



Whaddon Weekly Newsletter

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10th October 2025

“You are the light of the world, let your light shine!” Matthew 5-14-16

Dear parents and children,

Welcome to the 6th edition of our school newsletter.

School vision

This week, our school community have been shining brightly and living our value of compassion, through the very generous donations to the MK food bank. We were kindly supported by Mr Small Snr, who visited school, on 8th October, to share information with us about the food bank and who it helps. Photos will be shared on the school website and Facebook page. Thank you all for your generosity.

Clubs after half term

We are pleased to add construction club to the lunch clubs on offer. Mrs Marchant will be running construction club 12.30-12.50pm, on Thursday lunch times- in Squirrel's classroom. If you would like your child to attend, this, please let the office know. There is a maximum number of 10 children per club. Waiting lists will be held. Sewing- Mon, Gardening- Wed, Makaton- Tues and chess- Tues will remain available.

Thank you from Gardening club

Thank you to Mrs Mainwaring for the generous donation of soil and pots for gardening club. They are much appreciated and used this week to create beds for our plants. We still require soil for our deeper beds.

Key Stage 2 snacks

Please can parents of children in KS2 Badgers and Foxes provide a break time snack, to help see the children through to lunch time.



Design a school mascot competition

MASCOT DESIGN COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS WANTED!

Are you a child at Whaddon CofE School? Do you think you could be a great designer? Would you like the opportunity to make a lasting impact on our school? Then this is the competition for you! Our school is looking for an official mascot to cheer us on and make us smile! The mascot you design will need a front and back, it should be inspired by our school values, and you should be able to explain why you want it to look that way.

There's potential for a very special prize alongside the honour of designing our mascot (which will be voted for by staff, governors and students if there are enough submissions...). **Please submit your designs to the office or to Teacher Read on its official form, by Thursday 6th November 2025. We are so excited to receive your ideas!**

FOWS

The deadline for the Christmas art work orders is this Sunday 12th October, thank you to those parents who have already made their orders. Tickets will go on sale for the Spooky disco shortly!

Thank you to the parents and members of FOWS who have supported a fabulous banner and social media campaign promoting our school and the wonderful things happening in it!

Parking safety

We have received a complaint from a neighbour, in Church Lane, regarding parents carrying out unsafe vehicle manoeuvres in the entrance to the lane. Please take care when moving your vehicle, especially where children, parents and members of the public are walking on the footpaths.

We politely request that parents parking near school remain courteous and calm, if there are issues with other road users. Altercations reflect badly on the school and is upsetting for children to overhear or witness.

A polite reminder that no vehicles are to park opposite the painted zig-zags, as these lines indicate a hazard and are not parking spaces.

School Facebook page

Whaddon C of E School and Nursery has a brand-new Facebook page Search Facebook for Whaddon C of E School to see the post regarding posts of life in school and up and coming events.

The page will be closed to comments, but we will include images (with permission) and examples of work / activities which promote our lovely school. The campaign driven by FOWS is building steam and the open day and testimonials pages are being shared. Please help us spread the word into our neighbouring MK communities, by sharing the posts in your feed.

Forest school volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to support our forest school sessions, which take place on Friday mornings 09.45-11.45am. If you are able to help, or be on call should we need an extra pair of hands, please let Mrs Ellis, in the school office know.

Data collection sheets

Data collection sheets, to capture the most up to date information about your child and any health needs that may have recently changed have been issued to each child. There is also a photo permission form, which helps us to know where and when you are happy for us to use your child's image. Please help Mrs Ellis collate this important information. **The deadline has passed but, if you require any help, please contact Mrs Ellis.**

Wrap around care

Due to lack of bookings on Fridays, S4A have had to consider their staffing of these sessions and may need to remove Friday sessions from the booking system for Whaddon School. If you need wrap around care on Fridays, or any day, please book sessions using the online portal, within 24 hours of the session. We need to use it, or we may lose it!

Wheel barrow request

Our trusty wheel barrow has finally succumbed to the elements. The hole in the bottom is now more hole than wheel barrow! If anyone has a wheel barrow they no longer need or hears of one going free, to a good home, please say yes on our behalf and let us know.



Lunches after half term

Please book your child's lunches on Wisepay, for after the half term. If this deadline is missed, please provide your child with a packed lunch. We politely request that no nuts, in any form, are brought into school, due to severe nut allergies in our school community.

Dates for the diary

Key dates for the diary can be found on the school website and on class pages of the school website.

15th October Aspiration day

17th October Badgers sharing assembly 08.40am school hall

20th Poppies and accessories on sale

21st October Parents' evening 1

22nd October Parents' evening 2

23rd October Open Day

23rd October Spooky Disco FOWS

24th INSET DAY- school closed to pupils

27th October-2nd Nov HALF TERM

10th November Anti-bullying day

11th Remembrance service St Mary's church

14th Squirrel's sharing assembly 08.40am School hall

18th Open morning 09.00-10.00am

19th Open afternoon 1.30-2.30pm

21st Children In Need day wear spots raise lots!

8th December Mr Dunham music festival school hall

11th December Nativity dress rehearsal Jubilee Hall 1.30-2.00pm

11th December Nativity performance 5.00-6.00pm

16th December Panto afternoon- later return possible

17th December Christmas jumper day

17th December Christmas lunch FOWS and volunteers

18th December Christmas fayre FOWS 1.15-2.25 pm school hall

18th December carols school hall

19th Christmas movie morning popcorn and juice



Reading book donations

We are looking for high quality Key Stage 2 fiction and non-fiction books, to supplement our library. These books are for ages 8-11+. If you have any books you would be happy to donate, please bring them into school.

Open mornings

We are holding a range of open mornings for parents of children who will be school age in September 2026. The dates are on the banner on the school gate and can be found on the school website. Please share this with anyone you know is looking for a school place for their child, for **September 2025**. If the dates and times are not convenient, we can arrange a separate viewing.

Our next open morning will be held on: **23rd October 09.00-10.00, 18th November 09.00-10.00, 19th November 1.30-2.30, 9th January 09.30-10.30am.**

Parents evenings Autumn term

Our Autumn term Parents' Evening meetings will be face to face this year. If you require an alternative such as a phone call or TEAMS call please let your child's class teacher know. Parents evenings will take place on **21st and 22nd October 3.10-5.30pm Tuesday and 3.10-6.00pm on Wednesday.**

We have received feedback that the slots need to be longer to enable a good conversation. The appointments will be 10 minutes and the discussion will cover how your child has settled and next steps which can be supported at home. Should you wish to discuss any SEN matters or require a slightly longer appointment, please let the teacher know and an additional meeting can be arranged.

Panto visit

The forms parents are required to complete and return for permission and health have been issued. Please complete them and return to the office, as soon as possible. There is a parental contribution for this visit, so if you need a discrete conversation about making the payment, please contact the school office. Mrs Ellis needs to book the tickets, so final numbers are needed. Please help her to do this by returning the forms issues ASAP.

Reverend Dove

Thank you to Reverend Dove, for her informative and thought-provoking R.E visit, for Foxes class, exploring how Christianity is the same and different across the denominations. The children asked some very insightful questions about the church in Whaddon and the Methodist Chapel next to the school.





Congratulations to the children who were awarded Star Awards and Golden Tickets, for living our school vision and values-shining brightly.



Well done to the children who have shared their great sporting achievements in activities outside of school!



Congratulations to Woodpeckers who won the house points trophy, this week.