



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very exciting week at Woodlands with Drama Workshops and Funky Foods family cooking sessions some of the highlights.

Year 5 & Year 6 – Stories in the Dust Workshops

On Tuesday, Maple Class and Beech Class took part in the fantastic *Stories in the Dust* Drama Workshops, and what a memorable experience it was! The children were fully engaged from start to finish, exploring important themes around climate change through creative storytelling, movement, and performance. These exciting, hands-on sessions sparked thoughtful discussions while allowing pupils to express their ideas with confidence and imagination. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity on display, and the workshops have certainly left a lasting impression on everyone involved.





Here are some quotes from our Year 6 pupils which show how much they enjoyed the Drama sessions:

"It was amazing and I had so much fun doing it!" James

"It was fantastic how we made stuff from Scraps." AJ

"They proved to us the money isn't everything." Bobby

"It was really fun and we got to play loads of games. I loved how we got to use one piece of plastic to make a bunch of different things." Isabelle

"It was really inspiring that money doesn't buy everything." Scott

"We got to use our creativity." Joshua

"I loved how we had different types of plastic to make into different animals that don't exist." Georgia

"I liked how they started off with a game to warm us up." Arwen

"I liked how we were allowed to make our own stories with plastic." Chloe

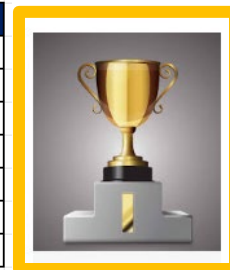
Headteachers' Awards – Friday 24th April

Today, we celebrated: **Archie Kiff** and **Nikola** (FS2); **Alfie B-S** and **Ivy** (Y1); **Olivia** and **Jema** (Y2); **Abby, Mia** and **Florence-May** (Y3); **Kai Barnes** and **Kiara** (Y4); **Ella Hughes, Bella** and **Evie Barnes** (Y5); **the whole class because of the Drama workshop** and **Isabelle** (Y6).

This week the awards are for **Community** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children. **Aspiration, Kindness, Resilience** and **Respect** form our other core values.

Today, **Yellow** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points with an impressive score of 20. They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes playtime. Very well done.

Team Points Cup					
Date: 24.04.26					
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue	
Y1	3	4	2	1	
Y2	2	4	3	1	
Y3	3	1	4	1	
Y4	1.5	3	1.5	4	
Y5	1	4	3	2	
Y6	1	4	3	2	
	11.5	20	16.5	11	



Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. **Acorn Class** are the winners for the second week of Term 5 with 95.2%. This is a good level of attendance and all the children in Acorn should be very proud of themselves.

The Attendance Cup – Wk2 T5

1. Acorn 95.2%
2. Maple 94.3%
3. Willow 93.3%
4. Cedar 91%
5. Ash 90.9%
6. Beech
7. Hazel

Term 5 - Week 2		Pts
1	Willow	11
2	Acorn	10
	Maple	10
4	Ash	8
	Hazel	8
6	Cedar	6
	Beech	3

After-School Club

Sessions run from 3.00pm to 5.15pm (Mon-Thurs). Many thanks to Mrs Stokes, Mrs Giles 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.** 24 hrs notice is needed to cancel a session, otherwise you will be charged.

Funky Foods Family Cooking

Year 3 and Year 4 families had a wonderful time at our recent Funky Foods Family Cooking session! Children and their parents came together to prepare a range of healthy, delicious dishes, learning new skills and recipes along the way. The session was full of laughter, teamwork, and a real sense of community, as everyone enjoyed getting hands-on in the kitchen. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm for cooking and healthy eating, and the families left feeling inspired to recreate their tasty creations at home.






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 this 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.***

Special Activities in Breakfast Club sessions during Term 5

Date	Activity
Tuesday 28 th April	Wind Socks 
Thursday 30 th April	Fruit Kebabs 
Tuesday 5 th May	Bracelet Making
Thursday 7 th May	Paper Origami Whales
Tuesday 12 th May	Tomato Planting 
Thursday 14 th May	Outdoor Games
Tuesday 19 th May	Inch Worm Paper Craft

Tesco Stronger Starts Fruit and Vegetable Funding

As you already know we have been selected to receive funding from Tesco to spend on nutritious fruit and vegetables for our pupils through its new initiative, Tesco Fruit & Veg for Schools, a part of their national Stronger Starts community programme. Tesco's aim is to enable schools to provide at least one extra piece of fruit or veg to every child every day. As you know, a healthy diet is essential for children's growth and development and gives them plenty of energy for a day at school. This initiative helps to make sure that every child at Woodlands Primary School has a chance to access a range of delicious nutritious food. This may be as a healthy snack during the day, or something that they can bring home to include in your evening meal.

This week all of the children in school have had the opportunity to taste white and red strawberries.

Oak Tree Nursery, Woodlands Primary School

If you have a child aged 2 or 3 before September, and would like a nursery space for September 2026 then please come into the school office to collect an application pack to secure your place as soon as possible. If you would like to find out more or have a tour of the Nursery please email nursery@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk.

Dates for the Diary

May Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 4 th May	
KS2 Y6 SATs	Monday 11 th May – Thurs 14 th May	Please refer to timetable
Salisbury Schools' Mini-Marathon	Saturday 16 th May	Please refer to the letter that has been sent out for timings
Final day of Term 5	Friday 22 nd May	Normal timings
Summer Half-Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	
First day of Term 6	Monday 1 st June	Gates open at 8.40am
Voices Inspire Singing Concert at Salisbury Cathedral – Year 5	Friday 12 th June	Concert for parents at 11.15am
Year 5 Sleepover	Friday 19 th June	
EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 23 rd June	10.00am start
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 24 th June	10.00am start
Y6 Performance at the Salisbury Playhouse	Friday 17 th July	Time TBA
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 21 st July	9.30am start for Y6 Parents
Final Day of Term 6	Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 finish at 12.00pm Rest of the school finish at 1.00pm

Kind regards,

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