



Newsletter 2

Thursday, 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome and start to get to know our new Nursery and Acorn (Reception) children (please see some wonderful photos of the Acorn children on their first day). They are settling in well and are getting used to our routines and enjoying their learning. Also, a warm welcome to all of the other pupils who have joined Woodlands this term and our new members of staff Mr Mawdsley and Mrs Murtagh.



Breakfast Club

I am delighted to announce that we have had a very successful first session of 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!

After-School Club

We have also had a very successful first session of after-school club. Sessions run from 3.00pm to 5.15pm (Mon-Thurs). Many thanks to Mrs Stokes and Mrs Swindlehurst for running this club and organising a range of exciting activities.

Woodlands Vision Statement & Values

As this is the beginning of the new academic year it is a good time to remind everyone of our Woodlands Vision Statement, including our motto:

“Growing together: Inspire to aspire.”

At Woodlands Primary School, our collective vision is to provide every child with the fullest education and life chances they deserve, and to guide our children towards their best possible future. Together, we will continually strive to remove any barriers to success and fear of failure. We will celebrate achievement, progress and effective learning behaviours at every opportunity. We will provide a culture of aspiration and acceptance with children moving onto their next venture with the knowledge, skills and values to set them on the path to achieve their dreams. We will enable our pupils to drive their own futures to realise greater success and to actively shape our diverse community for the better, all working in tandem for the common good.

Our **Rules** are clear and simple and sit well with our Vision and Values:



I also wanted to remind all parents that we have an “Emotional Wellbeing” section on our Woodlands website which may be useful. Please feel free to request anything else that you would like to be included there. There are signposts to further agencies for support and activity suggestions for the children along with sections on Growth Mindset and developing Resilience etc.

Dates for the Diary

Non-School Uniform Day - £1 donation per child	Friday 25 th September	All day
Parents' Evening 1 (FS2-Y6 All Classes)	Monday 5 th October	
Parents' Evening 2 (FS2-Y6 All Classes)	Wednesday 7 th October	
Harvest Festival 	Tuesday 13 th October	9.10am <i>All parents/carers are welcome – please enter via the hall doors</i>
Y3 Visit to Stonehenge	Wednesday 14 th October	All day visit
Y6 Residential at Osmington Bay (PGL)	Wednesday 14 th October – Friday 16 th October	
Final day of Term 1	Friday 16 th October	3.00pm (<i>usual finish time</i>)
Autumn Half-Term	Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October	School Closed to all pupils
First day of Term 2	Monday 2 nd November	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>

Children In Need Day – wear something dotty – donate online	Friday 13 th November	All day
Y5 Visit to the Tank Museum	Friday 20 th November	All day visit
Non-School Uniform Day – please bring a bottle for the Christmas Market Tombola	Friday 27 th November	All day
Christmas Book at Bedtime – all pupils	Wednesday 2 nd December	4.30pm-5.00pm
Y5 & Y6 Choir to St Thomas’ Church for the Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 4 th December	am
Acorn Class (Reception) Nativity for parents	Tuesday 8 th December	2.00pm
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Ash Class (Y1) Parents	Wednesday 9 th December	2.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils	Thursday 10 th December	All day
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Cedar Class (Y2) Parents	Thursday 10 th December	2.00pm
Christmas Discos Acorn Class & Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	Friday 11 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1 – Y1 & Y2) 6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2 – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6)
Woodlands Christmas Market	Monday 14 th December	2.00pm in the school hall
Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i>	Thursday 17 th December	Pm – No school lunches food to be provided
Final day of Term 2	Friday 18 th December	1.00pm finish time
First Day of Term 3	Monday 4 th January	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) <i>Gates open 8.40am</i>

Kind regards,

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