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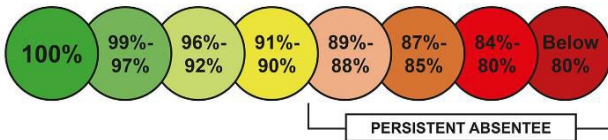
Friday, 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.'


September 2025 Attendance Challenge

As a school we are continuously seeking ways to improve attendance. 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!



High attendance is the number 1 priority on the Woodlands School Development Plan for the 2025-26 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 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.

Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. I am pleased to report that this week we have achieved our whole school attendance target with an overall attendance of 96%. This week **Cedar Class** are the weekly winners with an impressive attendance of 99.3%.

The Attendance Cup

1. Cedar 99.3%
2. Acorn 97.6%
3. Maple 97.5%
4. Beech 95.4%
5. Willow 94.4%
6. Hazel 92.8%
7. Ash 90.6%

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Breakfast Club

We have had a very successful first two weeks of Breakfast Club. All sessions run from 7.15am to 8.40am. All the children who have attended have enjoyed a healthy breakfast and a variety of exciting activities. Spaces are still available for next week so please book as soon as possible to secure a place for your child(ren). Many thanks to Mrs Giles and Mrs Upshall for making sure the children have great fun!

After-School Club

We have also had a very successful first two weeks of after-school club. Sessions run from 3.00pm to 5.15pm (Mon-Thurs). Many thanks to Mrs Stokes, Mrs Collis and Mrs Swindlehurst for organising a range of exciting activities.

Today, **Yellow House** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points and they will have an extra playtime on Monday afternoon next week. Very well done.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 12.09.25				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	3	1	4
Y2	1	3	2	4
Y3	1	4	2	3
Y4	3.5	1	2	3.5
Y5	1	4	2	3
Y6	3	4	2	1
	11.5	19	11	18.5



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Peyton-James** and **Oliver H** (FS2); **Ivy** and **Alfie H** (Y1); **Viktoriia** and **Jayden** (Y2); **Pixie-May** and **Leo** (Y3); **Maggie** and **Jasmine D** (Y4); **Vlad** and **Harley Y** (Y5); **Jonathan** and **Ashleigh** (Y6).


This week the awards are for **kindness** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children who have shown themselves to be great role-models.

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 2025** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The September issue looks at a variety of topics including the Online Safety Act, Online Scams and Artificial Intelligence.

Dates for the Diary

Y5 Visit to Salisbury Cathedral to take part in the Music Matters Concert	Thursday 25 th September	Arrive at Salisbury Cathedral School for 4.30pm
New Reception Parents Meetings (YR)	Tuesday 30 th September	3.10pm-5.30pm
New Reception Parents Meeting (YR)	Wednesday 1 st October	3.10pm-5.30pm
Non-School Uniform Day - £1 donation	Friday 26 th September	All day
Harvest Festival 	Tuesday 14 th October	9.10am <i>All parents/carers are welcome – please enter via the hall doors</i>
Y3 Visit to Stonehenge	Wednesday 15 th October	All day visit
Final day of Term 1	Tuesday 21 st October	3.00pm (<i>usual finish time</i>)
TD Day	Wednesday 22nd October	School Closed to all pupils
First day of Term 2	Monday 3 rd November	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>
Parents' Evening 1 (Y1-Y6 – but not FS2)	Monday 10 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Parents' Evening 2 (Y1 -Y6 – but not FS2)	Wednesday 12 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Children In Need Day – wear something dotty - £1 donation	Friday 14 th November	All day
Y5 Visit to the Tank Museum	Monday 17 th November	All day visit
Individual & Family Group Photos	Thursday 20 th November	am
Non-School Uniform Day – please bring a bottle for the Christmas Bazaar Tombola	Friday 28 th November	All day
Christmas Book at Bedtime – all pupils	Wednesday 3 rd December	4.30pm-5.00pm
Y5 & Y6 Choir to St Thomas' Church for the Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 5 th December	am
Acorn Class (Reception) Christmas Concert for parents	Tuesday 9 th December	2.00pm
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Ash Class (Y1) Parents	Wednesday 10 th December	2.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils	Thursday 11 th December	All day
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Cedar Class (Y2) Parents	Thursday 11 th December	2.00pm
Christmas Discos Acorn Class & Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	Friday 12 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1 – Y1 & Y2) 6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2 – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6)
Woodlands Christmas Bazaar	Monday 15 th December	2.00pm in the school hall
Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i>	Wednesday 17 th December	Pm – No school lunches food to be provided
Final day of Term 2	Thursday 18 th December	1.00pm finish time
TD Day	Friday 19th December	School Closed to all pupils
First Day of Term 3	Monday 5 th January	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>

Kind regards,

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