

Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high



Merry Christmas



It is safe to say we are all in the Christmas spirit here at school. The children were all A-MAZ-ING in their Christmas performances. We heard singing that raised the roof and some fantastic storytelling. This year, we had our first carol service at Christ Church in Woodford, which was a great success. The church was filled with festive cheer as our Year 3 children sang a range of songs from traditional carols to joyful seasonal songs. The children sang beautifully and made us all so proud, and really brought the true spirit of Christmas to life.

Today, the children had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a special **Christmas Drama Workshop** and what an amazing experience it was! The workshop was filled with laughter, creativity, and festive fun as the children explored acting, storytelling, and performance skills. From learning how to bring characters to life to working together on short Christmas-themed scenes, the energy and enthusiasm were truly inspiring.

A big **Thank You** to our amazing **PTA** for their contribution to the Pantomime 'Aladdin' that was performed in school today. Thank you so much to the PTA for treating the children to such a wonderful experience.

Tomorrow, the children will enjoy their **Winter Disco**, also funded by the PTA. The children can come to school in their disco clothes ready for festive activities, party games and lots of fun.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable break with your families. Have a great Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2026 for all the adventures our next term will bring. We will see you back in school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

A Big Thank You

I know I speak on behalf of all the staff at Woodford Primary School when I say a very heartfelt **Thank You** for all of the incredibly thoughtful gifts and beautiful messages we have received from our school families this week. Your words of thanks really do mean a great deal to us all.



Reading Workshop for Parents

A Reading Workshop for Parents will be held on Wednesday 21st January from 4pm to 5pm and is open to parents/carers from all year groups. We will share with you how children learn to read and how you can support your child at home with their reading. There will also be an opportunity to speak to the teachers and ask any questions you may have about your child's reading.

Become a Secret Reader!

We are excited to introduce our **Secret Reader** programme again for the Spring Term. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents, or family members to surprise the class by reading a favourite book to them.

Here's how it works:

- You choose a book your child loves or your child's class will enjoy.
- Keep it a secret from your child!
- Book a slot via the Parents Evening module (sorry we can't change the name!) on your MCAS App.

Having fun with reading and enjoying books is rooted in our **Reading for Pleasure** culture and we are looking forward to seeing you in school.



Autumn Term Mini Reports

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have received a short summary of your child's current attainment levels based on the end of this term's assessments. These are very short summaries which are purely intended to give you a quick snapshot of levels of attainment. We have also sent a simple guide on Understanding Your Child's Autumn Term Assessments. If you have any questions about your report or would like to discuss it in more detail, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Important Dates

19 th Dec	Winter disco – non-uniform day
19 th Dec	School closes for the end of term
5 th Jan	INSET – school closed for pupils
6 th Jan	School re-opens for all pupils
6 th Jan	14.45 Secret Reader session
7 th Jan	Pre-School Nursery Rhymes Day
7 th Jan	Reception Traditional Tales Day
8 th Jan	Reception NCMP screening programme
9 th Jan	14.40 Y3 Young Voices Parent Information Session
13 th Jan	14.45 Secret Reader session
20 th Jan	14.45 Secret Reader session
21 st Jan	16.00 Reading Workshop for Parents

For a full summary of 2025/26 dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed [here](#).



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness