

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & OAK TREE FOUNDATION UNIT

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the final Newsletter of Term 1 I would like to wish you all a happy half-term. Also, a reminder that the final day of term is Tuesday 21st October and half-term starts on Wednesday 22nd October. We look forward to seeing the children for the start of Term 2 on Monday 3rd November. There will be another attendance prize draw for November and every child that attends for all 20 days in November will be entered into the duck race! Many thanks to all children who have qualified for the September and October duck races.

We would also like to wish our Year 5 teacher Mrs May good luck for her wedding on Friday 24th October when she will officially become Mrs May.

Harvest Festival Assembly & Collection for the Trussell Trust Foodbank

It was great to see so many parents at our Harvest Festival Assembly on Tuesday. I am delighted to report that we were able to donate 133.6 kg of food due to the generosity of Woodlands' Parents and Carers.



PTA Relaunch - calling all parents and carers!



Spotlight on the Curriculum - Y3 Hazel Class Visit to Stonehenge

On Wenesday Hazel Class enjoyed an exciting visit to Stonehenge. The children experienced the unforgettable atmosphere of the Stone Circle and followed in the footsteps of the prehistoric people who lived here 4,000 years ago as they walked among the Neolithic houses. They also found out what it takes to move a mighty Sarsen stone – the answer was at least 100 people! The children were so focussed and this was proved by the fact a member of the public telephoned the school to say how impressed they were with our children. Many thanks to Mrs Roderick for organising such a intersting and successful trip and this will be the launch pad for the Stone Age to Iron Age History topic.

Achievements outside of school

Congratualtions to Lily who has gained a Blue Peter Badge because she gnerously donated some hair to the Little Princess Trust and Lyla-Lynn who has achieved a Doorstep Sports Club Positive Role Model Award.



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. **The draw will take place next week on Tuesday 21st October.**



Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. Sadly, this week for the first time this term we have not reached our attendance target of 96% and the overall figure has been 93%. This week Hazel Class are the weekly winners with a good attendance of 96.4%.

1. Hazel 96.4%	Term 1 - Week 6 - League Table		Pts	
2. Beech 95.4%	1	Cedar		36
2. Beech 75.4 %	2	Maple		29
3. Cedar 94%	3	Acorn		26
4 Marsla 00 797		Hazel		26
4. Maple 92.7%	5	Willow		21
5. Ash 92.5%	6	Beech		17
6. Willow 91.1%	7	Ash		13

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.

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Woodlands Instagram Account

This week we launched our school Instagram page. If you haven't yet, please search Woodlands Primary or click on the QCR code below and follow us to stay up to date with all the wonderful things happening in school.



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.

Tues 21st October	Making chocolate apples, bats and spiders			
BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES				



Fiji Day – 10th October

Last weekend Noelani and Di'Ana celebrated Fiji Day. This year it was a particularly special event because it was 55 years since Fijian independence in 1970. The girls got to meet the President of Fiji when he visited Armed Forces Personnel at the Tidworth Army Base.



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 for the second week in a row and they will have an extra playtime on Monday afternoon next week. Very well done.

Team Po	ints Cup			
Date: 17	.10.25			
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	4	3	1
Y2	4	1	3	2
Y3	2	4	1	3
Y4	1.5	3	4	1.5
Y5	4	3	1	2
Y6	2	3	1	4
	15.5	18	13	13.5



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Benji** and **Hudson** (FS2); **Arnie** and **Fionn** (Y1); **Rylee** and **Johnas** (Y2); **Pixie** and **the whole** class because of their excellent attitude during the Stonehenge Trip (Y3); **Jerome** and **Frank** (Y4); **Lillie-Mae**, **Ella** and **Freddie** (Y5); **Lacey** and **Tamsin** (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** -> <u>Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery.</u>
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

Final day of Term 1	Tuesday 21st October	3.00pm (usual finish time)
TD Day	Wednesday 22 nd October	School Closed to all pupils
First day of Term 2	Monday 3 rd November	8.50am (usual start time)
	·	Gates open 8.40am
PTA Meeting - relaunch	Tuesday 4 th November	2.30pm (please see the flyer)
Parents' Evening 1 (Y1-Y6 – but not FS2/Acorn)	Monday 10 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Parents' Evening 2 (Y1 -Y6 – but not FS2/Acorn)	Wednesday 12 th November	3.10pm-5.30pm
Children In Need Day – wear something dotty –	Friday 14 th November	All day
no donations in school		
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	Friday 28 th November	All day
for the Christmas Bazaar Tombola		
Christmas Book at Bedtime – all pupils	Wednesday 3 rd December	4.30pm-5.00pm
Y5 & Y6 Choir to St Thomas' Church for the	Friday 5 th December	am
Christmas Tree Festival		
Acorn Class (Reception) Christmas Concert for	Tuesday 9 th December	2.00pm
parents		
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	Friday 12 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1 – Y1 & Y2)
Acorn Class & Key Stage 1		6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2 – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6)
Key Stage 2		
Woodlands Christmas Bazaar	Monday 15 th December	2.00pm in the school hall
Christmas Parties – children can wear a	Wednesday 17 th December	Pm – No school lunches food to be
Christmas jumper on this day		provided
Final day of Term 2	Thursday 18 th December	1.00pm finish time
TD Day	Friday 19 th December	School Closed to all pupils
First Day of Term 3	Monday 5 th January	8.50am (usual start time)
		Gates open 8.40am

Kind regards,

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Matthew Kitley Headteacher





 We will celebrate your birthday on the Friday BEFORE your birthday.



What if my birthday is in the holidays?

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







