



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the official start of Christmas at Woodlands with a special Christmas themed book at bedtime, the recording of the Woodlands Christmas Song (this will be played on Salisbury Radio on 18th December - 8.20pm and 4.20pm) and Maple Class Singing in a Carol Service at Sarum Academy. This week's newsletter is coming out a day earlier than normal as we do not have a Headteacher's Awards Assembly tomorrow.

Non-School Uniform Day

Many thanks to all parents for your generous contributions – we raised £88.

Christmas Book at Bedtime

Our Book at Bedtime evening on Wednesday was a wonderful success! The children arrived in their pyjamas and enjoyed listening to a selection of festive Christmas stories. It was lovely to see them so engaged and excited as they curled up with their classmates to share the magic of reading. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a warm and memorable event.





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 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.***



Christmas Disco – Disco Dion - Friday 12th December

Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Disco on Friday 12th December.

Tickets are £4.00 if bought in advance and £4.50 on the night - so please take advantage of this early bird offer.

Reception & Key Stage 1 - Acorn (Reception), Ash (Y1) & Cedar (Y2) – 5.00pm-6.00pm

Please drop off Reception and KS1 children outside the Main Hall doors and collect them from their normal classroom doors.

Key Stage 2 - Hazel (Y3), Willow (Y4), Beech (Y5) & Maple (Y6) – 6.00pm-7.00pm

Please drop off and collect Key Stage 2 children from the Main Hall doors. Please drop off KS2 children before collecting a KS1 child.

Acorn Class Christmas Concert – Tuesday 9th December at 2.00pm – School Hall

The children have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas performance in the school hall. After the performance Acorn Class will go back to the classroom to change and you may collect your child early from the normal classroom door if you wish.

Key Stage 1 Nativity – A King is Born

Y1 Ash Class Parents – Wednesday 10th December at 2pm – School Hall – please enter via hall doors

Y2 Cedar Class Parents – Thursday 11th December at 2pm – School Hall – please enter via hall door

The children in Ash and Cedar classes have also been working hard to prepare for their Nativity. The children will go back to their classrooms to change after the performance but you may collect them early from the normal classroom doors if you wish.

You may take photographs of the performances but please can I remind parents **not to post any photos/videos on any social media** as not all children have permission for their images to be used.

Oak Tree Nursery Nativity – Monday 15th December – 1.55pm – 2.30pm – Please enter via the outside school hall doors.

Please refer to your online Seasaw account for more information.

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.

Spotlight on the Curriculum – Willow Class - Design Technology – Phunky Foods

On Monday, our Year 4 children had a fantastic time making pizzas with Laura from Phunky Foods! The session was hands-on, fun, and full of learning as the children practised key kitchen skills, explored healthy ingredients, and worked together to prepare a delicious pizza. They were so proud of what they created—and even more excited to cook it at home and then taste it! A huge thank-you to Laura for inspiring our pupils with her enthusiasm and expertise.



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 – December 2025** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The December issue looks at a variety of topics including AI Chatbots / companions, setting up new technology and staying safe when using Roblox.

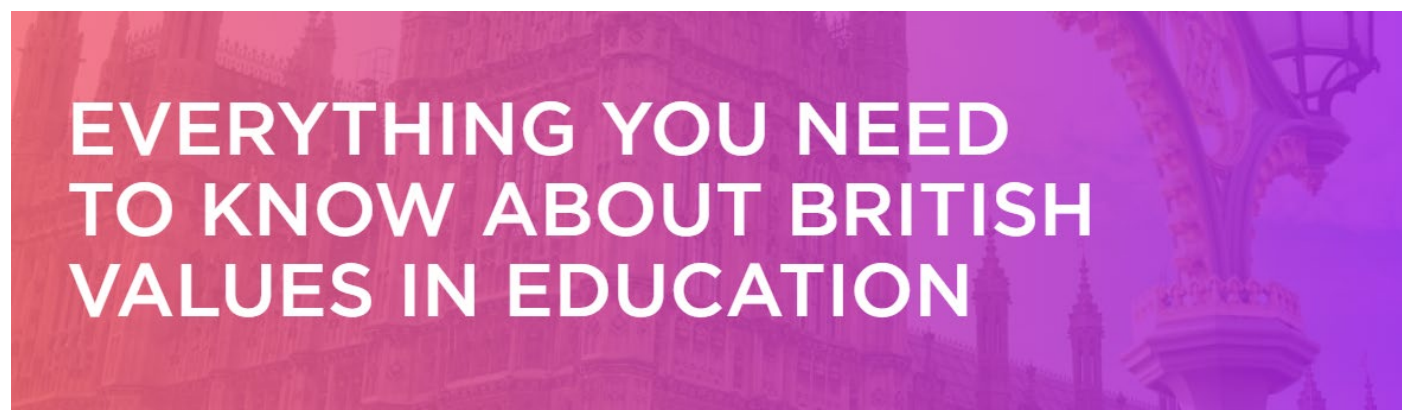
British Values spotlight on: Democracy

In the UK, we have a system of government called democracy. We hold elections to choose someone to represent us. Most candidates who 'stand for election' belong to a political party - a group of people who share similar beliefs.

Together, people who belong to the party agree on the changes they will make if they are elected. These are called policies. Our democracy is a system of government with four special features:

1. Allows people a way of choosing and replacing their representatives through free and fair elections.
2. Protects the human rights of all citizens.
3. Depends on laws, which apply equally to all citizens.
4. Encourages citizens to participate in politics and community life.

For more information as to how we teach our children British Values, click the image below.



Dates for the Diary

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 Market	Monday 15 th December	3.00pm – 3.45pm on the school playground
Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper / Christmas Party clothes on this day - £1 donation – many thanks</i>	Tuesday 16th December (this has moved from the Weds to avoid a clash with the Christmas dinner)	Pm – No school lunches food to be provided
School Christmas Dinner – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i>	Wednesday 17 th December	
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>) Gates open 8.40am

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.

