Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Message from the Co-Headteachers

Dear Families,
We've had a fantastic start to the new academic year at Woolmore, and we would like to thank all of our families for your continued support, trust and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that every child is happy, safe and successful each day. As part of our commitment to providing the very best education and opportunities for our children, we are focusing this year on three key school improvement priorities: Attendance, Inclusion and our Year of Reading. These priorities will underpin much of our work across the school and help us continue to strengthen outcomes and experiences for all pupils. In the following sections, we are pleased to share some of the work that has already taken place and the progress we are making in each of these important areas.

Inclusion Update: Black History Month:
Throughout October, our children have been learning about Black History Month in assemblies, exploring this year's theme, **"Honouring Our Communities."** We discussed the importance of recognising the achievements, experiences and contributions of Black people throughout history and in modern Britain, while helping children understand that some Black people have faced unfair treatment and discrimination in the past. Pupils reflected on how communities help us feel safe, valued, included and that we belong, linking this learning to World Mental Health Day and the importance of kindness, inclusion and supporting one another. We were inspired by the stories of community champions such as **Mary Seacole**, **Baroness Floella Benjamin** and **Marcus Rashford**, who have all made a positive difference to the lives of others through courage, service and determination. Children also reflected on the people within our own school community, considering how respect, empathy and celebrating diversity can help make Woolmore a place where everyone feels welcome, valued and proud of who they are.

Thank you families for wearing yellow and for your kind donations on **World Mental Health Day**. As a school we raised, £358 for the charity, Young Minds.

Attendance Success:
We are delighted to share that attendance at Woolmore has gone from strength to strength this half term. Together, we have broken a Woolmore record, achieving an incredible 97.3% attendance! Our average attendance for the year so far is 95.37%, which is significantly higher than 92.7% at the same point last year.
A huge congratulations to our pupils and families. We are also proud that currently around 360 children are on track to receive an attendance award for achieving 98% or higher attendance so far this year. Our new Attendance Quest initiative has played a big part in making attendance exciting and rewarding for our children. Please take time to talk to your child about their Attendance Quest journey and celebrate the milestones they are working towards. Look out for even more fun attendance challenges, rewards and surprises next half term as we continue to encourage excellent attendance across the school.
Thank you for your continued support in helping your children attend school every day. Here Every Day, It's the Woolmore Way! Let's see if we can beat these fantastic achievements next half term!



Reading Update:
We are delighted to share that Woolmore has been awarded a generous £650 grant from the Siobhan O'Dowd Trust, through the support of its Director, Kate Powling. The funding will enable a group of our pupils to visit an independent bookshop and select exciting new fiction and reading-for-pleasure books for our library. Before the visit, all children across the school will have the opportunity to suggest books and authors they would like to see in our library, helping to ensure the new collection reflects the interests of our pupils. This wonderful opportunity will encourage a love of reading, introduce children to new authors and give them a voice in shaping the books available for everyone to enjoy. We are incredibly grateful to the Trust for supporting reading for pleasure at Woolmore and look forward to sharing pictures of the bookshop visit and the books our children choose.

Hannah Williams and **Jen Harris**
Interim Co-Headteachers.

Learning Review Meetings

During Autumn 2 we have Learning Review Meetings with Parents. These meetings will happen between 8:00 -10:30am and 2:50 – 5:00pm for year groups as outlined in the tables below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Classes:
Thursday 12th November	Y6 Sycamore tree, Y6 Willow tree & Y6 Yew tree
Friday 13th November	Y1 Banyan tree, Y1 Fig tree & Year 1 Holly tree
Wednesday 18th November	Y3 Mulberry tree, Y3 Oak tree & Year 3 Olive tree
Thursday 19th November	Y4 Pine tree, Y4 Plane tree & Year 4 Poplar tree
Friday 20th November	Y2 Juniper tree, Y2 Magnolia tree & Y2 Maple tree
Wednesday 25th November	Reception Lemon tree, Reception Lime tree & Reception Orange tree
Friday 27th November	Y5 Rowan tree, Y5 Sequoia tree & Year 5 Silver Birch
Wednesday 2nd December	Nursery Apple tree & Nursery Cherry tree

Learning Review meetings are important because:

- You will find out how your child has settled into school and how they are getting on with their learning.
- We will share with you where we are expecting your child to be at the end of the year and how these outcomes compare to national expectations.
- We will share their current attendance percentage.
- You will have the opportunity to ask questions and share any information from home that it could be helpful for us to know.
- You will learn about key priorities for home learning as well as other ideas about how best to help your child at home.

Sign up information for your Learning Review Meeting appointments will be shared after the half-term break.

We look forward to meeting with you soon.



SCHOOL PING

Please make sure you have the School Ping app on your phone and check it regularly for the latest news and messages. Do ask at the office if you need some help with passwords or downloading messages.

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT PARENT GOVERNOR?

Next half-term we are looking for **two Parent Governors** to join the Governing Board at Woolmore Primary School. Stay tuned for more information in November. You can also find out more about the role of a school governor here: https://www.gov.uk/become-school-college-governor



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