WOODFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high

Pupil Parliament 2026-27

Being part of a Pupil Parliament group provides pupils with the opportunity to share their ideas and take part in discussions to help shape various aspects of school life at Woodford Primary School.

We are excited to continue our Pupil Parliament programme this year, with the groups including: the Dept for Education, Dept for Environment, Dept for Digital Culture, Dept for Arts and Heritage, and Dept for Sport.

The Pupil Parliament groups for the forthcoming year will be announced during assembly on Friday 13th November and pupils in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 are invited to apply to join their preferred department. Year 4 pupils can also apply for the Home Office, which consists of peer-elected House Captains.

To apply, children should complete an application form by writing three reasons why they would like to be selected as a member of their chosen department. Applications should be handed to class teachers by **Thursday 19th November**.

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK UKPW 26

Successful applicants will begin their roles during UK Parliament Week, starting Monday 23rd November. Roles will be held for the full academic year, ending in July 2027.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Stevenson or your child's class teacher.

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week, we will be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week**, a national initiative that shines a light on the impact of bullying and encourages us all to take action. This year's theme is 'Break the Silence' focused on encouraging children, young people, and adults to start open conversations, speak up, listen, and take action against bullying.

Throughout the week, the children will engage in assemblies, discussions and activities that promote kindness, respect and inclusion. Find out more about the Anti-Bullying Alliance **here**.

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

To kick the week off, on **Monday 16th November**, we invite the children to come into school wearing **odd socks** to celebrate what makes us all unique and to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. It is a fun and positive way for children to express themselves and to remind everyone that we are all different – and that is something to be proud of!

Armistice Day



On Wednesday 11th November, pupils and staff observed a two-minute silence to mark Armistice Day and to pause, reflect, and remember all who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. We were incredibly proud of the respect and maturity shown by all our pupils during the two-minute silence, reflecting our school values of kindness, respect, and citizenship.

The children also took part in age-appropriate learning activities to help them understand the meaning of Remembrance Day, including why poppies are worn and the importance of remembering those who have worked towards peace and freedom, linking to character traits bravery and gratitude.

Christmas Toy Appeal

This year, our Treasury Department organised a vote to decide which local charity would benefit from our Christmas Toy Appeal. We are delighted to share that the chosen charity is Stepping Hill Hospital Charity. If you would like to donate, please bring a **new toy** into school by **Monday 30th November** and place it in the collection area at the main entrance. Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity and support.

- *Gifts must be unwrapped so the hospital's Play Team can distribute them appropriately by age group.*
- *All items must be brand new and display the CE safety mark.*
- *Nothing edible – no chocolate or sweets.*
- *We are unable to accept handmade or homemade items.*



Pre-School Curriculum Evening

Mrs Stevenson will be hosting a Curriculum Evening for Pre-School parents on **Wednesday 18th November at 4pm**. The session will provide an overview of our approach to the Pre-School curriculum, with a focus on early reading and phonics, along with practical advice and ideas to help you support your child's learning at home. We warmly encourage all Pre-School parents to join us!

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, Children in Need will be marked in school by an assembly. The children should wear normal school uniform (no spots). If you would like to make a donation, please follow this **link**.

Important Dates

16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week – wear odd socks to school
16th Nov	School tour for 2027 intake
18th Nov	Pre-School Curriculum Evening
19th Nov	Deadline for Pupil Parliament Applications
20th Nov	Y2 Inventor Workshop
23rd Nov	School tour for 2027 intake
30th Nov	Deadline for Christmas Toy Appeal



For a full summary of 2026/27 dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed here

