



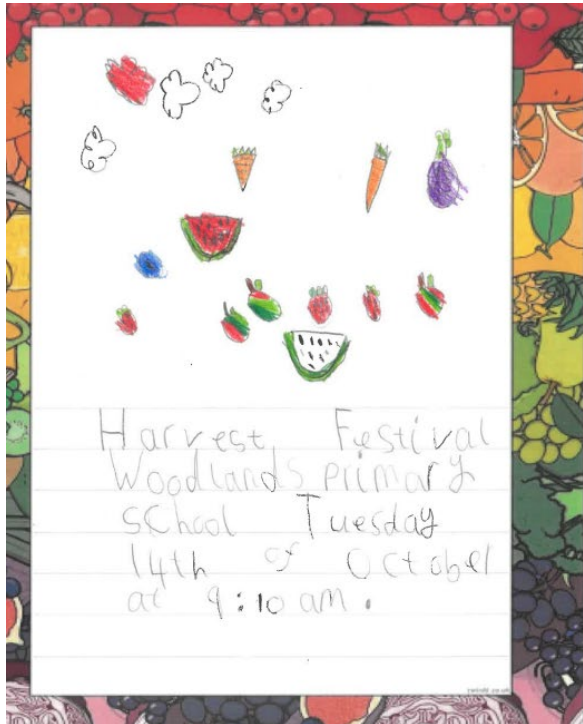
Newsletter 7

Friday, 10th 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. 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 6th October onwards – please deliver to your child's class;

Many thanks to Viktoriia and Rene in Year 2 for their excellent Harvest Festival posters. I have also attached a Trussell Trust shopping list that will go out with this Newsletter.

Attendance

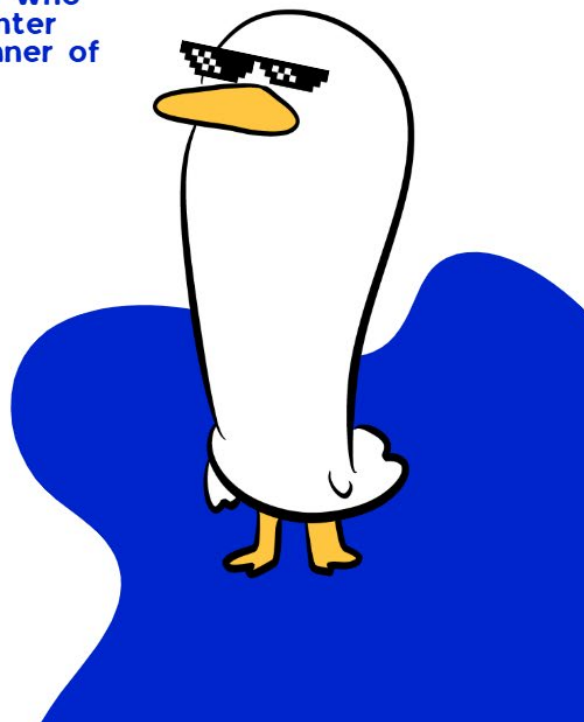
Following the success of the September 100% Attendance Duck Race there will now be another **Prize Draw for pupils** who **achieve maximum attendance in October**. There are only 15 school days in October so most children should be able to achieve this target and be entered into the four Prize Draws for a £10 voucher. This time there will be a wider range of vouchers for the winning child/parent to choose from.

There are 15 school days in October. Every child who is in school every day will have a chance to enter the Duck Race! There will be 4 races and the winner of each race will receive a £10 voucher*.

October 100% Attendance Duck Race!



*** The winners will be able to choose from a range of vouchers / suppliers.**



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 close to our whole school attendance target with an overall attendance of 95.5% from Monday to Thursday. This week **Acorn Class** are the weekly winners with an **impressive attendance of 98.4%**. I am so impressed that our youngest children have won the league this week and they are all fantastic attendance role models!

The Attendance Cup – Wk 5

Data from 03/10/25 to 09/10/25

1. **Acorn 98.4%**
2. **Cedar 98.1%**
3. **Ash 98%**
4. **Hazel 96.4%**
5. **Willow 95%**
6. **Maple 94.2%**
7. **Beech 92.6%**

Term 1 - Week 5 - League Table			Pts
1	Cedar		31
2	Maple		25
	Acorn		25
4	Hazel		19
	Willow		19
6	Beech		11
7	Ash		10

Attendance Matters



Flu Immunisations – Thursday 6th November

Flu Immunisations will take place in school on Thursday 6th November. Information leaflets have already gone out 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.

The School Council

The School Council have made a great start to the new school year and have already designed two child friendly Pupil Safeguarding Posters (please see the posters below). Many thanks to Mrs Sammons and all children on the School Council.

Need to talk? Need someone to listen?

Not feeling safe?

Something worrying you?

Worried about someone you care about?

Need help with a problem?

Something making you feel uncomfortable?

Or

Is something just not right?

Worries

Problems

Shared

Who can I talk to?

Mr Kitley (Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Your Class Teacher or Class Teaching Assistant

Mrs Hollands, Julie P, Miss James & Mrs Stokes (DDSLs)

Mrs Payne – School ELSA

Ms Garton – THRIVE leader & DDSL

A grown-up at Lunchtime

Mrs Cornell or Mrs Williams – in the School Office



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I'm so glad I asked for help.

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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 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.**

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, **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: 10.10.25				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	4	3	1
Y2	1	3	4	2
Y3	4	1	2	3
Y4	3	4	2	1
Y5	1.5	3	1.5	4
Y6	4	3	1	2
	15.5	18	13.5	13



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Rory** and **Freddie** (FS2); **Hugo** and **Noelani** (Y1); **Lily** and **Teodor** (Y2); **Taiba** and **Willow** (Y3); **Kai Barnes** and **Layla-Mai** (Y4); **Kseniia** and **Ruben** (Y5); **Rose**, **Alisha** and **Ayesha** (Y6).

This week the awards are for **resilience** 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 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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Matthew Kitley

Headteacher



Woodlands Birthdays

On your birthday:

- Wear your own clothes to school.
- Visit Mr Kitley to collect your birthday treat.
- Sit on the Birthday Bench during Headteacher's Awards.



What if my birthday is at the weekend?

- We will celebrate your birthday on the Friday BEFORE your birthday.
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What if my birthday is in the holidays?

- We will celebrate your birthday on the last day of term before the holidays.





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.





Breakfast Club

Welcome to the Woodlands Breakfast Club!

Come and join us for a **delicious, healthy breakfast** and lots of fun activities.

Available from 7:15am Monday to Friday for children in Year R to Year 6.

Please enquire in the school office for more information.