



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
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6th Sept 2024

LUNCH MENU: 2

Term Dates:

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Asda - Cash Pot For Schools!!!

You have probably heard by now but we just wanted to draw your attention to a new incentive on the Asda Rewards app. Between the 2nd September - 30th November Asda will be donating 0.5% of a customers total spend to a school of their choice via the app.

It's really simple, download the Asda Rewards App and when you sign in or sign up, you will be prompted with signing up to cash pot for schools. You will then be asked to nominate a school (be careful to select the correct Woodlands Primary as there are several in the country!)

**Every time you shop, the school will earn rewards.
How Wonderful!!**

**Thank you in advance for your support and
Happy Shopping**





This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Nursery and Reception - A warm welcome to all our new families and to those who have already been a part of the Woodlands Primary School family. We hope you all had a lovely Summer. It has been lovely to meet all of the children and they have been busy settling in and getting used to their new classrooms and routines. We look forward to corresponding further with you during the school year!

A polite reminder to ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled, including water bottles. Also if the children bring in their own snack (Reception children only) please can you check it is a healthy snack e.g. fruit.

Class PE Days

EYFS PE will not formally start until Autumn Term 2 so please send children into school wearing their normal uniforms until then. This half term, we concentrate on settling the children into school life & routine. From W/C 04/11/24, children should come to school wearing their PE Kits for Reception and appropriate leisurewear for Nursery on the following days:

Squirrels & Foxes - Tuesday & Thursday

Badgers & Owls - Tuesday & Thursday

Acorns - Wednesday

Many thanks for your support.
The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful Summer break. The children have settled back into school life superbly and are quickly becoming used to the routines in Year 1. This week we have been writing our holiday news, talking about our families and ordering numbers to 10. The children have been busy exploring their classrooms and their new, bigger playground! In 1KS this week, we have been enjoying our fantastic new space and our brilliant new sensory activities! We are truly settled in now and have enjoyed drawing, making music, singing some of our favourite songs, and playing in the sunshine!

Can we please ask that all items of clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly named. Year 1 children will have outdoor PE on a Monday and indoor PE on a Friday. This will start from Monday 9th September.

If your child would like to bring their own snack into school each day, please ensure that it is a healthy snack - fruit, crackers, cereal bars etc. School does provide fruit each day and you can also purchase hot snack through Parent Pay, this must be paid for the night before.

Class PE Days

1AA & 1LW - Monday & Friday

1KS - Wednesday

Year 2 - Welcome to Year 2 and we hope you all had a lovely Summer break. It was wonderful listening to the children chatting about what they had got up to during the holidays. They all looked refreshed and eager to start learning. The Year 2 children have had a lovely week and we are delighted with the way they have settled into their new classes. We have started using the wonderful 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson for our English work and in Maths, we have been learning about place value.

Class PE Days

2DR & 2PB - Monday & Friday

Thank you for your support

The KS1 Team

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This Week's Year Group News

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - What a fantastic first week back! It has been wonderful welcoming all our children back to school after the Summer, looking super smart and ready for the year ahead. We have kick started our learning straight away in English by writing expanded noun phrases and writing 'in role' as the character describing a setting. The children have already strived to use beautiful handwriting and choose high quality language choices! In Maths, Y3 and Y4 have begun their place value units by representing and partitioning numbers to 100 and 1000 in different ways. Y4 have discussed the importance of times tables this year and been introduced to URBrainy to support their recall. In the afternoons, we have studied Pablo Picasso and created our own pieces inspired by cubism. We worked with oil pastels, ink and markers to bring them alive! They are going to make a fantastic, colourful display in our corridors once finished.

Reminder - Your child will have brought home their reading diary today. Our children are expected to read at least 3 times per week and this should be recorded by an adult in their reading log. Please remind your child that reading logs should be returned to school each Friday so they can be rewarded for their efforts. We encourage children to read widely as well as books. This could include age appropriate newspapers, magazines, menus, recipes or road signs.

Class PE Days

3ES, 3LB & 3/4LD - Monday & Friday

4MG & 4BS - Friday

The LKS2 Team

Year 5 & 6 - Welcome back everyone! The Year 5/6 team are incredibly proud of all children for doing such a fantastic job during their first week back in school. Their behaviour has been outstanding and we wish to thank all children in 5RO, 5SE, 5/6LT, 6AW and 6DM for this amazing start - keep it up team! This week in English, we made predictions and asked questions about our new class text 'Lost Happy Endings' based on the front cover and the blurb. Then, we read the beginning of the text and created expanded noun phrases to describe one of the amazing illustrations. In Maths, we have revised our times tables and recalled what we could remember about the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have also begun our place value units, with Y5 focusing on Roman numerals and Y6 focusing on partitioning numbers up to 6-digits. In the afternoons this week, we have created some 'forest scenes' inspired by our new English text. We have also been introduced to a fascinating explorer: Ranulph Fiennes and began our first COJO's mission, focusing on world records!

Class PE Days

5RO & 5SE - Wednesday & Thursday

5/6LT, 6DM & 6AW - Monday & Friday

Year 5 pupils will be visiting the local library each Friday afternoon this half term beginning Friday 13th September. Please ensure the children have a coat with them in school for the short walk to Hope Farm Library.

Have a fantastic weekend, everyone!

The UKS2 Team

Whole School Attendance 96.73%

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. We aim to reply to you within 10 working days of your application.

Dates – Week Beginning 9 September 2024

Lunches Week 2

Mon 9 September	KS2 Assembly - Archery with Judo Education
Mon 9 September	Y3 Judo PE Sessions
Mon 9 September	Young Voices Y3-Y5 - 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Meeting in 3LB, pick up from Junior Foyer
Mon 9 September	New Reception 2025 Parent Tours 3.30-4 – please ring the school office to book on
Tue 10 September	
Wed 11 September	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Wed 11 September	Y3 Violin Lessons - individual and small group (book direct with hello@edsential.co.uk)
Thu 12 September	
Fri 13 September	Y3 Group Violin lessons with Edsential
Fri 13 September	Y5 - Library Visits (please make sure you have signed up on ParentPay)
Fri 13 September	Y4 Swimming - Group A



WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025

2024/2025		
HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
September 2024		
INSET	Monday 2 September	
		Tuesday 3 September
Autumn Half Term 2024	Thursday 24 October	
INSET	Friday 25 October	
		Monday 4 November
Christmas 2024	Friday 20 December (2pm)	Monday 6 January
Spring Half Term 2025	Friday 14 February	
INSET	Monday 24 February	
		Tuesday 25 February
Easter Holiday 2025	Friday 4 April	Wednesday 23 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May	
Summer Half Term 2025	Thursday 22 May	
INSET	Friday 23 May	
		Monday 2 June
Summer Holiday 2025	Tuesday 22 July (2pm)	
INSET	Wednesday 23 July	
Autumn 2025		Monday 1 September

INSET DAYS 2024/25
Monday 2 September 2024
Friday 25 October 2024
Monday 24 February 2025
Friday 23 May 2025
Wednesday 23 July 2025

Disclaimer: Given dates may be subject to further alteration.

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:

Uniform consists of a green sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt, shirt or blouse, grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress. During the warmer months, children may wear green gingham dresses or grey shorts. Uniform is not compulsory for our Nursery children. Please send children to school in sensible black school shoes. No trainers, boots, slip-on or heeled shoes please, as these are not suitable for outdoor play. Make-up, jewellery (with the exception of small stud earrings) and fake nails are not permitted. Sunglasses should be removed in school and not worn on the head.

Please be reminded that your child's PE kit to be worn to school on PE days. This should consist of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms and black tracksuit/sweatshirt top (no football kits or bright colours) and sensible trainers or indoor pumps. Please can we remind you that expensive, branded items are not encouraged as they can easily be lost or damaged and places unnecessary pressures on other parents. For Nursery, leisurewear and suitable shoes are acceptable.

Please label all items as it can be upsetting for children when items are lost.

Thank you!



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

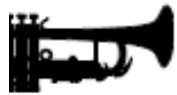


I would like some further information about Woodlands Primary School PTA and how I can get involved.

Name -----

Telephone Number -----

Email -----



Chester Music Centre @ Upton-by-Chester High School



Thursday evenings during term-time.



Do you play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument?

Come and join one of our concert bands.

6 - 6:45pm Mezzo Band (Beginner to Grade 3)

7 - 8:15pm Senior Band (Grade 4+)

<https://edsential.paritor.com>

Are you a violin, viola, cello or bass player?

Why not join our Chester Schools' String Orchestra.



6 - 6:45 pm (Beginners +)

Run by experienced musicians and tutors, our ensembles are fun and educational.

Instrumental lessons and hire also available.



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STARTING MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY MONDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. **QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**. All of our coaches have been **DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED**. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through **FUN** and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities including the large sports hall and outdoor pitches.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
ELLESMERE PORT + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP NUMBER (1,2or3)
 and receive confirmation by text

07856 315 637

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)



September 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

We warmly invite you to our **Open Evening on Tuesday 17th September 2024** from 5.30pm – 8.00pm. The Headteacher's talk in the school hall will be at 5.40pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

There will be a display of pupils' work and both pupils and staff will be happy to show you work pupils have produced and to answer your questions. We hope you will see something of the atmosphere of learning, the high standards of behaviour and the care and concern for pupils' well-being which are so characteristic of our school.

A prospectus available on the night will give you further information, and you will be more than welcome to contact the school and visit us again if you need to do so.

We will also be holding an **Open Day for parents on Wednesday 18th September 2024** from 9.30am – 11.00am (by appointment only). Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

As we are a selective school, children have to reach the required standard in the selection procedure. This includes tests in September of Year 6.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ogunmwiwa
Headteacher

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YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024 6:00PM - 8:00PM



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CHESTER ZOO



WILDLIFE CONNECTIONS FESTIVAL



Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2024

📍 Chester Zoo Nature Reserve

11.30am - 4.30pm



FREE
EVENT

Immerse yourself in all things WILD at our FREE festival, where UK wildlife takes centre stage!



PLUS festival goers can enter an **exclusive competition** to **WIN £500** towards a break with Sykes Holiday Cottages!

T&Cs apply.



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Live music | face painting | crafts | immersive workshops | den building | animal yoga | and much more!