



Newsletter 38

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. As this will be the 38<sup>th</sup> and last Newsletter of 2024-25 I would like to wish you all a happy Summer holiday. **Please note that the final day of term will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July with school closing at 1.00pm. Please note that Y6 Pupils will leave at 12.00pm.**

### Year 6 Leavers' Disco

The Y6 Leavers' Evening/Disco will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. I would like to say a huge



thank to who are kindly cooking and delivering delicious Margarita Pizza (at a discounted rate) for all of the Y6 children even though they are not normally open on a Monday!

### Attendance Focus

Earlier this week I sent out the first of what will now be a monthly Attendance Newsletter. For the 2025-26 Academic Year I will be setting an aspirational whole school attendance target of 96%. To achieve this figure we will need to work together to significantly improve our whole school attendance.

Did you know ..... There is NO legal entitlement in the law to take time off school to go on holiday. Taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling as much as any other absence. We expect parents to help us by not taking children away in school time.

### What are the rules for taking your children out of school during term time?

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable full-time education. You, as the parent or carer, are legally responsible for making sure your children attend on a regular basis.

The Department for Education (DfE) provide information for schools as to what is acceptable and what is not with regards to absence. Examples of reasons that would **not be accepted**:

- ❖ A birthday
- ❖ A shopping trip/day trips
- ❖ Brother or sister (or parent/carer) is ill so all the children in the family stay off school
- ❖ Not having uniform ready to wear or can't find shoes/coat etc
- ❖ A holiday in term time
- ❖ See a grandparent or family member
- ❖ Someone else booked the holiday dates and made a mistake

**If your child is going to be absent you must contact school between 8.30am and not later than 9.00am to let us know the reason why. (01722 335849 or email admin@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk)**

**If your child does not attend school on a regular basis, you may be fined or prosecuted in court.**

**A penalty notice for a 5 day (1 week) holiday would be £160 per child per parent (reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid in 21 days).**

## September 2025 Attendance Challenge

As a school we are continuously seeking ways to improve attendance, which is currently well below our target of **96%**. Our latest initiative is the **100% September 2025 Challenge!** If your child achieves 100% attendance in September then their name will be entered into a prize draw to win £10 worth of Tesco vouchers.



In order to meet the 100% challenge target children must attend school every day in September and be on time **every day**. If even one day is missed for **any reason** then unfortunately they will not meet the target.

**2 Lucky winners**  
**£10 Tesco**  
**Voucher**

**Come to school every day in September 2025. You have to be in it to win it!**

### **Curriculum Spotlight – Parental Engagement – Stay & Play Workshop**

On Monday it was great to have some of our Year 3 parents attending the stay and play workshop in the school hall. The children and parents had great fun taking part in a variety of activities. These included building a shelter, playing board games (eg. Chess and Chinese Checkers) and a variety of art and craft activities. This new initiative was very successful and we will look to plan similar sessions for other classes in the next academic year. Many thanks to Ms Garton for coming up with this new idea.







**Y6 Activity Week – Water Fun, Inflatable Obstacle Course and the Apprentice Costume Design Task**  
 Maple Class have enjoyed a fantastic week with a full range of exciting events!





### After-School Club

Sessions run from 3.00pm to 5.15pm. Please refer to the letter that has already been sent out for more information. Many thanks to Mrs Stokes, Mrs Collis and Mrs Swindlehurst for giving up their time to run this club. As you can see from the photos below the children have been enjoying a wide range of exciting activities.



### Late Pick-Ups

We are starting to have any increasing number of children who are not collected on time. If you are more than 10 minutes late then your child(ren) will be taken down to the after-school club and you will be charged for that session.

### Thank-you and Goodbye Mr Yeo

Sadly, Mr Yeo will leaving Woodlands at the end of the Summer Term. He will be hugely missed by all children, staff and parents. He has worked at Woodlands for over 20 years as a MDSA, Sports Coach and also more recently has also been in charge of our Grounds Maintenance. We wish him well in his new role as he looks to further expand his successful gardening business.

### Thank-you and Goodbye to Miss Clarke, Miss Turnbull and Mr Wakeman

As you already know next week we will be saying goodbye to Miss Clarke, Miss Turnbull and Mr Wakeman. Miss Clarke has been a key member of the team since joining Woodlands nearly 4 years ago and has helped to continually move the school onwards and upwards as our Deputy Head; particularly leading with great passion in the areas of Behaviour, Maths and teaching Year 6.

Miss Turnbull has been a fantastic asset to our school community, serving as both our Year 2 Teacher and one of our school SENCOs. Her dedication and passion for education have made a significant impact on our pupils, and I know you will all join me in wishing her every success in her new role.

Additionally, Mr Wakeman, who has been a valued member of our school over the past two years, will be moving on to pastures new. His contributions to our school have been greatly appreciated, and I am confident that he will continue to thrive in his new role.

These changes present an exciting opportunity for growth and development at Woodlands and we have a strong and experienced teaching team lined up for September, ready to provide the highest quality of education for our pupils.

### Breakfast Club – upcoming special activities for Term 6

As well as the normal activities on offer during Breakfast Club sessions Mrs Giles and Mrs Upshall have been planning some extra special activities that will take place during Term 6. ***It is important to note that some of the activities require us to buy ingredients and materials in advance so pre-booking is essential to ensure that your child will be able to take part.***

Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Continental Breakfast
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*The children attending Breakfast Club had a wonderful time making their own flat wrap tortilla Breakfast Pizzas!*



### Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Amiya-Rose** and **Elliott** (FS2); **Rylee** and **Aaryah** (Y1); **Jayden, Theo** and **Tobi** (Y2); **Amirah** and **Kathryn Baker** (Y3); **Vlad** and **Kseniia** (Y4); **Nikol, Arwen** and **Jonathan** (Y5); **All of Y6** because of their brilliant work in the **Apprentice Fashion Design Challenge** (Y6). This week the awards are for **Aspiration** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children.

**Kindness, Community, Respect** and **Resilience** form our other core values.

### 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 – July 2025** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). Parental Controls on the Ninetendo Switch 2 and the dangers of online challenges are two focus areas for the July Newsletter.

Today, **Red** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points. They enjoyed an extra playtime today.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 18.07.25				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	1	4	3	2
Y2	2	3	4	1
Y3	3	1	2	4
Y4	1	4	3	2
Y5	1	4	2	3
Y6	2	1	4	3
	10	17	18	15



**Class Attendance Cup** – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. This week **Ash Class** are the **weekly winners** and the **winners for Term 6** with an impressive 34 points.

### The Attendance Cup – Term 6 - Final Week

14/07/25 - 16/07/25

1. Beech
2. Ash
3. Maple
4. Cedar
5. Willow
6. Hazel
7. Acorn

Term 6 - Final Week - League Table			Pts
1	Ash		40
2	Beech		38
3	Willow		32
4	Cedar		30
5	Hazel		25
6	Maple		21
7	Acorn		11

### **Exciting News – Easyfundraising**

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us by scanning the QR code or clicking on the link



[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodlands-primary-school-2c0202d2449545fe81dd6b3b/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=email-1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodlands-primary-school-2c0202d2449545fe81dd6b3b/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1)

So next time you shop on Amazon, you could just be helping the school! All these easy donations mean, we are able to subsidize trips and activities for your children

For every person that signs up, Woodlands will receive a bonus payment. So please share this with friends and relatives.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Y6 Activities Week	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year 6 Leavers' Evening / Disco	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	5.00pm – 7.00pm in the School Hall
Year 6 Leavers' Service for Y6 Parents	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15am in the School Hall
Final Day of Term 6	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	School Closes at 1.00pm for all pupils and at 12.00pm for Y6 pupils.
TD Day – School Closed	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Summer Holiday	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July to Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	School Closed
TD Day 1 – School Closed	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	School Closed
TD Day 2 – School Closed	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	School Closed
First Day of Term 1 for the 2025-26 Academic Year for all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6.	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Gates Open at 8.40am
First Day of Term for Oak Tree Nursery and Reception (Acorn Class)	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	

Kind regards,

*M Kitley*

**Matthew Kitley**  
**Headteacher**