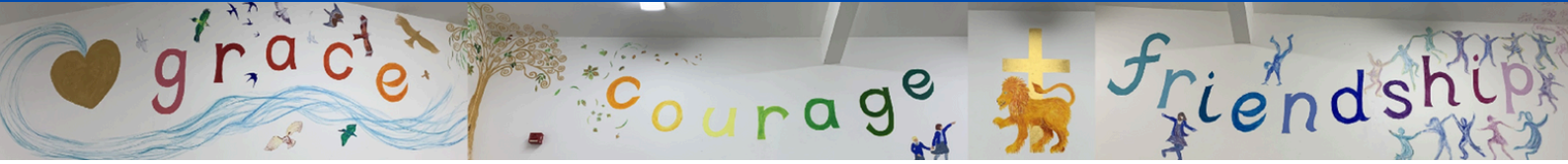




Robert Piggott CE Federation Newsletter

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Just like that, the first half term of the academic year has flown by! It has been a busy and exciting seven and a half weeks, filled with learning, activities, and community spirit.

We have had a great start to the year, and our website is now full of lovely photos capturing the children's experiences. These images are a great way to prompt conversations at home about what they have been learning and doing.

One of the most heartwarming moments this term was our beautiful Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church. The event was very well attended by parents, and the children spoke with confidence and clarity. The Infants gave a joyful performance filled with song, and for the first time, the Doves class took part - what a proud moment! A highlight of the service was the children's delightful re-enactment of pulling out the huge turnip, which brought smiles to everyone's faces.

We often describe our school as being at the heart of the community, and this term has truly reflected that. The number of volunteers, staff, and club leaders who are also school parents is a testament to the strong bonds we share.

A huge thank you goes to our PE team for organising the many sporting fixtures, and to all the parents who have helped - whether by giving lifts, assisting at events, or simply showing up to cheer. We are also grateful to those of you who have started coming in regularly to support reading. Your involvement makes a real difference.

This week marks our Parent Consultations. It is always a pleasure to welcome families into the school - many for the first time - to explore classrooms, view children's work, and speak with our dedicated teachers.

The upcoming half term is packed with exciting opportunities to come together again. We have included a schedule of events in this newsletter, and we encourage you to check the school calendar for additional key dates. We are also introducing a new school menu - details can be found further in the newsletter.

Please join us in wishing Mrs Stocker all the best as she moves on to a new role at another local school, she has had a huge impact on our schools, and she will be truly missed. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Storey will be back from maternity. She will be replacing Mrs Stocker in Robins' class. Finally, we send our warmest congratulations to Miss Trayte, who is getting married over the break and will return as Mrs Willett.

We wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to seeing all the children back again on Monday 3rd November 2025.



Ancient Egypt

This week saw the first of our Junior school visits to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians. There was art, statues and mummies to look at along with some interaction too.





Remembrance Poppies

The Royal British Legion has dropped off poppies and other items which will be in the offices of both school after half term.

Suggested donations are:-

£5 for the gold pins

£1 for everything else

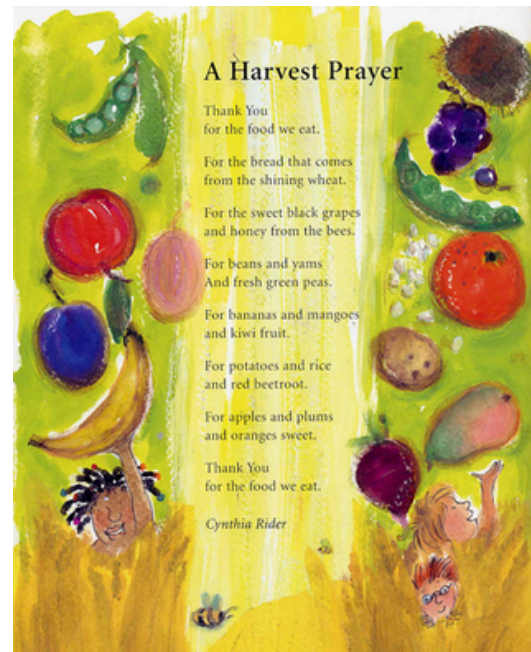
AUTUMN DATES

NOVEMBER

- 3rd School Resumes
- 5th Poplar, Oak & Willow to Ashmoleum Museum
- 6th Year 5/6 hockey qualifier 3.30pm by invitation
- 7th Willow Class Worship 2.30pm parents invited
- 7th Ash/PTA Class Cake Sale
- 7th Year 5/6 Girls' Football match 3.30pm by invitation
- 10th Year 5/6 Boys' Football match 3.30pm by invitation
- 10th School Council "Switch Off" fortnight begins
- 11th Remembrance Day assemblies
- 12th Phase 1 to Piggott School
- 13th Cross Country Race at 12.30pm by invitation
- 14th 8am School Council
- 14th PTA non-uniform day for donations
- 14th Year 5/6 hockey 3.30pm if qualify
- 18th Maths workshop for Year 2-4 parents at Juniors
- 19th Phase 2 to Piggott School
- 21st 8.30am Infant sibling & individual photographs
- 21st Woodpeckers Class Worship 2.30pm parents invited
- 28th Poplar Class Worship 2.30pm parents invited
- 29th PTA Christmas Fair

- 1st Year 4, 5 & 6 Games Festival by invitation
- 2nd Phase 2 Smartphone Free workshop
- 5th Infant Craft morning & Tree Decorating Assembly
- 8th Infant Salvation Army Gift Assembly
- 9th Infants to see The Comet at Norden Farm
- 10th 10am Year 4 Violin performance
- 12th 8am School Council
- 12th PTA/Doves Class Cake Sale
- 15th 2pm Infant Nativity (toddlers & young children welcome)
- 15th Juniors Interhouse Carol Competition
- 16th 9.30am Infant Nativity 2 adults per child welcome
- 16th Junior Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- 16th 6pm Carol Service at St Mary's Church
- 17th Juniors to see Mother Goose at South Hill Park
- 17th Infant Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- 17th Reports sent home
- 18th Infant Christingle Assembly in school
- 18th End of Term 1.20pm Juniors/1.30pm Infants

DECEMBER



A Harvest Prayer

Thank You
for the food we eat.
For the bread that comes
from the shining wheat.
For the sweet black grapes
and honey from the bees.
For beans and yams
And fresh green peas.
For bananas and mangoes
and kiwi fruit.
For potatoes and rice
and red beetroot.
For apples and plums
and oranges sweet.
Thank You
for the food we eat.

Cynthia Rider

Autumn Winter 2025 2026	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 03/11 24/11 15/12 19/01 09/02 09/03	Option One Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Plant Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
Dessert Cheese and Crackers	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Syrup Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Cookie	
WEEK TWO 10/11 01/12 05/01 26/01 23/02 16/03	Option One Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Spaghetti Bolognese	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce	
Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
Dessert NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
WEEK THREE 17/11 08/12 12/01 02/02 02/03 23/03	Option One Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	caribbean Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
Dessert Cornflake Tart	Apple & Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie	

MENU KEY

- Added Plant Protein
- Wholemeal
- Vegan
- Chef's Special

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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Attendance

Infant School 97.5%

Junior School 96.5%

Attendance expectation 96%

Please support this year in maintaining our attendance levels above the 96% mark.

Should your child drop below 90% you will be contacted by the School leadership team.

Train to Teach Information Evening

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2025

6:00PM - 7:00PM

Are you interested in kick-starting a new career in teaching?

If so, our Train to Teach event is the perfect opportunity for you to learn all you need to know about teacher training with Maiden Erlegh Institute. You can discover if teaching is right for you, find out how to apply and explore what funding is available.

Maiden Erlegh Institute offers training places at a variety of Primary, Secondary or SEND schools in Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell.

You could train at:

- Aldryington Primary School
- Birch Copse Primary School
- Birch Hill Primary School
- Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School
- The Forest School
- Great Hollands Primary School
- Jennett's Park CE Primary School
- John Rankin Federation
- Katesgrove Primary School
- Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge
- Maiden Erlegh School
- Maiden Erlegh School in Reading
- Oak Tree School (Primary or Secondary)
- Reading Girls' School
- Ridgeway Primary School
- Southcote Primary School
- Westwood Farm School
- Whitley Park Primary and Nursery
- UTC, Reading

How to sign up?

If you are interested in signing up to the Train to Teach Information Evening, please **scan the QR code** below or click **HERE** to complete the booking form.



Event Venue:

Maiden Erlegh School
Silverdale Road, Earley, RG6 7HS

You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

FOOTBALL & SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS

5-12 YEAR OLDS
9AM - 3PM
4 YEAR OLDS
9AM - 1PM
*DROP OFF FROM 8.30AM

AGES 4-12
YEARS
OLD

FROM
£18.50
PER
DAY



OUR VENUES

FOOTBALL

WOODLEY | WOODFORD PARK
BRACKNELL | GARTH HILL COLLEGE
CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WOKINGHAM | FLOREAT MONTAGUE

MULTI-SPORTS

CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
WINDSOR | HILLTOP FIRST SCHOOL
WOODLEY | SOUTH LAKE PRIMARY
ARBORFIELD | FARLEY HILL PRIMARY
BRACKNELL | ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY
MAIDENHEAD | ST LUKE'S PRIMARY
READING | NEW TOWN PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WHITLEY | GEOFFREY FIELDS JUNIORS



1st Wargrave Scouts will be back with a bang this year.

Saturday 1st November 2025

Gates 5pm: Suggested donation £10 family of four (cash)

Food and drink from 5.30pm: Hot dogs and burgers

Beer, mulled wine & cold drinks (cash or card)

Lighting of the bonfire 6pm, Fireworks 6.30pm.

Scouts will be selling glowsticks

We look forward to seeing you all there for our major fundraiser of the year.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST



Get ready to carve out some fun!
Join us for a spooktacular showdown of creativity, imagination, and pumpkin artistry.

Snap a photo of your carved masterpiece and email it to nikki.watson@reed.com to enter!
Let the pumpkin magic begin!

• Judging
After 10:00 AM
31 OCTOBER 25

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BOO!

GET ARTY!

WOODLEY LIBRARY
TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER
10.30AM TO 11.30AM

Come and join us for a fun session of arts & crafts.

This event is open to children aged 4 to 10.

£2 CHARGE
LIMITED SPACES,
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and click Events in the blue menu bar
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Discount: 10% off uniform with Brigade

Promo Code: PUMPKIN10

Live From: Friday 31st October at 12am

Ends: Sunday 2nd November at 11:59pm

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Woodley Concert Band

Children's Christmas Concert

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER at 3PM

Harriet Walter Theatre, Reddam House School, Wokingham





Gates open at 6:30pm Bonfire lit at approx. 7:30pm, Fireworks 8:00pm
King George's Recreation Ground, Twyford, RG10 9JA

**Free Child's Ticket (Year 6 and below)
& Firework Art Competition
Prizes in each Age Group**

Use the bottom half of this ticket to create a colourful fireworks picture for **free entry** on the gate and bring it to the Sponsors tent to **enter the Art competition.**

Theme is THROUGH the DECADES

We encourage the whole family (adults included) to wear a hat, mask or cape for charity.

Children must be accompanied by an paying adult. Adult tickets available in advance from <https://buytickets.at/twyfordroundtable> or use the **QR Code below**

All proceeds donated to charity Charity number 1076302. All tickets non refundable.

Name

School Name

Year

Contact Number

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Name the Gritter Competition – Get Creative and Win Big!

Ever wondered what keeps our roads safe during icy weather? Meet the gritter – a hardworking vehicle that spreads salt and grit to prevent ice from forming and help keep everyone safe on the move.

This winter, we're inviting schools and students across the region to take part in our exciting Name the Gritter competition!

Entry is completely **FREE!**

What's a Gritter?

Gritters are large vehicles equipped to spread salt and grit on roads during cold weather. They help reduce accidents and keep traffic flowing safely when temperatures drop and surfaces freeze.



What's the Challenge?

We want YOU to come up with a fun, creative, and memorable name for one of our gritters! Think puns, wintry wordplay, or something that makes people smile. Here are a few ideas to get your imagination going:

- Sir Grit-a-Lot
- Frosty McGrifface

What Can You Win?

The winning name will be proudly displayed on one of our gritting vehicles – making your idea part of our winter fleet!

But that's not all:

- The winning student will get the chance to see the gritter in person.
- They'll even be able to sit inside the cab, meet the team, and learn how it works.
- Their school will receive a special visit from the gritter, giving classmates a chance to see it up close too!

Tips for a Great Name

- Keep it short and catchy
- Make it winter-themed or road-safety related
- Use humour or clever wordplay
- Make it something people will remember!



How to Enter

Entries can be submitted by emailing alice.barnes@volkerhighways.co.uk and must include:

- The proposed name
- The student's name, age, and school
- A short explanation of why they chose the name

Deadline for entries: November 14th 2025

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Gritter name:

Name:

School and Class Name:

Year:

