



Newsletter 9

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! We've had a wonderfully calm and positive first week back after the half-term break, and it's been lovely to see the children settle straight back into school life. We were also delighted to welcome visitors from Specsavers Opticians, who spent time in school helping to promote the importance of looking after our eyesight.

We're pleased to say that attendance has improved this week – a big thank you to all families for supporting us with this. However, we still need to keep aiming high! Every school day really does count, so let's keep working together to make sure all children are in school, on time, every day.

Here's to another great week ahead!



**Specsavers Visit to Woodlands**

We would like to say a huge thank you to the team from Specsavers for giving up their time to spend a morning with us here at Woodlands. They carried out mini eye checks with the children and taught them all about eye health and how to look after their sight. The visit was a fantastic way to raise awareness of how important good eyesight is for learning and everyday school life. A reminder that NHS eye tests are free for all children, so if you think your child may need a check-up, please do book an appointment. Even small sight issues can affect reading, writing and concentration, so early detection really does make a difference. Thank you again to Specsavers for their support!





## Children In Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Next week, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating *Children in Need* by inviting all pupils and staff to come to school wearing spots. There is no cost to take part, so everyone can join in the fun! If families would still like to make a donation, this can be done easily by using the QR code above. We're looking forward to a bright, spotty, and cheerful day in support of a wonderful cause!

### Attendance

Following the success of the September and October 100% Attendance Duck Races there will now be another **Prize Draw for pupils who achieve maximum attendance in November**. There are 20 school days in November so most children should be able to achieve this target and be entered into the four Prize Draws for a £10 voucher.

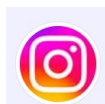
**Class Attendance Cup** – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. This week our overall attendance figure is 95% which is close to our target of 96%. This week **Hazel Class** are the weekly winners with a **good attendance of 97.3%**. **Congratulations to Cedar Class who are the termly Attendance Cup Champions for Term 1. They will enjoy a class treat to celebrate this impressive achievement.**

## The Attendance Cup – **Wk 1**

Data from 03/11/25-06/11/25

1. Hazel 97.3%
2. Beech 97.2%
3. Willow 96.4%
4. Cedar 95.2%
5. Maple 94.8%
6. Acorn 91.1%
7. Ash 89.5%

Attendance Matters



### Woodlands Instagram Account

Our school Instagram page is now up and running. If you haven't yet, please search Woodlands Primary or click on the QR 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.**

### 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.**

### 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 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 third week in a row and they will have an extra playtime on Monday afternoon next week. Very well done.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 07.11.25				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	4	3	1
Y2	4	3	1	2
Y3	2	4	1	3
Y4	1	3	4	2
Y5	4	2	1	3
Y6	2.5	2.5	1	4
	15.5	18.5	11	15



### **Headteachers' Awards**

Today, we celebrated: **Arlo and Willow (FS2); Hala and Layla (Y1); Arla-Rose, Odin and Eloise-May (Y2); Taoiba and Theo (Y3); Autumn and Ella-Mai (Y4); Margaret, Evie Barnes and Darcie-Mae (Y5); Joshua, Jaxson and AJ (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 – 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

<b>Children In Need Day – wear something dotty – no donations in school</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	All day
<b>Y5 Visit to the Tank Museum</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	All day visit
<b>Individual &amp; Family Group Photos</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	am
<b>Non-School Uniform Day – £1 donation</b>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	All day
<b>Christmas Book at Bedtime – all pupils</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	4.30pm-5.00pm
<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Choir to St Thomas' Church for the Christmas Tree Festival</b>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	am
<b>Acorn Class (Reception) Christmas Concert for parents</b>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm
<b>Key Stage 1 Nativity – Ash Class (Y1) Parents</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm
<b>Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils</b>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	All day
<b>Key Stage 1 Nativity – Cedar Class (Y2) Parents</b>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm
<b>Christmas Discos</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1 – Y1 & Y2)
<b>Acorn Class &amp; Key Stage 1</b>		6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2 – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6)
<b>Key Stage 2</b>		
<b>Woodlands Christmas Market</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm – 3.45pm on the school playground

<b>Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i></b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pm – No school lunches food to be provided
<b>Final day of Term 2</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00pm finish time
<b>TD Day</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closed to all pupils
<b>First Day of Term 3</b>	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**



# 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.

## 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.