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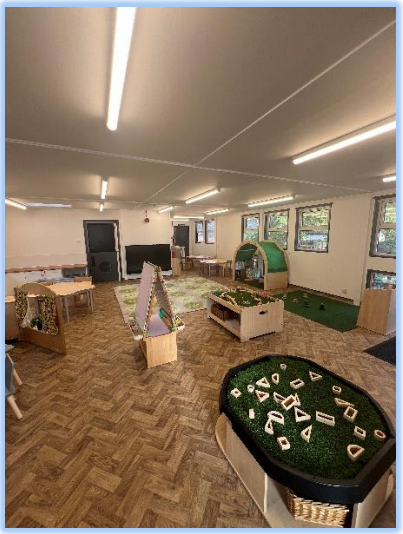
Welcome to the academic year of 2026-2027. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer in the sunshine and are glad to be back to school and in routine again. A special welcome to all our new starters in reception and those who have joined us this September in other year groups. A warm welcome also to our new staff members, more information below on our new classes and team members. You will receive a newsletter every Friday with information and updates, key dates and examples of learning. This weekly newsletter is the best way to keep up to date with what is happening at school and any events you need to know about as well as celebrating children's learning.

Woolavington Primary School in 2026!

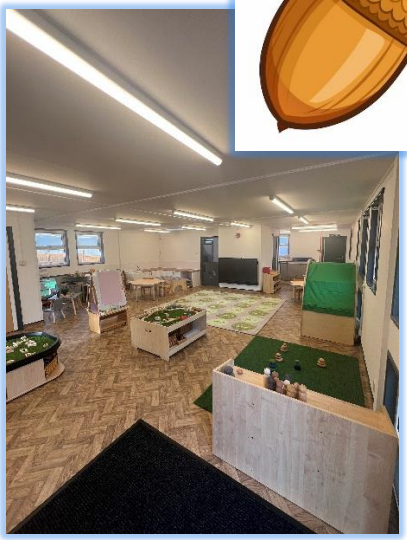
You may have spotted lots of building work going on here over the summer. I'm very excited to share with you the upgrades we have had, making our school environment even more welcoming for our children and families. First up, new nursery and pre-school! Our Nursery and pre-school has been completely refreshed, inside and outside (almost!). Kailey, Clare, Laura and Rosie have enjoyed welcoming our new starters into our brand-new space this week. Thank you to all our new parents who attended the open afternoon on Wednesday, having a first look at the wonderful new resources in place for the children. The outside area is still under construction, with a new outdoor covered area and decking being installed in the coming weeks. Wraparound care is now based in our Thrive room (located on the bottom playground) with drop off and pick up continuing from the nursery gate. We will share more photographs with you in the coming weeks of the Nursery outdoor area and Thrive room. Nursery and Pre-school are now known as **Acorns**, take a look at their fantastic new learning space.

Acorns ~ Nursery & Pre-School









Maple Class ~ Reception

Maple Class are taught by Miss Parsons, with Miss Selwood and Miss Seaward supporting. Miss Stanbridge, our EYFS lead works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be working across Nursery & Pre-School, Reception and our KS1 classes. Maple classroom has had new flooring installed over the summer as well as being kitted out with brand new resources both inside and outside!







Willow Class – Year 1

Willow Class are taught by Mrs Cordery, with Mrs Upsall and Mrs Chapman supporting. Willow classroom has also had new flooring installed over the summer and has been set up beautifully, ready for our new year one children this year.









Ash Class – Year 2

Ash Class are taught by Miss Coughlan, with Miss Presley and Miss Chilton supporting. Ash class has been set up beautifully, ready for our new year two children. All our classrooms now have repainted plain walls and doors with hessian backed boards for minimal sensory distraction to their learning.





Sycamore Class – Years 3 & 4

Sycamore Class are taught by Miss Bryant, with Miss Keirle and Mrs Chapman supporting. Sycamore class have had a sensory den installed within their classroom. This is a fantastic new resource that children can access during learning time to support sensory and regulation. We will review the impact of the sensory den over the coming months and plan to install them across the main building if it proves impactful to children's regulation.









Beech Class – Years 4 & 5

Beech Class are taught by Miss Hawkins, with Mrs Cox and Mrs Lee supporting. Beech class has been re-painted over the summer making it look clean and fresh for the children to enjoy. New toilets have also been installed into this building, a much needed upgrade!





Oak Class – Years 5 & 6

Oak Class are taught by Mr Murphy, with Miss Seaward supporting. Oak and Beech classrooms have been repainted inside and outside, with new doors installed as well as new toilets.









Sensory Room

I am also delighted to share with you our brand-new sensory room! This space has been upgraded into a sensory room for children with additional needs to access throughout the day, with adult support, for a sensory circuit break. The purpose of sensory circuits is to support regulation through movement using alerting, organising and calming activities. More information to follow in the coming weeks.



You may have also noticed the office building has been repaired over the summer as well as new windows in the hall, new main entrance doors and new flooring in the main building corridor. Please do come in for a look around!

Seesaw

Please make sure you have access to your child's Seesaw account as this is our main form of communication with you all as parents. By Monday next week, you should have access to your child's curriculum map, home learning grid, meet the teacher document and parents' guide. If you are unsure how to navigate Seesaw, please ask your child (as they have been using this platform for some time) or if you are new to the school, your child's teacher will be happy to show you around the platform. Please make the most of Seesaw by viewing your child's school learning and uploading any home learning too. If you would like printed copies of any of these documents, please come into the office to request them.

Seesaw

School Uniform

PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

Over the summer holidays, we have sorted and washed many items of spare uniform. These items are now available for you to come and browse and take home if they are suitable for your child. The uniform is located in the meeting room, which is the room opposite the main office. **There is no cost to these items**, we just want them to go to a new home, and this is part of **Woolavington's Pre-loved Uniform** scheme. If you have had a uniform clear out over the summer, please do drop any items off that could be used by another family.

PE Kit on PE days

We have made the decision to ask children to come to school on their PE day wearing their PE kit all day. We hope this reduces time needed for changing and less things to remember to bring to school in the mornings! PE days for all classes except Oak Class are Mondays. Oak Class will do PE on

Allergies reminder

We have a number of children in school with allergies. You and your children may already be aware of the seriousness that an allergic reaction can cause. We ask you to support us by not including items in your child's lunch box which contain eggs such as hard boiled, scotch eggs or mayonnaise, so that we can minimise the risk of a reaction. Items that have been cooked with egg such

as cakes, are fine. We would also like to remind you that we are a nut free school so **items containing nuts must not be brought into school**. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Car Parking



A reminder to all parents that the **school car park is for staff and disabled badge holders only.** Our sites assistant Mr Appleyard is based at our car park entrance and exit as a visual reminder of this in the mornings. Please can we remind you that you should not park on the yellow zig-zags or block our neighbours' driveways, including the layby opposite the entrance to school as this is private property. There is ample parking available at the Village Hall. We made such great progress with this last year, we really want to continue again this year.



Mobile Phones

Following updated government guidance, the use of mobile phones by children is prohibited in school. You may have noticed the new posters around school (attached to this newsletter). If your child needs their mobile phone for walking to or from school they must now hand it in to the office when they arrive where it will be kept securely during the school day.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September	Bikeability for Y5 children – please bring your bike to school if you have signed up for this
Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September	Reception children staying for lunch, collection 1:15pm
Tuesday 8th September	Forest School sessions start for small groups and Oak Class
Wednesday 9th September	Reception children in school full time from today
Thursday 10th September	Swimming starts for Sycamore and Oak Classes
Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th September	Parents' Evenings – more information to follow
Tuesday 6th October	Individual photos
Friday 16th October	last day of Term 1
	Parent Showcase in the hall from 3pm
W/C 19th October	Half Term
W/C 26th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	All children back to school for Term 2

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