Newsletter

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Welcome to This Week's Newsletter, what an exciting and busy week we've had! We started the week on Monday afternoon by learning about and celebrating Diwali, discovering more about this wonderful festival of lights. We also had a very special visit from the Navy, which was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 children as part of their Learning to Lead project. Another exciting highlight was the long-awaited grand opening of our upgraded Nursery! Today, we took part in a thoughtful workshop to learn more about Remembrance, giving the Year 5 and 6 children an opportunity to reflect and understand the importance of this event. Finally, we ended the week in style by swapping our usual uniforms for spotty and sporty outfits to get ready for our fun run in support of BBC Children in Need! What a fantastic way to finish such a busy week. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Diwali Enrichment

This week, we have been celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali, also known as the Festival of Light. On Monday afternoon, all classes took part in some exciting Diwali enrichment activities. Maple and Willow classes enjoyed making their own Diwali lamps and designing beautiful rangoli patterns. Ash, Sycamore and Oak classes got creative with clay, making their own diya lamps. Beech class had a wonderful cookery lesson with Mrs Gunning, where they made chapatis. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the activities and learning more about the traditions and celebrations associated with this special Hindu festival. What a lovely afternoon of creativity and learning! Come in and see our whole school Diwali display in the main corridor, showcasing our learning.







Royal Navy visit – Learning to Lead

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and informative visit from the Royal Navy as part of their *Learning to Lead* programme. The children discovered more about the different roles within the Royal Navy, learned about the important work they do and explored the skills and qualities needed to become a leader. The highlight of the visit was getting hands-on and making and launching their own flares! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn through practical activities, ask questions and discover more about life in the Navy. A big thank you to the Royal Navy team for an engaging and memorable experience!

Remembrance Workshop

Author and historian Andrew Powell-Thomas visited the children in year 5 and 6 today, looking at the theme of Remembrance. As well as finding out about the history of the poppy, the children learnt about the tomb of the unknown warrior, the Cenotaph and the local war memorials. After completing their fact file, the children made some poignant black- out poems, which will be part of the Remembrance display.

Nursery Grand Re-opening



We were delighted to celebrate the reopening of our nursery here at Woolavington this week. The early years are where everything begins where children first discover the joy of learning, make their first friendships, and grow in confidence and curiosity. That's why this space matters so much to us, and we're so proud to see it refurbished and ready to welcome our youngest learners. Thank you to all our staff, who have worked tirelessly to create such a warm and inspiring environment, and to all our families for trusting us with your children at such a precious stage of their lives. Our nursery is more than a building. It's the first step in a journey we hope will see every child thrive throughout their time with us and beyond. If you'd like to find out more about nursery places, please get in touch with the school office.

Children in Need Spotty Fun Run



Today, our school community came together to support BBC Children in Need by taking part in our very own Spotty Fun Run. The children looked wonderful dressed in their sporty, spotty outfits and were full of excitement and enthusiasm as they took on the lunchtime challenge. There were lots of smiles, laughter and energetic running as everyone joined in and did their bit for such a worthwhile cause. We were incredibly proud of the children's enthusiasm, kindness and willingness to help others. Thank you to all our families for their generous £1 donations and continued support. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to make a difference. Well, done, everyone, for helping to make the day such a fun-filled success!





Autumn Term Diary Dates

Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December	Festive Disco
Monday 14th December	Dress rehearsal for whole school (morning) KS2 visit to the Church (afternoon)
Tuesday 15th December	Whole school visit to watch Aladdin pantomime (please visit MCAS to give permission and pay for the trip)
Wednesday 16th December	Whole school Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas performance in the Village Hall
Thursday 17th December	Christmas performance in the village hall
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Monday 4th January	Start of Spring term 1

Georgina Maclennan
Headteacher

Award Winners

Our Stars of the Week are:

Robyn in Maple Class

Tommy lee in Willow Class

Frankie in Ash Class

Ezmae in Sycamore Class

Beatrix in Beech Class

Aaron in Oak Class



Well Done – we look forward to seeing you for your Digby Dog Walk next week!



The class with the highest attendance this week is:



Winners: Beech Class enjoy your non-uniform day next Friday!



Maple Class: 93.4%
Willow Class: 87.6%
Ash Class: 93.3%
Sycamore Class:97.9%
Beech Class: 98.3%
Oak Class: 97.2%

Our Woolavington Citizens award is for Moral

Olivia in Maple Class
Eloise in Willow Class
Orla in Ash Class
Oscar in Sycamore Class
Bonnie in Beech Class
Violet in Oak Class



Award for The Woolavington Way

Be safe, be ready, be kind, be respectful.

Tyson in Maple Class
Amelia in Willow Class
Albert in Ash Class
Nelly in Sycamore Class
Jude in Beech Class
Charlie Oak Class