



NEWSFLASH

Friday 25th September 2026

NEED TO KNOW

REMINDERS

Morning Drop-Off - A gentle reminder that our morning drop-off window is 8:45–8:55am.

Sadly, we are already seeing a significant number of children arriving after 8:55am. Late arrivals have an impact in several important ways:

1. **The child** – they miss important input at the start of the lesson, which can make it more difficult for them to settle and fully engage in their learning.
2. **The children and teaching team in the classroom** – the lesson has to pause mid-flow to greet the child, settle them and bring them up to speed.
3. **The office team** – a member of the team has to stop what they are doing to welcome and register the child.



Please can I ask that you ensure your child arrives on time and ready to learn. Every minute really does count, and arriving promptly helps ensure that all children can make the very best start to their day.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kareen O'Brien
Executive Head Teacher

CENSUS & LUNCHES

Next Thursday (1st October) is our school census day when the government collects data about our school. This information impacts on our next year's funding and so we would like to ensure Worpleston Primary School is in receipt of the maximum amount possible to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing.

In order to achieve this, we are holding a special lunch for children to enjoy (Breakfast Takeover - Sausage or Veggie sausage with baked omelette, baked beans and hash brown and marmalade cake). All KS1 and free school meal children are eligible for this and will have a school dinner prepared for them. We strongly discourage packed lunches on this day.

Thank you for your support.



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

Also, we would like to remind you of the correct entry points for children.

- **Infant children** should wait and then enter the school through the double green gates at the front of the school. Please do not wait at the single pedestrian gate by the office.
- **Junior children** should wait and enter the school through the double green gates further down the school driveway.

We appreciate your support in following these arrangements, as they help us to ensure that children arrive safely and that the school entrance remains organised.

GOOD TO KNOW



FRIENDS OF WORPLESDON SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

 **Operation Christmas Magic has begun!**

Today, the children received a very special message from the North Pole, and their Christmas adventure officially began! ✨



Over the coming weeks, families can follow the adventure together as the children complete six missions on their journey towards the **FoWS Christmas Fair on 29th November**.



Mission 1 is already waiting! Check ParentMail today for the Parent Guide and everything you need to know.



The **North Pole Portal** is now open on the **PTA Events website**, where families can follow the adventure, find mission information and keep up with Operation Christmas Magic.

FoWS Christmas Fair Team

FoWS AGM - Goodbyes, Hellos and Thank yous!

The FoWS AGM and Autumn Planning Meeting was held on Tuesday. Many thanks to all the volunteers who attended and for your support.

We said goodbye to Natasha Baxter, Karen Pointer and Jen Stanhope who have spent three years as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, respectively. We thanked them for the incredible job they have done during that time and the fantastic events they have organised. Under their leadership, FoWS raised over £51,000 which had such a positive impact on the children's provision.

We are very grateful to Rachel Pengelly for volunteering to become our new Design Expert, and to Iren Puj for taking on responsibility for our social comms. Thank you to Marta Ward and Sarah Gosden for their hard work in these areas over the past few years.

Judith Strange, our wonderful Staff Representative, and Kirsten Heffer, Treasurer, will be continuing until Christmas.

However, as we have not yet had a new committee of trustees come forward, we continue our search for a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Could this be you?

Minutes of the meeting will be shared soon.

Happy Bags

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Happy Bag fundraiser. We collected 629kgs and raised £283.05. Special thanks to Lauren, Sophie and Tina for receiving the bags on the day and to all the extra helpers - big and small - who helped to load the Happy Bags van in record time!

Many thanks,

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Guildford County School Open Evening

Our **Open Evening** - will run on Thursday 1st October from 5.30pm, where parents will be able to have a tour of the school and attend a talk by the Head Teacher.
(Talks are at 5pm, 6.15pm, 7.30pm)

Booking is available via our website at <https://www.guildfordcounty.co.uk/1593/open-events-1>

NICE TO KNOW

This week at Night Owls our activities have been based around Autumn. The children have had the opportunity to make Owls using coloured card and leaves. They have also had the chance to make a bird feeder using large pinecones. As you can see from our photos, they look amazing!



We have just started to introduce 'Special Message' postcards for our parents at Night Owls. We are aware that it is hard to catch up with you all, when you collect your child/children, to let you know how their afternoon has gone and what they have been up to. We will be picking a few children each session to send messages home, detailing what they have been doing, and whether they have done something amazing that we feel needs rewarding and bringing to your attention. For our new parents we also have 'Stars of the Week'. We pick one child from Early Birds and one child from Night Owls; each child will receive a certificate and will be mentioned in the newflash.



Our year 6 children have been notified of their roles and responsibilities this week. We would like to welcome Jacob D, Ryder, Tim and Booby as our Night Owls helpers. They will have the role of helping to set up the club every night, making sure it is ready for the children when they arrive at the end of the school day. Can we say a big thank you to Megan, Izzy and Bea who have helped us in the interim while the roles were being picked.

Next week the children will have a 'free' painting table to paint as they choose, and they will have the chance to cook vegetable quesadillas linked to World Vegetarian Day.

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

- Early Birds: Blane for coming in so nicely and always using good manners.
- Night Owls: Jasmine for always sitting so nicely during the register and listening at all times.



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