St. Michael's Woolmer Green C of E School

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Autumn Term News

Week Ending: Friday 6th November 2026

Our School Value for the month of November is 'Courage'

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.'

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On Monday, I introduced the new PSHE theme, 'Celebrating Difference'. All the classes will be following this theme in their lessons this half term. Our new value is 'Courage' and this is linked to our bespoke behaviour curriculum, where we aim for the children to recognise their growth in an area of learning, try something new, even if it feels tricky, understand that mistakes help learning, self-identify next steps to being better and be able to speak up when they recognise a situation is wrong. I will speak to the children more about this in the coming weeks.

Picture News

This week's picture news posed the question,



The children learnt about British adventurer Karl Bushby who has returned to the UK, after spending almost 28 years travelling around the world on an incredible journey home. Since leaving Chile in 1998, he has travelled through jungles, deserts and icy landscapes, even swimming across seas to continue his adventure. Karl's journey has been filled with amazing experiences, challenges and achievements. The children discussed the following questions; Do you have to travel somewhere to go on a journey, or can learning something new be a journey too? How can the people we meet and the experiences we have change the way we think or feel? How might an experience that challenges us today help us approach something difficult in the future? Please see our attached 'Take Home' picture news.

KS2 School Council Visit to Knebworth Care Home

On Wednesday, our KS2 School Council children enjoyed a wonderful visit to Knebworth Care Home. Together with the residents, they decorated poppies for Remembrance Day and spent time chatting and getting to know one another. It was a lovely afternoon, and the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school. The visit was such a success that we are already planning more opportunities to work together. We are looking forward to welcoming some of the residents into school to make Christmas cards, enjoy some festive singing, and watch our Nativity performance.



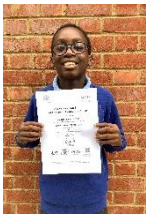


New School Football Kit



A huge thank you to Izzy and her family for helping us secure a brand-new set of football kits from Octopus Energy. The kits were very much needed. The children were delighted to receive them and are looking forward to representing the school in style at upcoming matches. Thank you again for helping make this possible!

Music Success



Well done to Nathaniel who gained a merit in his recent Grade 1 flute exam. He should be very proud

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TTRockstars

Well done to Oliver, Leo, Arthur, Finn, Carter, Thomas and Joshua for completing their tables in less than 4 and 6 seconds – amazing!



New Sensory Movement Walls



Over the half term holidays we have had some exciting movement walls installed in the corridor outside Year 3 and outside Years 5 & 6. These are proving very popular and provide a 5-minute break from class for children to engage in a purposeful activity, so they can get back to their learning. Thank you to Frankie for volunteering to show me how it works.





Our PTA



Thank you all for supporting our non-uniform today and generously helping our new PTA to get started. The amount of money raised so far is **£292.63**, but you can still donate if you haven't done so, the QR code is on the poster by the gate. This will enable them to make some purchases ready for the annual switching on of the Christmas tree lights on 27th November. The children are collected from class at 3.15pm and are called to sing Christmas songs in front of the tree. There will be refreshments served and visitors with tables selling Christmas items. If anyone would like to book a table for this event, please contact the office. A £10 donation will pay for the pitch, but you must bring your own tables, shelter etc. We aim to be on the playground.

This Week's Attendance by Class

Sycamore – 96.9%
Willow – 96.7%
Cherry –94.8 %
Redwood – 97.6%
Elm – 98.2%
Beech – 95.9%
Oak –97.1%

Congratulations to **Elm Class** who have won the attendance cup this week!

Our whole school attendance this week is – 96.8%

You will be pleased to hear that our attendance percentages have improved so far, this academic year and we have **107 children at 100%**, which is incredible! Some children have already fallen below our 92% threshold, and we would encourage you to aim to build this up over the year. Please see our attached attendance leaflet and NHS leaflet, which covers illness and helps you decide whether your child should attend school. We would encourage attendance with slight coughs and colds. We will always contact you should your child become poorly at school.

A Christmas Offer



You have probably noticed our new bike rack which has been purchased because of the many children that ride bikes and scooters to school. Our school council and our ATAs are going to arrange some fundraising events to pay for the racks, as this was something the children were passionate about providing. Thank you to Mr. Lawson for arranging the fitting of these and loaning us the money!

St Michael's has partnered with BOLDCUBE to bring an exclusive 25% subsidy on their full range of scooters, from first rides to larger models. Use code BOLD-0IC2Z at the TrueToys.co.uk checkout.



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Celebration of Work

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their amazing work with the school in our Celebration Assembly:

Sycamore: Henry & Hudson
Willow Class: Theo
Cherry Class: Jack
Redwood Class: Rose
Elm Class: Scout & Louis
Beech Class: Sienna
Oak Class: Josh & Saffy

Celebration of our School Vision and Values

Thank you to the children listed below, for demonstrating our School Vision and Values:

Sycamore: Esme
Willow Class: Holly
Cherry Class: Luca
Redwood Class: Eliza
Elm Class: Macy
Beech Class: Alicia
Oak Class: Aurora

Handwriting of the week

We are so proud of our brilliant hand writers this week, they are:

Willow Class: Leo
Cherry Class: Khadija
Redwood Class: Zayne
Elm Class: Ronnie
Beech Class: Aidan
Oak Class: Max

Reading Plus Certificates (Elm & Beech Class)

Congratulations to Gracie, Henry and Carter who have been awarded their reading plus certificates in our celebration assembly. Keep up the great work!



What's On:

6.11.26 – Non-uniform day (PTA event)
- 1.30pm Stay & Play for pre-schoolers

13.11.26 – Children in Need
16.11.26 – Flu Nasal
- Odd Socks Day to Launch Anti-Bullying Week – 'Break the Silence'

17.11.26 – Year 1 Book Look 2.45pm
18.11.26 – Year 2 book Look 2.45pm
19.11.26 – Year 5 Book Look 2.45pm
20.11.26 – Year 6 Book Look 2.45pm
23.11.26 – Year 3 Book Look 2.45pm
24.11.26 – Year 4 Book Look 2.45pm
- PTA Wreath Making

25.11.26 – 9.15am Open Morning
27.11.26 – Light Switch On
30.11.26 – Occasional Day (School Closed)
- PTA Wreath Making

3.12.26 – PTA Wreath Making
4.12.26 – 1.30pm Stay and Play for pre-schoolers
8.12.26 – Open Morning for prospective parents
- Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

9.12.26 – KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.15am
10.12.26 - KS1 Nativity 9.15am
11.12.26 – KS1 Nativity 9.15am
14.12.26 – Reception Nativity Rehearsal
15.12.26 – Reception Nativity 9.15am
16.12.26 – KS2 Carol Service 9am
- Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner

17.12.26 – KS2 Carol Service 2pm
18.12.26 – School Finishes at 1.30pm