



NEWSLETTER

Woodlands
Primary School

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
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19th July 2024

LUNCH MENU: 1

Term Dates:

https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/21528161

Dear Parents and Carers,

We just wanted to inform you that as of September, the school will no longer be using X (formally known as Twitter) to communicate class messages, school news and photos of the children. Recently we have seen an increase in the amount of unwanted and inappropriate followers on these accounts and want to keep the children as safe as possible, as well as promoting positive use of online safety. Please note that Twitter accounts will be closed over the Summer holidays.

We are currently setting up a new way of sharing information and images with you and more information will be sent out in September. Thank you.



We are delighted to advise that we will have an Ice Cream Van on the Junior Playground on Tuesday 23rd July ready for our 2pm finish.

If you fancy a sweet treat to kick start the Summer Holidays, please remember to bring along some money!!

Please remember that school closes early on the last day of term so all children will need collecting at 2pm on Tuesday 23rd July. Any children going to Sunbeams Wraparound will need to be collected by 5pm at the latest.

Thank You!



This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Squirrels - What a lovely week! We had a wonderful Teddy Bears Picnic in the sun and have been reading lots of stories based on teddy bears. Our favourite stories have been 'Peace at Last' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have also enjoyed singing bear songs and rhymes. Following on from our book 'Peppa Pig Recycling', can we pass on our thanks to everyone who brought in recycling from home to help us with our junk modelling activities. We have been able to make some creative and wonderful structures! Thank you for your support this academic year and thank you for the kind gifts, cards and best wishes we have received.
The Squirrel team.

Foxes - This week, we have been thinking about our new classes and sharing things we may be worried about and things that we are excited about. We have used bubbles in our Music session this week. The children were very good at playing when they could see bubbles and stopping when they popped. The children were also very excited to show off their teddy bears to each other and had a brilliant afternoon chatting to their friends whilst having a snack in the sunshine at our Teddy Bears Picnic!!

Badgers & Owls - Badgers and Owls loved their last outdoor learning session this week and got to choose their favourite activities from this term. The children showed lots of independence and great teamwork skills making bird feeders, binoculars and building dens! In Literacy, we have been thinking about the seaside and the children have enjoyed writing about their own experiences from visits to the beach. The children were also very excited for our Teddy Bears Picnic and they loved writing invitations to their favourite teddies. In Maths, we have set up our own shops in the classrooms and the children have had fun adding up the cost of different items they have bought!

Acorns - This week, the children in Acorns took part in their wonderful Teddy Bear's Picnic. They really enjoyed spending some additional time in the sunshine with their teddies and particularly loved their snacks. On Monday, the Acorns created their own teddy bear pictures using forks to spread the paint and have enjoyed listening to some teddy bear stories throughout the week. We welcomed our new class teacher, Ms Smith, who has also spent time teaching the class - the children have transitioned brilliantly. Thank you so much to all of our children's parents for their help and support this year. It has been a real pleasure to watch our little Acorns grow and flourish!

As always, many thanks for your continued support and have a wonderful Summer!
The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - We have had a very busy week in Year 1! We really enjoyed our COJO missions focusing on teamwork. We worked together to build tall towers, follow instructions to build Lego models and play turn-taking games such as snakes and ladders. We also learnt lots of fascinating facts about France and practiced saying colours, numbers and greetings, in French. On Wednesday, we did some lovely art work, consolidating the skills we have learnt this year. We mixed colours, changed their tone and used our drawing skills to create brilliant pieces. It was lovely to end the week by reflecting on our brilliant year in Year 1 and talk about our wishes for Year 2. We also enjoyed a brilliant sing-a-long with Mr Campbell! The Year 1 team would like to thank you all for all of your support throughout the year. We feel very lucky to have taught such wonderful children and know they are so ready for Year 2. Have a brilliant Summer holiday!

Year 2 - In English, the children have been revisiting work on different types of grammar. This week, we have gone over how to correctly use capital letters and full stops. We have also looked at adding the suffixes -est and -er to words and how to choose the correct suffixes when writing sentences. In Mathematics, we have been revisiting topics covered throughout Year 2 plus introduced the column method for adding two 2-digit numbers. The children really enjoyed learning this new strategy. The children were amazing last week in our Victorian Museum end of year assembly. They spoke so confidently and clearly. The singing was amazing and the dancing too. We were so proud of them. Thank you for coming to watch the children and we hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great Summer.
The KS1 Team

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This Week's Year Group News

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - The last newsletter of this academic year! We would like to start by saying 'Au Revoir' to our lovely Mrs Lyon who retires this term! As a phase, we would like to say the biggest thank you for the best French lessons, R.E lessons and bringing so much light to wherever she goes - we will miss her dearly! We all wish Mrs Lyon a fantastic retirement with lots of holidays and family time. In English this week, we have written our own versions of 'Journey' making our own little library of books to share with KS1. The teachers are hugely proud of all the children for showcasing all their mastery targets. In Maths, Y4 have been identifying types of triangles and finding lines of symmetry. Y3 have been tackling parallel and perpendicular lines and identifying different angles including right angles.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and wish you a restful and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing all the children back in September.

The LKS2 Team

Year 5 & 6 -

This week, Year 5 have enjoyed completing challenges in Commando Joe's based on the life of Amelia Earheart. Using team work, resilience and dedication, all teams solved the problem solving puzzle! On Wednesday, Year 5 & 6 joined in with a sports extravaganza on the field where they were able to join in with lots of different throwing and catching activities. On Friday, we completed general knowledge quizzes to find the champions across Year 5! We had lots of fun singing along to classics such as Mr Brightside and Sweet Caroline. Friday was a bittersweet day for everyone at Woodlands as we said goodbye to Mrs Lyon! We enjoyed a fun leaving assembly accompanied by a wonderful performance from Mr Campbell! All children thoroughly enjoyed singing along and dancing to the music.

A Bientot Madame Lyon!

Year 6's final newsletter! This week, Y6 performed our end of year extravaganza! We are so proud of every single one of you and I know we had a few emotional parents looking back on all the fab experiences throughout the years.. All the videos from the assembly will be sent out to parents on the last day. We have taken advantage of the sunny weather and played a few games of rounders and 'over the river' along with our end of the year quiz. We are looking forward to the colour run on Monday, goggles or sunglasses can be worn to protect your eyes and something white is preferable!

Happy last Friday Y6!

Y6 Reminders:

On Monday, we have the Colour Run and leavers lunch. Please remember to wear appropriate clothing which you don't mind getting stained.

On Tuesday, please send in your Y6 child with a spare top for the shirt signing.

The UKS2 Team

Have A Wonderful Weekend!



Whole School Attendance 94.46%

Reporting Children's Absence

School must be informed of children's absence on the first day by ringing 0151 329 3164 and pressing 1 to leave a message. This must be done before 9am. Please ensure you provide the child's name, class and reason for absence.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will be unable to return to school for 48hrs after their last episode. This is in line with the Public Health Agency guidance to reduce the risk of the illness spreading. Any absence not explained is registered as unauthorised.

Appointments

Parents and carers should make every effort to book routine dental and GP appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, children should only be absent for the time needed for the appointment and travel to and from.

For any prebooked medical appointments copies of appointment letters can be emailed to n.brown@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk in advance so that a note can be added to the register. The school will work with all families on an individual basis if medical absences exceed the maximum threshold.

Holidays During Term Time

Can we politely request that parents inform school of any upcoming holidays via the Leave of Absence forms which can be collected from the school offices. These forms should be completed and handed to school 4 working weeks in advance of the first day of absence.

Dates – Week Beginning 22 July 2024

Lunches Week 1

Mon 22 July	Y6 Leavers Lunch
Mon 22 July	Y6 Colour Run
Mon 22 July	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Tue 23 July	KS2 Own Clothes Day – Please remember sensible shoes.
Tue 23 July	Y6 Shirt Signing and Celebration
Tue 23 July	2pm School closes to children
	Summer Holidays
Tue 3 Sep	Return to school - doors open at 8.45am

Vaping & Smoking

Can we please remind all adults that vaping & smoking is STRICTLY prohibited on school grounds.



No smoking
or vaping



No smoking
or vaping



No smoking
or vaping

Uniform Standards Reminder

Please discuss the following with your child regarding appropriate standards in school:

- * Make up and jewellery in NOT allowed.
- * If you bring sunglasses to school, they must NOT be worn in class or in the corridors. Please put them away.
- * False nails are NOT permitted.



INTERNET SAFETY



On the school website is a link for a parents control booklet. This will give you updated information about how to secure your privacy settings and set up parent controls on a range of social media and computing devices. Please click this link to access the booklet:

https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/28093981

Morrisons - Kellogg's Breakfast Club

Morrisons are running a breakfast club over the school Holidays which is lovely news for our families.

From Monday 15th July for three weeks, customers can go to the Café, any day before 11am and get a free bowl of cereal .They just need to mention Kellogg's Breakfast Club.



JOIN US

Woodlands Primary School Parent/Teacher Association

Who are we?

We are a group of volunteer parents and teachers at Woodlands Primary School. We are a registered charity whose purpose is to work alongside the school, improving the lives and education of the children who attend.

How do we raise money?

We work with the school and wider community to fundraise. We run various events and activities throughout the school year including movie nights, discos, bingo nights, personalised Christmas cards and our very popular summer and Christmas fairs. In 2023, we also held our first firework night which was a roaring success.

Where have we spent money?

Over the past few years, we've provided funds for year 6 leavers huddles and celebrations, new computer equipment, additional block equipment for EYFS, school chicks, a lower KS2 visit from Zoo2U, school gazebos, sound system upgrades in the school halls and much, much more.

We continue to strive to step up our fundraising efforts so we have more money to spend on our wonderful children.

Can anyone join the PTA?

YES!!!

We welcome any offer of help, no matter how big or small, with warm, open arms. We are always looking for additional people to plan and man our events. We are all busy parents just trying our best - many hands always makes light work.

OUR ANNUAL AGM IS TAKING PLACE ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024
EVERYONE WELCOME (venue TBC)

If you have any queries about what we do or would like to join our lovely team, please contact woodlandspta@hotmail.co.uk

Alternatively, complete the slip below and return to the school office



I would like some further information about Woodlands Primary School PTA and how I can get involved.

Name -----

Telephone Number -----

Email -----



Cheshire West
and Chester

Parent / Carer Survey 2024

Are you accessing childcare in west Cheshire?

We would like to hear your views in our parent/carers childcare survey.

Your responses will help us to better understand parent/carers views on childcare in the borough and will help us to work with childcare providers across west Cheshire to better meet your needs.

Please follow the below link or the QR code to access the survey. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentCarerSurvey24/>





Grosvenor Comic Con



***Free
Entry Event!***

Characters - Cosplay - Props - Meet & Greet - Stalls & more...

Saturday 3rd Aug: 9am - 5pm

Sunday 4th Aug: 11am - 5pm

***Grosvenor Shopping Centre
Chester, CH1 1EA***



Summer Reading Challenge 2024

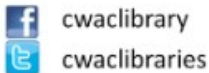
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and joining



Summer
Events

Keep your kids reading
over the Summer with
stickers, medals, prizes
and events

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by clicking here



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For ages 4-11

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Ellesmere Port Community Day

**Obstacle
course**



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hunt**



Crafts



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**10:30am - 2pm
Thursday 25th July
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SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

AGES
3-11

ACTIVITIES

- BEACH DAY • WHEELS DAY
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- HAWAIIAN PARTY
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

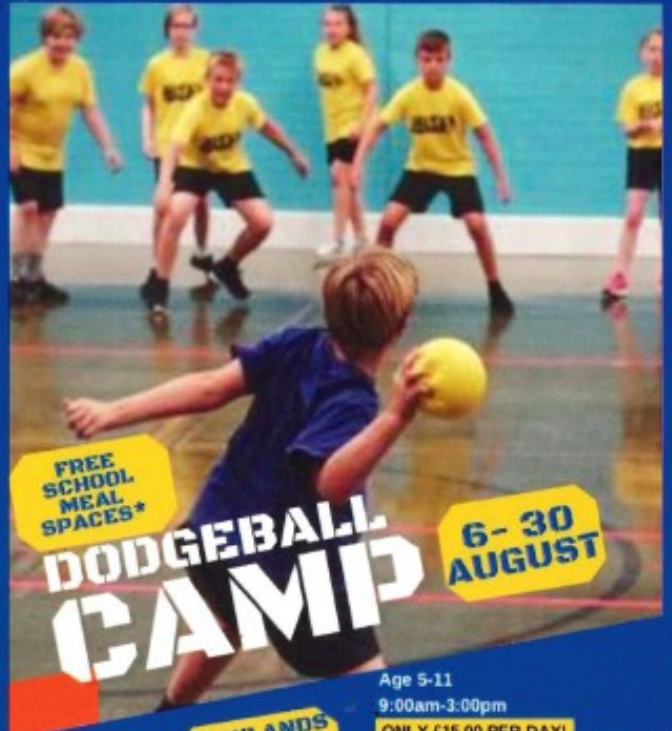
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OR
9AM-3PM

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6-11 year olds 9am-3pm 07389739176

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DANCE CAMP

WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY
FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

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The Ellesmere Port C of E College, CH65 6EA
10-3pm
£20

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**AGE 4 -14
YEARS**



FOOTBALL CAMP

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- Week 2 - Mon 29th July to Thurs 1st August
- Week 3 - Mon 19th August to Fri 23rd August
- Week 4 - Tues 27th August to Fri 30th August

The Ellesmere Port C of E College,
CH65 6UW

10-3pm
Early drop off available at 9am
£20 per day

CONTACT TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE
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aw_coaching1@hotmail.com
<https://aw-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/>



**AW COACHING
GIRLS
FOOTBALL
CAMP**

Friday 26th July
Wednesday 31st July
Friday 23rd August
Friday 30th August

The Ellesmere Port C of E College,
CH65 6UW
10-3pm
£20 per day

To book on contact 07504816986/aw_coaching1@hotmail.com
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Ellesmere Port Red Lions' girls team are looking for new players in year 3 & 4 age groups for the new 24/25 season.

It is a fantastic opportunity for any girls who would be interested to join our football family, to be part of a team, have lots of fun and keep fit.

Last season was our 1st season and the girls did absolutely fantastic in getting to the final of the cup. We will be entering the team in the Cheshire Girls football league again and play our games at King George V sports hub, Blacon on Saturday mornings. Our training is at Sea Cadets, Appleton Drive, Whitby on Wednesday evenings & Sunday mornings.

If any girls would like to join or simply pop down to try it out, could you please contact either Rob Stockton on 07543634657 or Tim Atherton on 07795565721.

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please add Ellesmere Port – Triple P to forward to team

Please be aware places are limited. **This workshop is for parents only** and we do not offer any childcare facilities. Tea and coffee will be provided and please feel free to bring your own lunch / snacks.

**THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST – 09.30AM – 4.30PM @ KINGSLEY RESOURCE CENTRE,
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**WEDNESDAY 7TH & WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST – 09.30AM – 12.30PM @ KINGSLEY
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