



Newsletter 5

Friday, 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Non-School Uniform Day

Many thanks to all parents for your generous donations in support of our non-school uniform day. We have raised £112 which will be used to reduce the cost of school trips throughout the school year.

School Council

Our newly elected School Councillors met for their first meeting on Wednesday. It was such a pleasure to present our proud members with their school council badges and to see the enthusiasm they are bringing to their new roles. The School Council members were introduced to everybody in our celebration assembly today. We have a clear action plan for the year featuring all sorts of important priorities; this includes creating child-friendly safeguarding posters, fundraising ideas, attendance incentives and improvements to our school garden. The children are raring to go so we will be sure to keep you updated on their progress! Many thanks to Mrs Sammons for leading the School Council and making sure that they give every child in the school a voice.



Attendance

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!

Year 5 & Year 6 Girls' Football Team

On Wednesday our Girls' Football Team took part in the Salisbury Schools' Football Festival. We were very proud of all of the team and the way that they represented the school with such pride and passion. A particular shout-out to Chloe who was given a special award for **showing a high level of self-belief**.



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 hit our whole school attendance target with an overall attendance of 96%. This week **Cedar Class** are the weekly winners for the 3rd week in a row with an impressive attendance of 98.4%.

The Attendance Cup – Wk 3

Data from 18/09/25 to 25/09/25

1. Cedar 98.4%
2. Maple 97.6%
3. Hazel 97.3%
4. Willow 97.0%
5. Acorn 96.7%
6. Beech 95.4%
7. Ash 95.2%

Term 1 - Week 3 - League Table			Pts
1	Cedar		21
2	Maple		16
3	Hazel		13
4	Acorn		12
5	Willow		11
6	Beech		7
7	Ash		4

Attendance Matters



Flu Immunisations – Thursday 6th November

Flu Immunisations will take place in school on Thursday 6th November. Information leaflets have gone out this week to all pupils in YR to Y6 asking parents to sign up to give their consent. **This is done using the QR code on the front of the leaflet using the school code printed below the QR code.** Pupils in Oak Tree Nursery are eligible to be immunised via their GP.

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!

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 the Autumn Term. ***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.***

W/C Monday 29th September	
Tues 30 th September	Smoothies
Thurs 2 nd October	Cheese Straws (please book)
W/C Monday 6th October	
Tues 7 th October	Slime Making
Thurs 9 th October	Mindful Yoga
W/C Monday 13th October	
Tues 14 th October	Making Musical Instruments
Thurs 16 th October	Around the World Breakfast
W/C Monday 20th October	
Tues 21 st October	Making chocolate apples, bats and spiders
BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES	



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. **Please make sure you book in advance so that we can make sure all of the sessions are staffed.**



After School Club

We are proud to be able to offer additional wrap around care for your child/ren. Woodlands now has an exciting After School Club that is run by members of our fantastic Teaching Assistant Team.

Our after school club has a wide variety of activities, including:

- Movie and popcorn
- Card and board games
- Arts and crafts
- Bracelet making
- Slime creations
- Baking fun
- Outdoor activities (weather permitting)
- Themed afternoons
- ... And much more!

Currently available Monday to Thursday

Session 1 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Session 2 - 4:00 pm - 5:15pm

Snacks provided at every session.



Secondary School Places for September 2026

If your child is due to start **secondary school** in September 2026, you must apply for a place by **31st October 2025**.

New YR (Reception) Woodlands Primary School Places for September 2026

If you have a child who is due to start **primary school** in September 2026, you must apply for a place by **January 15th 2026**.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like support with your application as it is best to avoid late applications.

Please ring the Woodlands Primary office (01722) 335849 and speak to Mrs Williams to book a tour of the school.

For both Secondary and Primary places apply via the Parent Portal on the Wiltshire Council website.

Today, **Blue 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: 26.09.25				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	3	1	2	4
Y2	1	4	2	3
Y3	4	2	1	3
Y4	4	2.5	1	2.5
Y5	1.5	1.5	3	4
Y6	3	4	1	2
	16.5	15	10	18.5



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Primrose** and **Deon** (FS2); **Waide** and **Theo** (Y1); **Poppy** and **Odin** (Y2); **Isaac** and **Phoenix** (Y3); **Nawa** and **Louie** (Y4); **Zoya** and **Joey-Lee** (Y5); **Nikol** and **James** (Y6).


This week the awards are for **aspiration** 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

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
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 – no donations in school	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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