



May 2026 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN – FEDERATION NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday

"The future of life on Earth depends on our ability to take action" (Sir David Attenborough)

I'm sure you've heard that today is Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. We're using this milestone to encourage everyone to 'be more David' – to be curious, empathetic, responsible and show integrity, just like Sir David does every day. These qualities align perfectly with our Values Based Education.

On 21st July, we'll be celebrating with a special day filled with activities to inspire and educate our children and local community about preserving and growing the natural world for future generations. We'll also be exploring the wonderful diversity of different countries and cultures – a chance to come together and promote everything we're passionate about.

We need your help! If you or anyone you know can offer skills, share experiences with the children, or lead an activity linked to this theme, please contact your child's class teacher.

Living Our Values Beyond School

As a values-based school, we strive to instil values that guide our thinking and behaviour. We've been thrilled to see children challenging themselves to live these values beyond the school gate.

Please remember to share your children's successes so I can celebrate their achievements by presenting them with citizenship badges:

- **Bronze badge** – demonstrating our school values at home
- **Silver badge** – in their local community
- **Gold badge** – beyond their local community

Teaching Tolerance and Celebrating Diversity

An important part of our values-based education focuses on diversity and celebrating our differences. We teach tolerance throughout our curriculum, helping children develop respect, empathy and understanding for people from different backgrounds, cultures and beliefs. Through stories, group activities, discussions and inclusive lessons, pupils learn the importance of kindness, fairness and cooperation. Encouraging tolerance at an early age creates a positive classroom environment and prepares children to become responsible and respectful members of society.

May Assemblies: Exploring Neurodiversity

In our May assemblies, we'll be exploring different examples of neurodiversity, understanding both the strengths and challenges of neurodiverse brains. We'll be inspired by famous neurodiverse people, alongside some of our own children who would like to share their insights into autism, ADHD and dyslexia.

Please let me know if your child would like to be involved.

Looking Ahead: Transition Arrangements

With only three months until the end of the academic year, we'll soon begin planning our transition arrangements. As in previous years, we'll be mixing our Year 2 classes ahead of their entry into Year 3.

Value of the month – Tolerance

Key dates:

- **Monday 29th June** – Children and parents will find out their new class and teacher
- **Tuesday 30th June 2026** – Move up day

In addition to move up day, we'll be planning additional activities for children to get to know more about their new year group, class and classmates.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,



Kareen O'Brien
Executive Head Teacher

NEED TO KNOW



DATES

We would like to remind you of the following:

2026-2027 INSET DAYS

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027

AUTUMN 2026 – HALF TERM BREAK

The half term break will run from Monday 19th to Friday 30th October. Children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November, as the school will be closed on Monday 2nd November for an INSET day (see above).

Thank you for your continued support.

GOOD TO KNOW

FRIENDS OF WORPLESDON SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

We hope your children have come home full of joy and excitement – and feeling inspired - after their morning with the **Gladiator Steel (Zack George)**. We were certainly delighted to welcome him through our doors and spend time with such a positive role model.

Upcoming dates:

- 🎱 Friday 15th May - **Junior Discos** – 1 week to go! To book your tickets please click [here](#) – be sure to book the right disco - **Years 3 & 4:** 5-6.30pm + **Years 5 & 6:** 7-8.30pm. Deadline Thursday 14th May
- 🛒 Friday 12th June - **Happy Bags** - collection 8.20-9am. If you already have some charity bags on the go please do try and hang on to them - the more weight we collect the more money we raise!
- 🌞 Friday 3rd July 3.20-5.30pm - our traditional **Summer Fair** is back with all the fun pocket money games the kids love (and prizes to win!), tuck shop, tombolas and ice creams! And most importantly **Soak the Teacher!!**

👤 **If you can volunteer to help with any of our events we'd love to hear from you.**

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.

Until next week,

Your Friends of Worplesdon Primary School 😊

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LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS (FLGCA)

We're pleased to share that the FLGCA has organised a couple of upcoming community events for everyone to enjoy.



A Table Top Sale will take place **on Sunday 10th May**, from 10am to 1pm at the Fairlands Community Centre - a great opportunity to browse, buy, and connect with others in the community.



Later in the month, there will be a Family Fun Day on **Sunday 19th July**, from 1pm to 5pm at Fairlands Playing Field. This promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for all ages.

Please go along and support these events if you are able to, as your participation helps make them a success. Thank you.



UK Health Security Agency

Tick Awareness

What to do if you've been bitten by a tick

Remove ticks as soon as you find them.

Use a tick removal device, following its instructions, or a pair of fine-tipped tweezers



Grasp the tick as close to the skin as you can

Pull upwards firmly, making sure all of the tick is removed



Clean the bite area with soap and water, and keep an eye on it for a few weeks in case of any changes



One of the most common symptoms of Lyme disease is a spreading, bullseye rash that typically develops 3 - 30 days after being bitten



If you become unwell. For example with a spreading circular rash, flu-like symptoms, nerve pain or a droop on one or both sides of the face within a few weeks of a tick bite, call your GP practice or NHS 111



NICE TO KNOW

SPORTING NEWS

Year 3 – Cross Country

Last week, some of our amazing Year 3 children participated in a cross school cross country competition which was held at Boxgrove Primary School. They were incredible, demonstrating so many of our school values including; resilience, positivity and teamwork. Individually they ran superbly and collectively they were a powerful team. It is fair to say that we had the loudest cheer squad amongst all the schools who attended.

Well done to all!



Year 1 & 2 – Cross Country

Yesterday, a group of children from Years 1 and 2 took part in a fantastic cross-country event. Despite the long distance, all of the children showed excellent resilience, determination, and teamwork throughout the race. They encouraged one another from start to finish and represented the school brilliantly. A special mention goes to Molly from Year 1, who maintained her stamina throughout the entire race and achieved an impressive second-place finish. Well done to everyone who took part!



EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have started to focus our activities around Spring. We have looked at bees in particular this week. The children have had the opportunity to make bee drinking stations, using a variety of natural resources which they found around the school. We also had a bee theme in our tuff tray area. The children were given pasta to make bee hives from and pom poms to try and balance.



We had a recent visit from the Food Standards Agency at Night Owls. We are delighted to announce that we received 5 stars with no actions to be taken!

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

- Early Birds: Tommy for settling in so beautifully at Early Birds
- Night Owls: Jacob M for always being so polite and using good manners

Next week our activities will be based around butterflies.

