



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. As this is the first Newsletter of 2026 I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Adverse Weather Condition

After this week's chilly snap it seems a good time to remind everyone that if the school has to close because of adverse weather conditions you will receive a text and an email to inform you of this decision.

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be, or are anticipated to later become, too hazardous for travel.

Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Franklin** and **Mahira** (FS2); **Amari-Macy** and **Hala** (Y1); **Aaryah, Anna-Lea** and **Daniel** (Y2); **Taiba** and **Poppy** (Y3); **Maggie** and **Layla-Mai** (Y4); **Scarlet, Jenson** and **Ella H** (Y5); **Lacey** and **Jayanna** (Y6).

This week the awards are for **Kindness** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children.

Resilience, Respect, Community and **Aspiration** form our other core values.

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 – January 2026** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The January 2026 issue looks at how to stay safe when playing games online. It includes specific guidance on the following topics when playing games online:

- ➔ Chatting to strangers / risk of inappropriate language;
- ➔ Cyberbullying;
- ➔ In app purchases;
- ➔ Setting up parental controls.

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 will be planning some extra special activities that will take place during the Spring 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. In 2026 we will be offering some free taster sessions for different classes so keep an eye out for these sessions.**

Today, **Red** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points. They had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 09.01.26				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	3	4	1
Y2	4	2	3	1
Y3	4	2	1	3
Y4	1	2	4	3
Y5	1	2	3	4
Y6	3	4	2	1
	15	15	17	13



Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. This week **Willow Class** are the winners for the first week of the Spring Term.

The Attendance Cup

Data from 05/01/26 to 07/01/26

1. Willow 96.3%
2. Cedar 93.9%
3. Maple 93.1%
4. Hazel 92.9%
5. Ash 92.1%
6. Acorn 91%
7. Beech 90.1%

Attendance Matters



Willow Class are the Winners with 96.3%!



Dates for the Diary

Year 6 Visit to the Milestones Museum	Friday 16 th January	<i>Please refer to the letter sent out this week.</i>
Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation per child	Friday 30 th January	<i>All day</i>
Last Day of Term 3 2026	Friday 13 th February	Normal finish time
Spring Half-Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	School Closed to all pupils
Start of Term 4 2026	Monday 23 rd February	Normal start time
Osmington Bay Residential for Year 6 (Maple Class)	Wednesday 25 th March	am Departure to Osmington Bay
Pupils return from Osmington Bay	Friday 27 th March	pm Pupils return to Woodlands
Last Day of Term 4 2026	Friday 27 th March	Normal finish time
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	School Closed to all pupils
Start of Term 5 2026	Monday 13 th April	Normal start time

Kind regards,

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Matthew Kitley
Headteacher

Let's PLANT TREES

Celebrate with us and get involved with planting a new orchard within the beautiful community garden space.

Friday 24th January 2025
From 10am to 3:30pm

3:30 to 4pm Wassail celebration

Pinewood Community Garden
Pinewood Park, Bemerton Heath

Refreshments provided

What you could bring

- Gloves and Boots
- Come prepared for the weather
- Bring a friend/family member

