



Newsletter 5

Friday, 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

🏆 Boys' Football Team – Salisbury Schools' Football Festival 🏆

A huge well done to our Boys' Football Team, who represented Woodlands brilliantly at the recent Salisbury Schools' Football Festival! The boys produced some excellent performances, winning three of their four matches and finishing an impressive second in their group. Throughout the festival, the team demonstrated teamwork, determination and enthusiasm, playing some excellent football along the way. It was wonderful to see the boys supporting and encouraging one another and representing our school with such pride. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the sporting attitude they displayed throughout the competition. Well done, boys – a fantastic effort from everyone involved!



Harvest Festival collection for the Trussell Trust Foodbank

Our **Harvest Festival Assembly for parents** will take place on **Tuesday 13th October at 9.10am** (please enter via the hall doors). The Assembly will be led by Year 3 (Hazel Class) and the Open the Book team. This year we will again be supporting the Trussell Trust. The Trussell Trust Foodbank provides short term emergency food to local people in crisis. This vital support makes a real difference to the lives of people in Salisbury during times of personal crisis / hardship.

In 2025-26 the Salisbury foodbank has experienced demand to their service beyond anything they have seen in previous years. **This represents a 315% increase in demand when compared with 2017-18.**

- 39% of the people the Trussell Trust support in Salisbury are children.
- Each food parcel contains 9 meals per recipient.
- The food is free of charge to the recipient.

Please can you assist this work by bringing tinned or dried food for our Harvest Festival.

Urgently needed items are breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned veg, rice, pasta, sugar, UHT milk and fruit juice. All food needs to be in date and undamaged. Please deliver to your child's class;

Headteachers' Awards

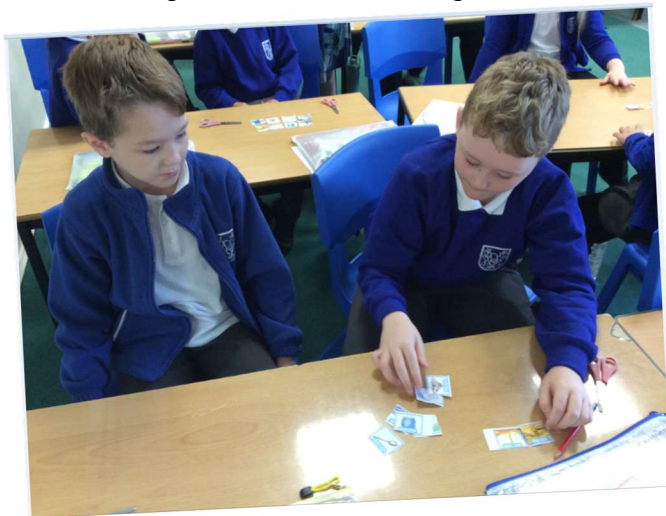
Today, we celebrated: **Archie C-T** and **Sophia Bird** (Y1); **Kayden** and **Hugo** (Y2); **Odin** and **Rylee** (Y3); **Paisley** and **Abby** (Y4); **Frank** and **Ella-Mai** (Y5); **Ruben** and **Isabelle** (Y6).

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

Team Points Cup				
Date: 09.10.26				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	3	1	4	2
Y2	3	4	2	1
Y3	4	1	3	2
Y4	4	1	2	3
Y5	1	3	2	4
Y6	2	3.5	1	3.5
	17	13.5	14	15.5



Year 4 have been looking at states of matter - learning about the differences between solids, liquids and gases. Throughout the topic, the children will develop their scientific enquiry skills by making predictions, carrying out experiments, recording observations and drawing conclusions.



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 the children have great fun!



Online Safety – Simple Tech Rules and Navigating Safe AI.

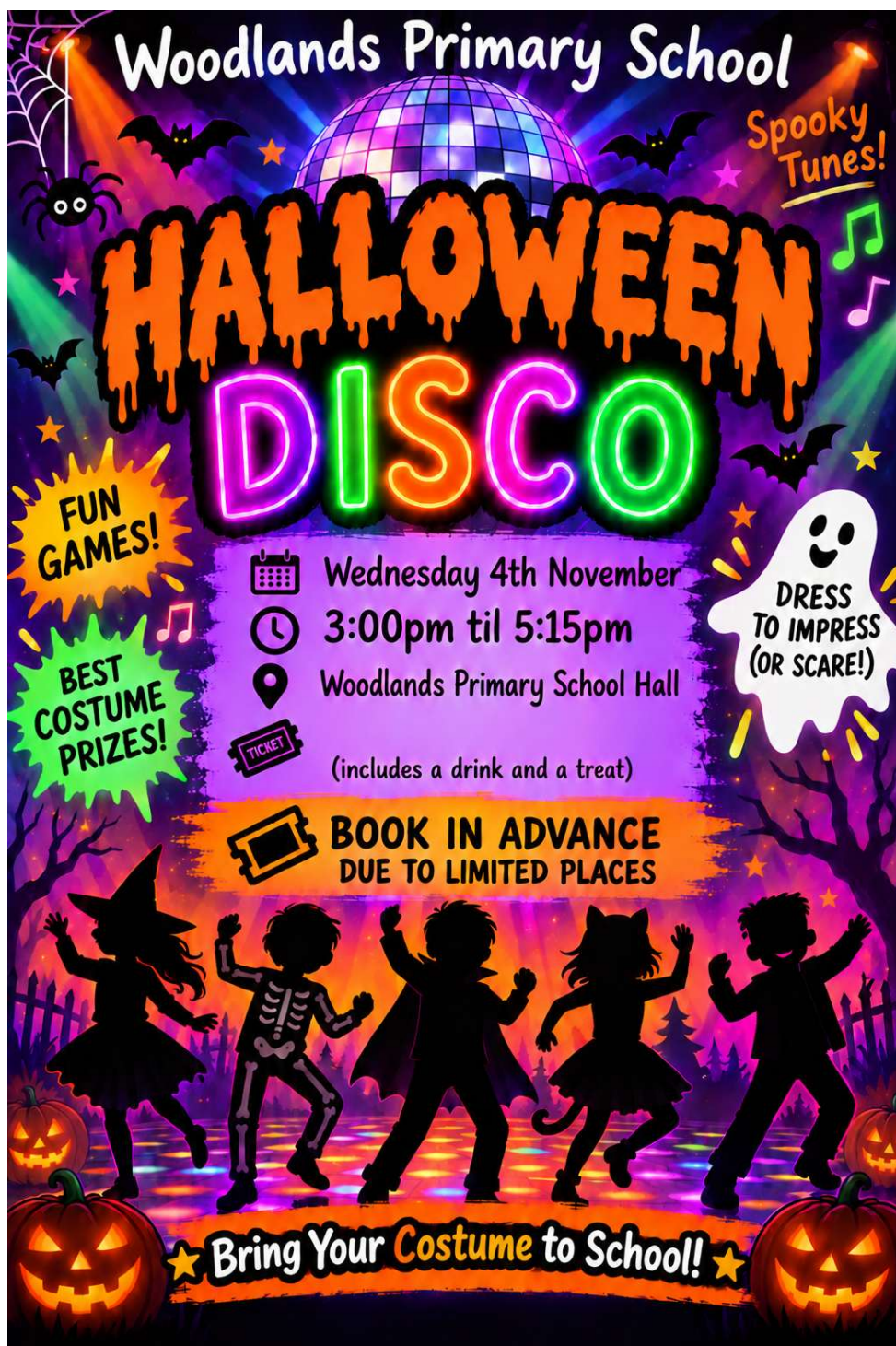
As technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, AI is becoming an increasingly common part of young people's online experiences, from social media and gaming to homework and everyday searches. This month's online safety section looks at what parents need to know about AI, while also providing a timely reminder to carry out some simple online safety checks, such as reviewing privacy settings, parental controls and age ratings, to help keep children safe online.

Please click on the link below – many thanks to Knowsley City Learning Centre for providing this content.

https://player.vimeo.com/video/1217983810?badge=0&autoplay=0&player_id=0&app_id=58479

After-School Club

The after-school club team will be running a Halloween Disco on Wednesday 4th November. Please book in advance asap as this event will be limited to a maximum of 40 spaces that will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Many thanks to Mrs Stokes and Mrs Swindlehurst for organising a range of exciting activities. Sessions run from 3.00pm to 5.15pm (Mon-Thurs).



A Huge Thank You to Mrs Johnson!

We would like to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Johnson for her incredible generosity in donating a fantastic Nintendo Switch console, complete with Nintendo Switch Sports as a leaving present, to be raffled at our upcoming Christmas Market! This is an amazingly generous gift and will undoubtedly be the star prizes at this year's event. We are extremely grateful for her continued support and generosity. What a fantastic prize for one lucky winner to take home just in time for Christmas! Thank you so much, Mrs Johnson!



Dates for the Diary

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>
After-School Club Halloween Disco	Wednesday 4 th November	3.00pm to 5.15pm
Children In Need Day – wear something dotty – donate online	Friday 13 th November	All day
School Photo Day	Thursday 19 th November	
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, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	Thursday 10 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn, Y1, Y2 & Y3) 6.00pm-7.00pm (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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