the children had homemade playdough to make hedgehog shapes. They then used sunflower seeds as the hedgehog's spikes and raisins for its eyes and nose.

Thank you for the 'All about me' forms that have been handed back in already by parents. We are continuing to send them home with children and would appreciate them back as soon as possible. Next week our activities are based around Valentines Day.

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

- Early Birds: Annabelle W for always listening to adults and following instructions.
- Night Owls: Azlan for always playing nicely with his friends.



Swap Your Plant Seeds at Trinity Centre, just off the High Street, next to Holy Trinity Church, on March the 1st 2026 at 11am-2pm

Interested in growing your own vegetables or flowers this year? Guildford Seed Bank is holding its fifth Seed Swap.

Entry is free to all, swapping is free, or if you have nothing to swap, contribute 50p per pack that you take away. This year we will also be distributing our own local seed for the fifth time.

Bring your in-date unwanted / half-open seed packets or saved seed and swap them for something you do want.

Children and dogs are welcome.

Want to know more? Follow Guildford Seed Bank on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or on email at guildfordseedbank@gmail.com.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF
Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!
WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

Illustration of baking ingredients and tools like a mixer, whisk, bowl, and scales.A swimmer in a pool performing a freestyle stroke.

WOKING SWIMMING CLUB

NEW MEMBER TRIALS

For children born between January 2017 and August 2020 who are interested in competitive swimming

2020 born must be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke. | 2017 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

WHEN: Tuesday 24 February 2026 from 6:30pm
WHERE: Pool in the Park, Woking

REQUEST A TIMESLOT
Or email Christine: wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com

QR code linking to the trials information.



EVENTS CALENDAR 2026*



JANUARY

16th - Amnesty Day (good quality toys / games / stationary / books to use as prizes at our fairs + fancy dress costumes)

30th - Pre Loved Uniform Half Price Sale

FEBRUARY

5th - Break the Rules Day

6th - Happy Bags

w/c 23rd - World Book Day Fancy Dress Sale

MARCH

5th - *Worplicious* Bars to celebrate World Book Day

APRIL

17th - Infant Entertainment after school

24th - Break The Rules Day

MAY

8th - *Zactiv* health & wellbeing workshop delivered by Steel from BBC's *Gladiators*

15th - Junior Discos after school

JUNE

5th - Summer Fair|Donations (Mufti)

12th - Happy Bags

19th - Summer Fair Donations (Mufti)

JULY

3rd - Summer Fair - our traditional fair will be back complete with Soak the Teacher!

10th & 17th - Frozen Fridays

*Dates & events may be subject to change