

# CAM WOODFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

## GROW – EXPLORE – DISCOVER

Newsletter 14 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

It's been wonderful to see everyone back at school after the Easter break. The lovely weather has made it even more special, and the children have settled back into school life brilliantly. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us over the Bank Holiday weekend. We hope you all have a lovely long weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.



Did you see our wonderful mini marathon runners in the Gazette?

<https://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/26059941.cam-woodfield-pupils-go-extra-mile-school-fundraiser/>

We are so proud of all the children who have run or walked their own mini – marathon over the last three weeks. We are also very proud of Miss Johnson who has helped ignite a real passion for running for many of our children. There really is a buzz in school when it is marathon day! Miss Johnson is running her marathon this weekend and we wish her lots of luck. She has been training hard. Almost £1000 has been raised for our school funds. How fantastic is that?



We would be very grateful if all sponsorship money could come in to school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Thank you very much.

Thank you also to all the family members and friends who came to cheer the Year Ones and Twos as they ran around the field today. It is always special to have you join us in school.

We have had some work done in the playground recently. We have also got a new planter in the Year One outside area. We have more planters coming and are looking forward to planting all the plants that arrived this morning.



The children have been enjoying playing with our new toys during playtimes and are being reminded to be safe, respectful and ready. We have been practicing sharing and taking turns.

What a fantastic Magnificent Monarch Day the Year Twos had on Tuesday. The children looked absolutely amazing dressed up as princesses, kings, knights, dragons and more. They enjoyed a range of exciting activities throughout the day, bringing their topic to life. Thank you to all the families who helped make the day so special with such wonderful costumes!



### Important Reminders

#### **Lost Property**

With the warmer weather, children are taking off their jumpers and cardigans more frequently. Please help us reunite lost items with their owners by:

- Labelling all jumpers and cardigans with your child's name
- Labelling sun hats

#### **Water Bottles**

- Please ensure your child brings a **named water bottle to school every day**. Staying hydrated is important, especially as the weather gets warmer.

## Attendance – Requests for Holidays during term time

### Legalities of School Attendance.

In England, parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child receives full-time education, with compulsory attendance from the term after their 5th birthday.

Children must attend regularly—every session, every day—unless granted permission or if they are too ill. In line with the National Attendance Regulations, which informs the school's Attendance Policy, term time holidays cannot be authorised.

Absences related to family holidays will be recorded as unauthorised, with 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence triggering a potential £80–£160 Penalty Notice.

#### Important Information:

- The Penalty Notice is £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days (for the first penalty notice issued within a rolling three-year period).
- A second penalty notice issued within a rolling three-year period is payable at £160 for the full duration of the payment period.
- If the fine is not paid within 28 days, the matter may be escalated to the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, which could result in a criminal conviction and a fine of up to £1,000.
- There is no option for a third penalty notice to be issued within a rolling three year period; a third offence will proceed immediately to the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, which could result in a criminal conviction and a fine of up to £2,500.

We understand that family time is important, but we must also stress the importance of regular school attendance and the legal responsibilities placed on parents to ensure their child attends school regularly.

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please come in to school to see us so we can problem solve together so that your child has the best opportunities to learn and socialise with their peers.

Our whole school attendance is **93%**. The national school attendance is 94.8%.

Thank you for your continued support in making your child's attendance a priority.

### Dates

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|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May                              | BANK HOLIDAY – no school                                                      |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Please note date change | Reception Bake Sale at the end of the day. Any donations gratefully received. |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May am                          | Sports Day – parents invited to watch                                         |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May     | Half Term Holiday – School Closed                                             |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June                             | Back to School - Start of Summer Term 2                                       |
| Wb Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                          | Year One Phonics Screening Check                                              |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Parents are invited to join us for a whole school booknic                     |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July<br>3.40pm – 5pm          | Meet the teacher drop-in meetings                                             |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July pm                      | Year 2 Leavers Performance to parents                                         |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2pm                         | Last day of the academic year - Early Finish at 2pm.                          |