



Newsletter 7

Friday, 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Fond Farewell to Mrs Johnson – Thank You for 29 Amazing Years!



After 29 incredible years at Woodlands Primary School, we have finally said a very fond farewell to the wonderful Mrs Johnson. On Tuesday, we held a very special assembly to celebrate her remarkable contribution to our school and the countless children, families and colleagues whose lives she has touched over nearly three decades. It was a lovely occasion, filled with happy memories, laughter and heartfelt thanks. We are also delighted that this week's Salisbury Journal features a special article recognising Mrs Johnson's extraordinary dedication and service to our school community.

Mrs Johnson has been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown to her and wanted to share a special message with all our children and parents:

"I am truly overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness. Please accept my apologies that I am unable to thank each of you personally, but thanks to your incredible kindness, that would be quite a mammoth task! I have loved every minute of my time at Woodlands. It has been a privilege to work alongside such fantastic children and supportive parents, and I am so grateful to have been part of so many children's journeys through primary school.

As I live locally, I hope to see many of you around the area, and I also look forward to visiting the school from time to time. Thank you once again for your kindness, support, and generosity. I will treasure the memories I have made at Woodlands and will always look back on my time there with great fondness.

With love and best wishes, Sandra Johnson"

On behalf of everyone at Woodlands, I would like to thank Mrs Johnson once again for everything she has given to our school over the past 29 years. Her kindness, commitment, sense of humour and willingness to go above and beyond have made her a truly special member of our Woodlands family. Although we will miss seeing her every day, we are delighted that this isn't quite goodbye, as Mrs Johnson has kindly offered to continue helping with school events and activities. Thank you for everything, Mrs Johnson. You will always be part of the Woodlands family, and we wish you a very happy and well-deserved retirement!

Year 6 Transform the Ash Class Playground!

A huge thank you and well done to our amazing Year 6 children, who have done a fantastic job transforming the Ash Class playground with their wonderful Numberblocks outdoor artwork! Their colourful and creative designs have really brightened up the playground, making it a much more exciting and engaging space for our younger children to enjoy. The Numberblocks will also provide a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their early maths skills through play. We are incredibly proud of the effort, teamwork and creativity shown by our Year 6 pupils. What a lovely way to make a lasting contribution to Woodlands and help inspire the next generation of young mathematicians! Thank you, Year 6 – you have done a brilliant job!



Team Points Cup					
Date: 16.10.26					
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue	
Y1	2	4	1	3	
Y2	1	2	3	4	
Y3	2.5	4	2.5	1	
Y4	4	1	2	3	
Y5	3	2	4	1	
Y6	1	4	3	2	
	13.5	17	15.5	14	



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Freddie and Amelia** (Y1); **Arnie and Amiya-Rose** (Y2); **Jayden and Anna-Lea** (Y3); **Mia and Kura** (Y4); **Ponezhil and Nawa** (Y5); **Tina-Louise, Evie Barnes, Margaret, Isabelle & Zoya** (Y6).

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

Thank-you for the Harvest Festival donations they will be sent to the Trussell Trust who will be using the items to re-stock their foodbank.

Congratulations to Talented Abby!

Congratulations to Abby, who achieved an absolutely fantastic first place in the Salisbury Talent Show on 13th September! Abby wowed the audience and judges with her wonderful singing and dancing, demonstrating incredible talent, confidence and stage presence. Winning first place in such a competition is a truly impressive achievement and one that Abby should be extremely proud of. We are all delighted to celebrate her success and it is wonderful to see one of our Woodlands pupils shining so brightly outside of school. Well done, Abby – what an amazing achievement! We are all incredibly proud of you!



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!





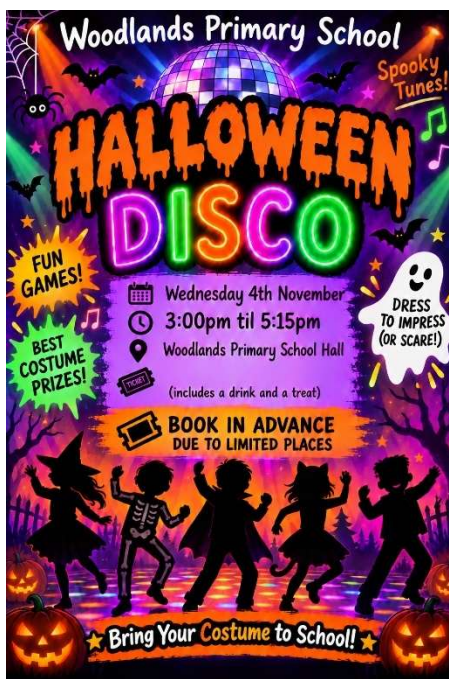
Hazel Class Visit Stonehenge

This week, Hazel Class enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Stonehenge as part of their History topic on the Stone Age. The children had the wonderful opportunity to see one of the world's most famous prehistoric monuments up close and learn more about how and why Stonehenge was built thousands of years ago. They explored what life might have been like during the Stone Age and discovered some fascinating facts about the people who lived during this period. It was a brilliant opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life and develop their understanding of Britain's prehistoric past. The children represented Woodlands brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout the visit. A huge thank you to Mrs Roderick for organising and planning such a memorable learning experience!



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, Mrs Giles and Mrs Swindlehurst for organising a range of exciting activities. Sessions run from 3.00pm to 5.15pm (Mon-Thurs).





Ash Class are Term 1 Attendance Champions!

A huge well done to all the children in Ash Class for their fantastic achievement in winning both the Weekly Attendance Cup and the Termly Attendance Cup! This is a wonderful double celebration and reflects the excellent commitment the children and their families have shown towards attending school regularly and arriving on time. We are incredibly proud of Ash Class for setting such a brilliant example to the rest of the school. Keep up the fantastic work, Ash Class, and enjoy your well-deserved success!





Dates for the Diary

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	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	Thursday 10 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn, Y1, Y2 & Y3) 6.00pm-7.00pm (Y4, Y5 & Y6)
Acorn Class, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3		
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6		
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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