



Newsletter 3

Friday, 13th September 2024

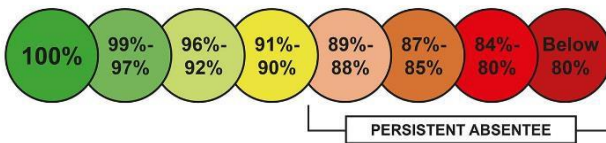
Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at school with all pupils continuing to settle well into their new classes.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



DFE research states:

‘Being in school is important to your child’s achievement, wellbeing, wider development.

Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Our research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn’t perform as well.’

High attendance will continue to be a priority for the 2024-25 academic year and we will always try and offer support where issues exist around a child obtaining strong attendance. The Department of Education has published new statutory documentation ‘Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024’ for schools which came into force from August 2024. The guidance makes it very clear that schools will very rarely be able to grant leave of absence for a child and that no holidays at all can be authorised within the school term. There is also a new framework for Fixed Penalty Notices and all unauthorised holidays will have to be fined. We will always try to work with our families and children to support attendance and any wider issues which is preventing a child securing strong attendance. We really do want to work with you to ensure a comprehensive approach so that that your child has the opportunity to benefit fully from their education. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at admin@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk or 01722 335849 if you need any clarification or support on attendance. Thank you for your continued support and well done to many of our children who had excellent attendance last year.

Also a reminder that in the morning:

- **School gates will open at 8.40am;**
- **School gates will be closed at 8.50am and anyone arriving after this time will need to bring their child(ren) in through the main office.**

Headteachers’ Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Eloise-May and Aaray (Y1); Isaac and Leo (Y2); Cody and Harley (Y3); Lillie-Mae and Alex (Y4); Alisha, Jayanna and Brooke (Y5); Nani and Summer (Y6).**

This week the awards are for kindness and producing excellent work. Huge congratulations to these children.

Today, **Blue House** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points and they had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 13.09.24				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	1	3	4
Y2	3.5	2	1	3.5
Y3	3	1	2	4
Y4	1	4	2	3
Y5	3	1	2	4
Y6	4	1	3	2
	16.5	10	13	20.5



Safeguarding – Online Safety

As part of our commitment to help you keep your child(ren) safe online please look under the Safeguarding tab in our Online Safety section - <https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Please click here for the latest **Online Safety Newsletter – September 2024** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The September issue looks at a variety of topics including App ideas for children, social media algorithms and how to check in on an iphone.

Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance.




This week **Maple Class** are the winners with an attendance of 97.1%.

Attendance Cup			
Date: 04/09/24 - 12/09/24			
	Class	%age	Pts
1	Maple	97.1	7
2	Ash	95.7	6
3	Beech	94.5	5
4	Cedar	94.4	4
5	Hazel	92.2	3
6	Willow	91.9	2
7	Acorn	88.8	1

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Dates for the Diary

New Reception Parents Meetings (YR)	Tuesday 24 th September	3.10pm-5.30pm
New Reception Parents Meeting (YR)	Wednesday 25 th September	3.10pm-5.30pm
Non-School Uniform Day - £1 donation	Friday 27 th September	All day
Key Stage 1 Music Day – Ash & Cedar Class	Friday 4 th October	All day
Harvest Festival 	Tuesday 15 th October	9.10am <i>All parents/carers are welcome – please enter via the hall doors</i>
Final day of Term 1	Tuesday 22 nd October	3.00pm (<i>usual finish time</i>)
TD Day	Wednesday 23rd October	School Closed to all pupils
First day of Term 2	Monday 4 th November	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>
Parents' Evening 1 (all classes)	Monday 11 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Parents' Evening 2 (all classes)	Wednesday 13 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Y5 Visit to the Tank Museum	Friday 15 th November	All day visit
Individual & Family Group Photos	Thursday 21 st November	am
Non-School Uniform Day – please bring a bottle for the Christmas Bazaar Tombola	Friday 29 th November	All day
KS2 Music Day	Friday 6 th December	All day
Y5 & Y6 Choir to St Thomas' Church for the Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 6 th December	am
Christmas Discos Acorn Class & Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	Friday 6 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1 – Y1 & Y2) 6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2 – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)
Acorn Class (Reception) Christmas Concert for parents	Tuesday 10 th December	2.00pm
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Ash Class (Y1) Parents	Wednesday 11 th December	2.00pm
Book at Bedtime – all pupils	Wednesday 11 th December	4.30pm-5.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils	Thursday 12 th December	All day
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Cedar Class (Y2) Parents	Thursday 12 th December	2.00pm
Woodlands Christmas Bazaar	Monday 16 th December	2.00pm in the school hall
Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i>	Wednesday 18 th December	Pm – No school lunches food to be provided
Final day of Term 2	Thursday 19 th December	1.00pm finish time
TD Day	Friday 20th December	School Closed to all pupils
First Day of Term 3	Monday 6 th January	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>

Kind regards,

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Matthew Kitley
Headteacher