



NEWSFLASH

Friday 26th June 2026

NEED TO KNOW

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

I am sure you will join me in thanking all of the staff across the federation for their hard work, dedication and commitment this week. Despite the extreme weather conditions, they have worked tirelessly to keep the children safe, engaged and learning, while also ensuring there were opportunities for fun and enjoyment throughout the week.



I would also like to thank you for your continued support. Your partnership with the school is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in helping us provide the very best experience for our children.

Today, all children were celebrated in assembly and presented with a whole school Bertie Paws Pass. This means children will receive a treat next Friday from Bertie.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Please note that school reports for children in Reception to Year 5 will be sent home on Friday 3rd July.

Year 6 reports will be sent home later, as we are waiting to receive the SATs results and will also be taking into account the children's residential trip. Year 6 pupils will receive their reports on Monday 13th July.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

FAREWELL & BEST WISHES

As we reach the end of another successful year, we say goodbye to several valued members of our team and welcome some exciting new beginnings:

Staff Member	Role	Message
Mrs Woodruff	Deputy Head Teacher	Mrs Woodruff has significantly contributed to the progress of the school and pupils' learning. Her new school is exceptionally lucky to have her, and we know without a doubt she will excel in her first head role.
Mrs Punchard	Head of Centre (The Haven)	Mrs Punchard had the vision for how The Haven could be at the heart of our school, bringing expertise in supporting children with SEN to gain their full potential. We wish her all the best for her new adventure as a consultant – we will definitely be buying her expertise back!
Mrs Potts	Reception Class Teacher (<i>moving to Wood Street Nursery</i>)	We're delighted that we are not losing Mrs Potts – she is moving to Wood Street to support leading and teaching in our new nursery. Her experience of early years provision is going to be invaluable.

Staff Member	Role	Message
Mrs Welland	Year 3 Class Teacher (<i>moving to Wood Street Nursery</i>)	We're delighted that we are not losing Mrs Welland – she is moving to Wood Street to teach in our new nursery. Her attention to detail and calm, patient approach to everything she does is going to be such a strength for our youngest children.
Mrs Campain	Year 5 Class Teacher	It has been a pleasure to have Mrs Campain as a Year 5 teacher. Her enthusiasm and positive energy are going to be sorely missed. We wish her much success and happiness for her new adventure, whatever that may be.
Mrs Pippin	Year 5 Class Teacher	It has been a pleasure to have Mrs Pippin choose our school for her second career, and we feel she was born to teach. Her strong subject knowledge and organisation skills will be missed. We hope she will keep in touch as she enjoys travelling the world with her husband.
Mr Fitzgibbon	Year 5 Class Teacher	Whilst Mr Fitzgibbon has only been at Worplesdon for a year, we feel he has fitted in so well. His kind, gentle manner along with a clear understanding of the curriculum have been wonderful. We wish him well in his new adventure, whatever that may be.
Mr Djadali	Year 6 Class Teacher	A great teacher with expertise in upper Key Stage 2, Mr Djadali became a moderator for the Local Authority. His rugby expertise and sporting enthusiasm will be sorely missed. His next school is lucky to have him.
Mrs Hopkins	Year 2 Teaching Assistant	Mrs Hopkins has been part of the Worplesdon community for nearly 30 years. Her dedication, kindness and support have touched the lives of so many pupils and staff over the years. We wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement; she is going to be greatly missed by us all.
Miss Panton	Lead Assistant (The Haven)	Miss Panton is a passionate, energetic member of the team with strong knowledge of how to support those with additional needs. We are not surprised that she has been snapped up by the Local Authority.
Miss Mason-Deegan	Teaching Assistant (The Haven) (<i>maternity leave</i>)	Miss Mason-Deegan's calm, kind, and positive approach towards children in both the mainstream and within the centre is greatly appreciated. We can't wait for her return.

Whilst we are going to miss these valued members of our team, we are delighted to inform you that we have completed a very successful recruitment drive, and we will be sharing these appointments within our next Newsletter.



GOOD TO KNOW

FRIENDS OF WORPLESDON SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

The countdown has begun! Only one week to go to FoWS Summer Fair being held on the school field Friday 3rd July 3.20pm – 5.30pm. Come and enjoy some summer fun including:

- 🏆 **Pocket Money Games**
- 🍦 **Tuck Shop and Ice Cream**
- 🌍 A chance to feel like you're in the World Cup at the **Penalty Shootout**
- 🍬 **Sweet and Bottle Tombolas**
- 🍷 A chance to **Soak the Teacher**

All family and friends are welcome.

Please bring cash where you can. QR codes will be available to pay by Google or Apple Pay but internet reception can be patchy. Please bring cash to avoid disappointment.

Summer Fair volunteers - We still need you please! The relevant sign-up links for your year group/s are in today's weekly messages. Please refer to the stall allocation poster below – as always, we can't put this event on without your support so thank you in advance for donating your precious time. **FREE glass of Pimms or a soft drink from the Tuck Shop for all volunteers ☺.**



SUMMER FAIR 2026

Volunteers Needed		
Reception Prize Tables 3 volunteers per time slot	Year 1 Soak the Teacher 1 volunteer per time slot	Year 2 Bean Bag Throw Coconut Shy 1 volunteer per game per time slot
Year 3 Sweet Tombola 2-3 volunteers per time slot	Year 4 Spin to Win Pick a Lolly 1 volunteer per game per time slot	Year 5 Find the Bugs Code Breaker 1 volunteer per game per time slot
Year 6 Bottle Tombola 2-3 volunteers per time slot	Summer Family Tuck Shop	Year 6 Students Penalty shootout 2 volunteers per time slot

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Upcoming dates:

- 🌻 Friday 3rd July 3.20-5.30pm - our traditional **Summer Fair** - See you there!
- Friday 10th & 17th July – one of the kids' favourites is back once again – **Frozen Friday!** Ice lollies will be available to purchase after school!

Many thanks,

Your Friends of Worplesdon Primary School ☺

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NICE TO KNOW



This week we have made some adaptations to ensure that we created an environment that meets the needs of our children in this unprecedented heat.

The children have demonstrated our school values in bucket loads as have our school community. We have been fortunate with donations of gazebos, paddling pools and water activities to support the adaptations in school.

The children have been resilient, compassionate to each other and determined to keep going regardless of the weather. We are incredibly proud of them. As a school where engagement in learning and a child centred approach is fundamental, we are delighted to see these pictures of our children feeling safe, happy and settled in school.



EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have been creating fairy houses out of paper plates in relation to World Fairy Day. In our tuff tray area, the children could make fairy potions using different coloured water. We have also been busy making 3d football art to continue with our World Cup theme.

We have the results in from our design an England shirt competition and our design a dream team competition. The winner of the design a football shirt competition is Ibrahim and the dream team winner is Abraham. Well done boys, they both win a certificate and a World Cup squashy ball.



The heat has certainly hit us hard this week, but the children have been amazing, and we have laid on water fun for them to play with outside in the shade. Hopefully next week will be cooler and more bearable!

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

- Early Birds: Martha for always listening and following instructions
- Night Owls: Matt M for playing nicely with his friends



LITERACY AMBASSADORS



Ethan – Wrens

I interviewed Kingfishers class, who said that their favourite subjects were maths, English and PE. Some of them are going to compete in the District Sports event which is coming up. Others have taken part in a rugby and football tournament recently. When they were making food in Year 4, their favourite food was pizza.

They told me that when they get to Year 6, they are looking forward to World War 2 day, SATs and the residential trip.

Maisie - Jays

Interview with Charlie from Sparrows.

- **What is your favourite subject?**
My favourite subject is art because I like experiencing drawing and painting.
- **What do the teachers do to help you?**
They read the questions out loud to me so I can understand them better.



Lola - Kestrels

I interviewed Year 4s Cormac, Chantelle and Nicole from Kingfishers about their recent Times Table check that everyone does in Year 4 at the end of the school year. I asked three people how they felt about it. Cormac and Nicole said that they found it easy and thought they did well while Chantelle said that she wasn't confident but came out with a resilient response. I then asked them if they enjoyed it and if so, what did they enjoy about it. All three said that they did like it and that they enjoyed different parts of it.

Chantelle stated she enjoyed the speed of it and Cormac said he enjoyed practising it in general while Nicole thought that just the excitement of it gave her a thrill. I then asked them how nervous they were and how they felt after. Cormac and Nicole were not nervous, but Chantelle found it a bit nerve racking but persevered and came out feeling good with herself.

SUMMER 2026 @ PIRBRIGHT CC

CRICKET CAMPS

SOFTBALL: 27TH - 31ST JULY - 9AM-3PM
HARDBALL: 3RD - 7TH AUG - 10AM-4PM



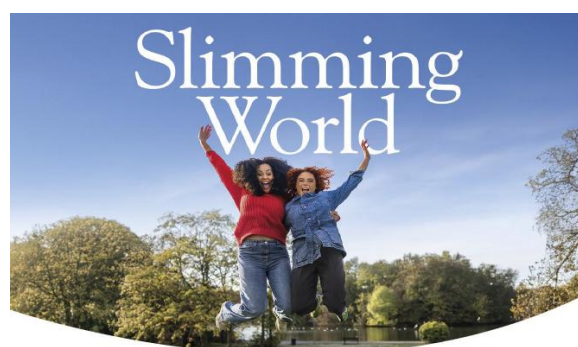
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