



St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

'Shine as Lights in the World'

Autumn Term News

Week Ending: Friday 4th September 2026



Our School Value for the month of September is 'Friendship'

Our Jigsaw PSHE themes for the Autumn Term are 'Being Me in the World & Celebrating Difference'

Our St. Michael's Golden Rule is: 'We will treat one another in a fair and equal way and treat others in the way we wish to be treated.'

Staff Training Days

On Tuesday all staff took part in our annual safeguarding update and our Child Protection Policy has been re-written to reflect the recent changes in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. You will be able to read this policy once it has been approved by governors. Once our Online Safety Policy has been approved, I will put this on the website for you to read, as well as our Mobile Devices Policy. Please can I ask that mobile phones are not used on the playground so that we all focus and speak to other adults and of course most importantly our children. If you must take a call, please walk outside the school gates. Thank you for your support with this. On Wednesday we shared Ofsted training with St. John's, Digswell, as both schools are expecting Ofsted this academic year. You may be aware of the new style report cards, covering 8 different areas of education. One of the areas is Behaviour & Attendance and whilst the behaviour in our school is strong, our attendance, whilst improving, is not. This will be on our school improvement plan for this year with attendance reminders being given when your child's attendance falls below 92% (previously 90%). We are also aiming for our whole school attendance to be 95%+, so please support us in continuing to improve attendance.

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and despite a few nerves to begin with, the children in Years 1 - 6 have settled in well and were sharing lots of smiles. We look forward to meeting our new reception class next week.

In our collective worship yesterday, we looked at our school vision, 'Shine as Lights in the World' and talked about what this means to the children. As always there were lots of ideas; it is about being confident, doing good, showing respect and kindness

and being the best version of ourselves that we can be! We then thought about ways in which we could shine in school, in our community and beyond; welcome new people to our school, include anyone who may be left out in games, be polite and well-mannered, greet people, smile and be happy!

We considered who can help us when we need support in school; when we need to talk, need to regulate our emotions or feel worried and anxious. We have a poster displaying our safeguarding leads and I explained that these members of staff wear a green lanyard, whereas other members of staff wear a blue one and visitors wear a red one. The poster includes our mental health leads, Mrs Holden and Ms Greenwood, but I was clear with the children that all adults in our school will listen carefully to them and support them with anything.

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Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team

Need someone to talk to?

Feeling sad or worried about something?

Mrs. Martin
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs. Pulham
Deputy DSL

Mrs. Woods
Deputy DSL

Mr. Lawson
Deputy DSL

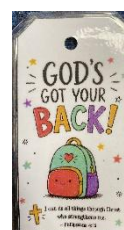
Mrs. Holden
Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead

Ms. Greenwood
Mental Health & Wellbeing Deputy Lead

COME AND TALK TO US AT ANYTIME, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Collective Worship Today

Rev. Sulu came in this morning for her first collective worship, and she focused on our value of Friendship, with a bible story about King Saul, David and Jonathon. She spoke about the qualities that a good friend has and of course the children volunteered lots of their own ideas too. At the end of her assembly, she gave





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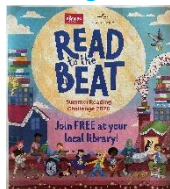


each class a pack of tags that she made over the holidays for each child to go on their book bags or back packs. These were blessed by Rev Susannah and on the back, they are reflective, which will be perfect for the darker mornings. Could you please attach this lovely gift to your child's bag ready for next week.

Rev. Sulu also told the children about the pet service next weekend, please see attached leaflet, all are welcome.



Reading Challenge



Just a reminder to please bring into the office or pass to class teachers the reading challenge certificates. I would like to take a photo and congratulate the children in our

Celebration Assembly next Wednesday.

What's On:

- 7.9.26 - 8.55am Willow Transition Meeting
- 8.9.26 - 8.55am Cherry Transition Meeting
- 9.9.26 - 8.55am - Elm Transition Meeting
- 10.9.26 - 8.55am - Redwood Transition Meeting
- 11.9.26 - 8.55am - Oak Transition Meeting
- 13.9.26 - 11.15am Pet Service
- 14.9.26 - 8.55am - Beech Transition Meeting
- 25.9.26 - 9.15am Open Morning for prospective
Parents
- 2.10.26 - 1.30pm Stay & Play for pre-schoolers
- 7. 10.26 - Harvest Service in the church taken by
Elm Class, followed by KS2 Pilgrimage
- 9.10.26 - Hello Yellow Day (children's mental
Health)