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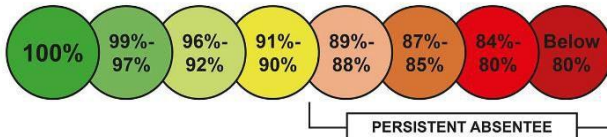
Friday, 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



DFE research states:

'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, wider development.'

Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Our research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.'

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE SEPTEMBER 2026

We are continuously looking for ways to improve attendance at Woodlands, which is currently below our school target of **96%**.

Following the success of our Attendance Duck Races, we are launching a special **100% September 2026 Attendance Challenge!**

If your child achieves **100% attendance** throughout September, their name will be entered into our September prize draw for the chance to win **£10 worth of vouchers**.

To meet the 100% challenge, children must:

- ✓ Attend school **every day** in September
- ✓ Arrive at school on time **every day**

! If even one day is missed, for any reason, unfortunately your child will not meet the 100% challenge target.

2 LUCKY WINNERS
2 x £10 VOUCHERS

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Come to school every day in September 2026.
> You have to be in it to win it! <

High attendance is the number 1 priority on the Woodlands School Development Plan for the 2026-27 academic year and we will always try and offer support where issues exist around a child obtaining strong attendance. The Department of Education has published statutory documentation 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024' for schools which came into force from August 2024. The guidance makes it very clear that schools will very rarely be able to grant leave of absence for a child and that no holidays at all can be authorised within the school term. There is also a new framework for Fixed Penalty Notices and all unauthorised holidays will have to be fined. We will always try to work with our families and children to support attendance and any wider issues which is preventing a child securing strong attendance. We really do want to work with you to ensure a comprehensive approach so that that your child has the opportunity to benefit fully from their education. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at admin@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk or 01722 335849 if you need any clarification or support on attendance. Thank you for your continued support and well done to many of our children who had excellent attendance last year.

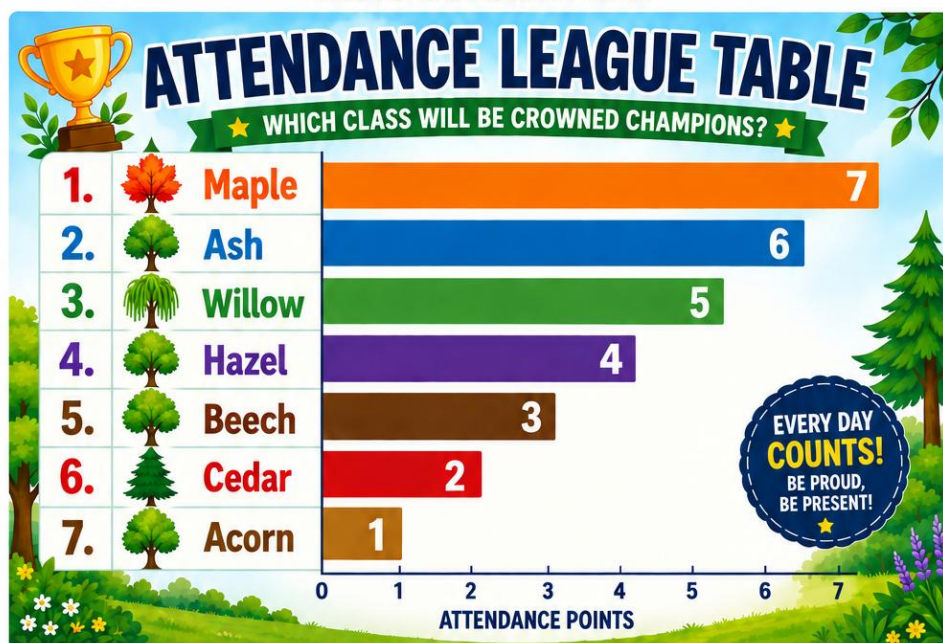
Also a reminder that in the morning:

- School gates will open at 8.40am;
- School gates will be closed at 8.50am and anyone arriving after this time will need to bring their child(ren) in through the main office.



As you know every week we have a class attendance competition. The points gained every week go into a league table and the winning class is able to enjoy a special treat at the end of the term.

Congratulations to Maple Class who are the winners in the first week of the Autumn Term.



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Henry and Kawsar** (Y1); **Alfie Hughes and James** (Y2); **Emil and Leo** (Y3); **Toaiba and Seth** (Y4); **Kathryn and Layla-Mai** (Y5); **Margaret, Scarlet and Joey-Lee** (Y6).

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

Breakfast Club

We have had a very successful first two weeks 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!



Team Points Cup				
Date: 11.09.26				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	1	2	3	4
Y2	2.5	2.5	4	1
Y3	4	3	2	1
Y4	3	2	4	1
Y5	1.5	1.5	3	4
Y6	2	4	3	1
	14	15	19	12



Congratulations to Red who are the Team Point Champions this week.

After-School Club

We have also had a very successful first two weeks of 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.

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

CREATE YOUR OWN DINNER

COOK + CREATE + SHARE + ENJOY

Each week we'll make a different dinner!
Try new ingredients, learn new skills, and enjoy great food together!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME! ♥

GOOD FOOD BRIGHTER DAYS! ♥

REAL FOOD
REAL SKILLS
REAL FUN!

WEEK 1 15th Sep PIZZA ON NAANS AND SALAD  Get creative with toppings!	WEEK 2 22nd Sep JACKET POTATO SKINS AND SALAD  Crispy, cheesy and delicious!	WEEK 3 29th Sep CHICKEN/VEGGIE WRAPS  Healthy, tasty and full of flavour!	WEEK 4 6th Oct VEGGIE CHOW MEIN  Stir, mix and enjoy!
WEEK 5 13th Oct TOMATO AND BASIL OR VEGGIE TART  Simple ingredients, amazing results!	WEEK 6 3rd Nov VEGGIE LASAGNE  Layers of goodness!	WEEK 7 10th Nov TOMATO PASTA/ PASTA BAKE  A classic, always a favourite!	WEEK 8 17th Nov CHILI CON CARNE  Hearty, warming and full of flavour!

**WHEN:**
Tuesdays
after school

**WHERE:**
Woodlands
Primary School

**TIME:**
3pm until
5:15pm

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

GOOD FOOD. GREAT COMPANY. ♥

FOOD BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

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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