



Newsletter 6

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Harvest Festival collection for the Trussell Trust Foodbank**

Our **Harvest Festival Assembly for parents** will take place on **Tuesday 14th October at 9.10am** (please enter via the hall doors). This year we will again be supporting the Trussell Trust. The Trussell Trust Foodbank provides short term emergency food to local people in crisis.

In Salisbury, food banks in the Trussell community distributed

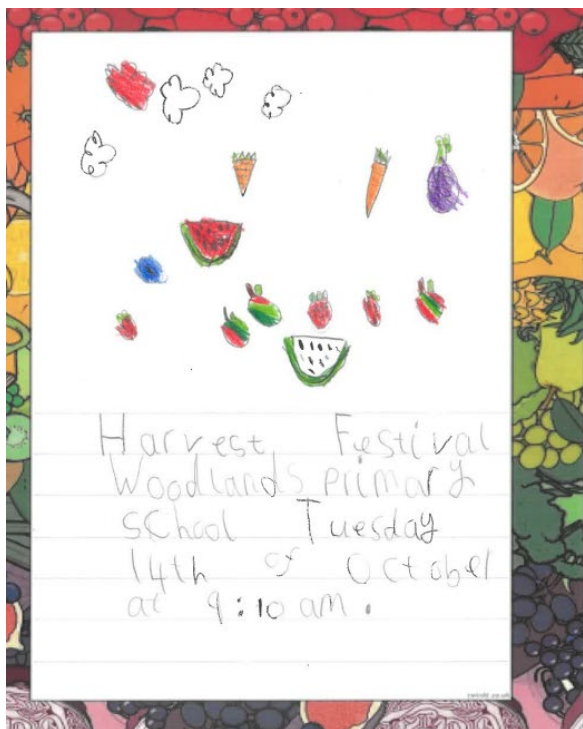
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 **5,745 food parcels**

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to people facing hardship between April 2024 and March 2025.  
2,139 of these were for children.

This vital support makes a real difference to the lives of people in Salisbury during times of personal crisis / hardship.



In 2023-25 the Salisbury foodbank has experienced demand to their service beyond anything they have seen in previous years. **This represents a 300% increase in demand when compared with 2017-18.**

- 37% of the people the Trussell Trust support in Salisbury are children.
- Each food parcel contains 9 meals per recipient.
- The food is free of charge to the recipient.

### **Please can you assist this work by bringing tinned or dried food for our Harvest Festival.**

Urgently needed items are breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned veg, rice, pasta, sugar, UHT milk and fruit juice. All food needs to be in date and undamaged. Please can children start bringing in food from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October onwards – please deliver to your child's class;

**Many thanks to Viktoriia and Rene in Year2 for their excellent Harvest Festival posters. I have also attached a Trussell Trust shopping list that will go out with this Newsletter.**

### **Bikeability**

Our Year 6 students took part in Bikeability - an important cycling scheme designed to keep them safe on the roads. They practised basic bike handling, signalling, and understanding road signs. As part of the training, they also gained confidence in navigating different types of traffic situations, both in controlled environments and on real roads. By the end of the program, students were better equipped to ride safely and responsibly, with a greater awareness of road safety and the rules of the road. Many of our younger pupils took part in a training scheme using Balance Bikes. Bikeability Reports will be sent out next week.



### **School Council**

Our newly elected School Councillors met for their second meeting on Wednesday. This was another very successful meeting and they spent most of the time re-designing the child friendly Woodlands Safeguarding Poster. They had some lovely ideas. We will be looking forward to seeing the finished product when it is published.





### Attendance

Today we held the Prize Draw for all children who have had 100% attendance for the whole of September. All of these pupils had their names fed into a computer and they were then able to take part in a virtual "Duck Race". Each child was assigned to a Duck and the two race winners were randomly chosen by the computer. Alisha and Anna-Lea were this month's lucky winners. Following the success of this initiative there will now be another **Prize Draw for pupils who achieve maximum attendance in October**. There are only 15 school days in October so most children should be able to achieve this target and be entered into the four Prize Draws for a £10 voucher. This time there will be a wider range of vouchers for the winning child/parent to choose from.

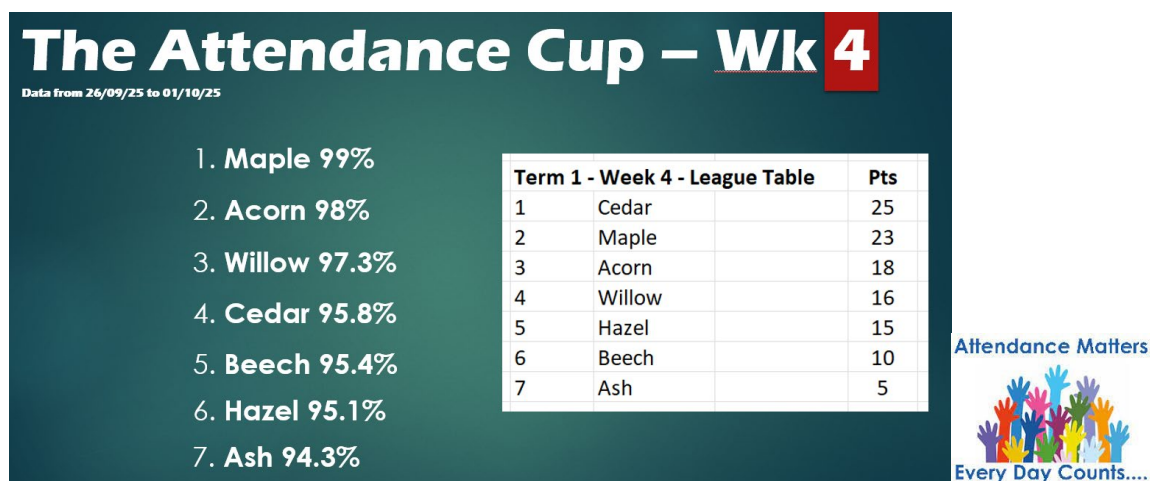


### Year 5 & Year 6 Mixed Football Team

On Tuesday our Mixed 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 Ruben who managed to save a penalty with a spectacular dive!



**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 are again on track to reach our whole school attendance target with an overall attendance of 96% from Monday to Wednesday. This week **Maple Class** are the weekly winners with an impressive attendance of 99%.



### **Flu Immunisations – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Flu Immunisations will take place in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.***

<b>W/C Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Painting
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Mindful Yoga
<b>W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Making Musical Instruments
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Around the World Breakfast
<b>W/C Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Making chocolate apples, bats and spiders
<b>BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES</b>	

### **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.**

### **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, **Green 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: 03.10.25				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	3	4	1	2
Y2	4	3	2	1
Y3	3	2	1	4
Y4	1	4	3	2
Y5	4	2	1	3
Y6	4	3	1	2
	19	18	9	14



#### Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Sofia B, Sofia N and Benji** (FS2); **Amiya-Rose and Alfie B-S** (Y1); **Bradley and Emil** (Y2); **Casey and Seth** (Y3); **Amelia and Charlie** (Y4); **Oscar, Adikh and Ella** (Y5); **Georgia and Stephen** (Y6).

This week the awards are for **respect** 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 – October 2025** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#).

The October issue looks at a variety of topics including You Tube Safety Controls, the risks involved when using Artificial Intelligence and the dangers of children using WhatsApp.

## Dates for the Diary

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

Kind regards,

*M Kitley*

Matthew Kitley

Headteacher



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## **AMESBURY**

**Where:** Amesbury Baptist Church  
Amesbury, SP4 7SN

**When:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Time:** 4-6 Years - 4.15-5.45pm  
6-18 Years - 4.30 - 7.30pm



Salisbury & Amesbury

## **FREE TASTER SESSION**

Help your child discover the  
performing arts!

To join us for a FREE Taster  
session scan the QR code or  
enrol at  
[www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury)

## **SALISBURY**

**Where:** Greentrees Junior School,  
Salisbury, SP1 3PG

**When:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 4-6 Years - 11.15-12.45pm or  
13.45-15.15pm  
6-18 Years - 2.00-5.00pm