



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
READY — RESPECTFUL — SAFE

27th Sept 2024

LUNCH MENU: 2

MENUS:

https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/29149396

TERM DATES:

Term Dates:
https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/29214637

Please find below details of a Special Menu which will be running next Thursday in place of the regular menu. We would encourage all our children to give it a try, especially our new Year 3's who may not have yet experienced a school meal on the Junior Site.

Thursday 3rd October 2024
Special Menu - Build A Burger

Your Burger, Your Way!!
Choose from Chicken or Veggie Burger.

Then head over to our Salad & Sauce Bar to customise it!

Served with Crinkle Cut Fries & Beans or Mini Corn on the Cob.

OR

Jacket Potato with a choice of Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Dessert
Chocolate Ice Cream & Sprinkles
Water to Drink

Reception and KS1 meals are FREE. Nursery and KS2 meals cost £2.90 and should be paid in advance online via your ParentPay account. This menu will run in place of the usual menu. There is no need to pre book as children will make their choice in class on the day.

Vehicle Access Restrictions - Eddisbury Road

Please note that the below access restrictions are still in place and access to Eddisbury Road is only allowed for permit holders, blue badge holders and emergency vehicles between the hours of 8.30am to 9.00am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

The Parking Enforcement Team will continue to monitor the road and fines will be issued to those breaching the rules.

Cheshire West & Chester Council

School Streets

We are delivering School Streets in Cheshire West and Chester as part of our plans to improve road safety, encourage walking, cycling and scooting to and from school and improve the air quality and environment, outside schools.

The stretch of road outside school will have a timed traffic restriction during school drop off and pick up times, Monday to Friday only.

Only pedestrians, cyclists or motorists with an exemption will be able to access the School Street during these times. The operational hours of the School Street will be indicated on road signs.

Exemptions will be given to emergency vehicles and Blue Badge holders. Permits will be given to residents and business, living or working within the zone.

Aims of the School Street scheme:

The aim of a School Street is to make it easier and safer for children and their parents or carers to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

Reducing the use of private car journeys to and from school should lead to:

- Less road danger from traffic
- Less anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving
- Encourage a healthier lifestyle by helping children to be more physically active
- Reduced congestion and local pollution from idling vehicles



For more information please visit:
cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/schoolstreets



Cheshire West
and Chester



This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Squirrels - This week we introduced the soft play equipment and the children have absolutely loved it! We have been rolling, stepping, climbing and building. We have also been learning to take turns and share with each other. Well done Squirrels! We have been having fun with the play-doh and exploring what shapes we can make. We have been using our fingers for squeezing and rolling the dough too. Squirrels have also been taking part in lots of dancing this week and the children have been showing us some amazing moves. A firm favourite was the 'Dinosaur Romp' & 'Go noodle!'.

We are still collecting family photos for our wall display. If it's easier, you can email the photo to the class email and we can print them off, squirrels@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk
Also, if your child has a 2 year Health check from the Health Visitor or from a previous setting could you please provide us with a copy or an email, as this is an EYFS statutory requirement.

Foxes - Another busy week in Foxes! This week we introduced our focused story for the next few weeks, 'The Gingerbread Man' by Mara Alperin. The children were very excited to find some flour and some other traces, showing that we had had a little cheeky visitor in our classroom!! The children have made some wonderful 'wanted posters' of the Gingerbread Man - let's hope we will find him soon! In Maths, we have enjoyed learning some new counting rhymes and have also been busy comparing amounts, using maths language such as 'more' and 'less'.

Thank you again to everyone who has already sent a family picture into Nursery, it is very much appreciated. The children love looking at the pictures on the classroom wall and talking about their families! If you would like to send one in, please do so to foxes@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

Badgers & Owls - This week we have introduced our new focus text 'The Gingerbread Man.' Earlier in the week, we found out that he had been in all of our classrooms and is now nowhere to be seen!!! The children have been busy creating 'wanted posters' to help find him and have also been using the blocks to create traps to try and catch him. In Maths, we have been matching pictures with objects and exploring different ways to sort objects.

Acorns - This week, the Acorns have enjoyed listening to our new 'Gingerbread' Counting Song and have enjoyed painting our paper plates to create our sly foxes. The wet weather has meant lots of splashing in puddles and playing in the water outside. We have continued to enjoy bucket therapy which is our favourite activity and the highlight of our day!

Many thanks for your support.
The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - 1AA & 1LW - This week in English, we were introduced to the character of 'Tabitha Lumpit'. She is not like other girls and boys - ask your children to tell you why! We have written letters from her parents explaining why they are worried about her. We have worked hard to make sure that our sentences begin with a capital letter, have finger spaces and end with a full stop. We have also learnt that people's names begin with a capital letter. In Maths, we have focused on finding one less than a given number and compared groups of objects using the language 'more' and 'less'. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Andrew and Cyber Sid from Cheshire Constabulary. They came to deliver the first of a three part online safety workshop to the children. This focused on only using the internet if a grown up is present and what to do if something appears on the screen that is upsetting or worrying - we sang a safety song and learnt 'Stop, Think, Protect'.

Can we please remind you that toys should be left at home to prevent upset if they get lost. Please recheck your child's uniform and ensure that all items are clearly named - our jumper dumpers are already quite full!

In **1KS** this week, we have continued the theme of 'Trolls', making troll masks to roleplay with, watching a new story called 'The Troll' and getting some apparatus out in the hall to 'trip, trap' across the bridge in PE! We had so much fun. In Maths, we have made repeating patterns with coloured bricks and we have also learnt the new sound 'M'.

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This Week's Year Group News

KS1 Continued...

Year 2 - In English, we have continued to use 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson to inspire our work. The children have been learning about how to add more description to their writing by using adjectives and noun phrases. We have also been ensuring that the children accurately use capital letters and full stops when writing sentences. In Mathematics, the children have been learning to order numbers to 100 and use the language greater/smaller than. As part of our Science work on animals, including humans, the children have been learning about the importance of a balanced diet. In our Geography sessions, they have been learning to follow a simple map plus use language associated with directions such as left, right, forwards, backwards.

Y2 Menai Meeting - Wednesday 2nd October, 3.40pm to 4.10pm, Junior Hall, Parents invited

Thank you for your continued support,
The KS1 Team

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - In English this week, Year 3/4 have continued reading their narrative, 'Gorilla', by Anthony Browne. To begin the week, Y4 explored fronted adverbials whilst Y3 practised their expanded noun phrases to present gorilla facts into a fact file. Later in the week, we empathised with the key characters, considering their thoughts, feelings and what they would be saying. To finish the week, we revised our knowledge of inverted commas and reporting clauses to write a conversation between the little girl and the gorilla as he tried to encourage her to visit the Zoo. In Maths, Y3 have been finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less than a number and recognising hundreds, tens and ones, whilst Y4 have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Apologies to Y3 children and parents for the timed activity set on TTRockstars last week - this was an error. A 'garage mode' activity has now been set to rectify this. Who will be this week's MVP?

Please can we ask that children **DO NOT** bring any toys into the classroom; fidget spinners, poppers, teddies and football cards to name a few. These are a huge distraction to learning and cause great upset should they go missing. Many thanks

For the Judo sessions, Y3 should wear no jewellery, earrings removed or taped over and hair tied back securely.

Many thanks
The LKS2 Team

Year 5 & 6 - In English this week, the children have been working incredibly hard on how to use speech punctuation and dialogue correctly, to convey characters and advance action within a story. They also did some brilliant role playing as 'Jub and the Witch'! In Maths, Y5 have begun their work on addition and subtraction of numbers up to 5-digits using formal written methods. Y6, meanwhile, have continued their four operations unit, this week focusing on prime numbers, cube numbers, factors and multiples. In Science, the children have investigated the relationship between mass (kg) and weight (N) using Newton metres to measure different objects. Y6 were also incredibly lucky to take part in a Science workshop with 'Mad Science' on Thursday!

Children should be aiming to read a minimum of 3 times a week, logging this in their reading diary (signed by an adult) and bringing it in on a Friday to be checked.

The half term topic homework was sent out last week for the rest of this half term, but all children should still be returning their homework books on a Wednesday each week so that their spellings can be marked and they can take home their new spellings on a Friday.

Spelling Shed and TTRockstars homework assignments are set every week.

Thank you
The UKS2 Team

Whole School Attendance 96.06%

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 Exceptional 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 30 September 2024

Lunches Week 2

Mon 30 Sep	Breakfast Club – KS2 Archery 8-8.45am– to book on contact matt@archeyeducation.co.uk
Mon 30 Sep	Y3 Judo PE Sessions
Mon 30 Sep	After school club – Y3-Y5 Young Voices 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Meeting in 3LB, pick up from Junior Playground
Tue 1 Oct	After school club Y3 & Y4 Basketball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Wed 2 Oct	Y6 Visit from Dogs Trust
Wed 2 Oct	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Wed 2 Oct	After school club Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Wed 2 Oct	Y2 Menai Meeting 3.40-4.10pm – Junior Hall – Parents invited
Thu 3 Oct	Y3 & 4 Netball Fliers Event at EPSV 10 pupils (by invite only)
Thu 3 Oct	Y3 Violin Lessons - individual and small group (book direct with hello@edsential.co.uk)
Thu 3 Oct	After school club Y5 & Y6 Basketball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Fri 4 Oct	Y3 Group Violin lessons with Edsential
Fri 4 Oct	Y4 Swimming - Group A
Fri 4 Oct	Y5 - Library Visits



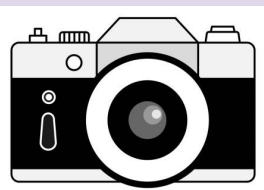
Vacancy - School Cook



We currently have a vacancy for a School Cook for 25-30hrs per week, term time only. If you or anyone you know may be interesting, please contact Mrs Moss on 0151 329 3164 for more information.
Thank You!

Our lovely PTA will again be organising Christmas cards. The children will be completing their designs in class which will be sent off by the 18/10/24 to be made into order forms that the children will then bring home. For our Squirrels class, the templates have been sent home with your child this week so you can assist them with their designs. Please return them to the office next week. You will then be able to order your Christmas cards, gift tags or mugs directly with the company to be delivered to school in time for Christmas. We will keep you informed as to ordering deadlines. If you have any queries regarding this process, please contact the PTA or the school office.

TEMPEST



We are delighted to let you know that Tempest will be in school on the 9 October 2024 to take individual and family group photos. Please keep your eye out for an email next week with more information.

Taking Photographs on School Grounds

It was lovely to see so many children embracing our PJ Day in school today. Can we please remind parents and carers to avoid taking photographs on school grounds which may contain images of other children.

This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children on site.

Thank You!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS



Starting Primary School in September 2025

**Do you have a child born
between 1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021 and
are you a Cheshire West
and Chester resident?**

YES – from 1 September
2024 you must apply for
a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.2% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for reception applications 15 January 2025

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR YEAR 6 PARENTS



Cheshire West &
Chester Council

Important
information for
parents or carers

Applying for a Secondary School place - Year 7 September 2025

**Is your child due to transfer
from Primary School
to Secondary School in
September 2025?**

YES – from 1 September
2024 you must apply for a
school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.3% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Transferring to Secondary School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for secondary applications 31 October 2024

If entitlement to transport is important to how your child will get to and from school, it is vital you read the Home to School Transport Policy before applying for a school place. Visit the authority's website for further information.

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions



FREE TRIAL



BOOK NOW

Ellesmere Port Beehive

Ellesmere Port Catholic High School
41 Capenhurst Lane, Whitby, CH65 7AQ

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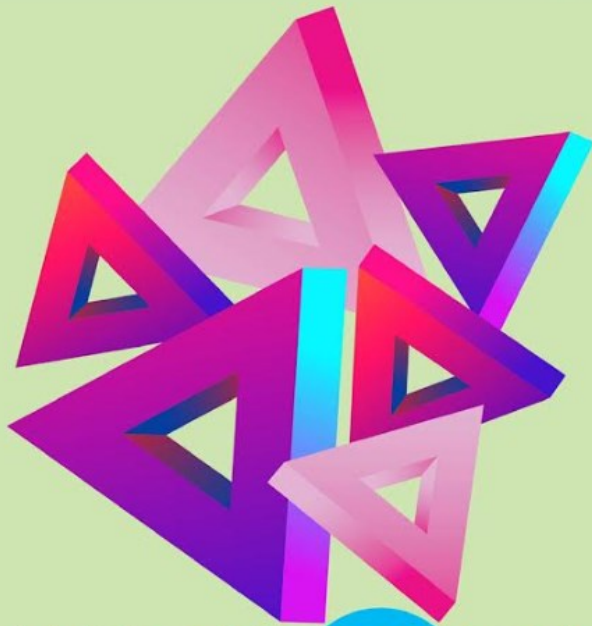
Go to footibees.class4kids.co.uk and register to receive your **FREE TRIAL** session!

Saturday morning football fun
for children 18 Months - 5 Years

Sessions will be held every Saturday between 9am - 12pm. There will be 3 different age groups: Baby Bees, Mini Bees & Baller Bees. Sessions will be for children aged 18 months - 5 years. Sessions are themed with one of our 6 topics: Animals, Colours, Numbers, Story Time, Healthy Food & Our Planet. Places will be limited for each age group.



Info@footibees.co.uk www.footibees.co.uk



EXPLORE

when there's a 5th Sunday
in the month: 10.30am

Join us at Hope Farm
Methodist Church on
Sunday 29 September
to explore

**'Food and the
climate'**
(Harvest/Parade/Project)

through a mix of:

- words • music
- crafts • acting

...and, afterwards, **CAKE!!!**

The next EXPLORE
is scheduled for
29 December 2024

Hope Farm Methodist Church
Randle Meadow, Great Sutton
Ellesmere Port CH66 2LF



Sunday 6th Oct

Lego church is back at Hope Farm. 4pm to 5.30pm all children to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. More details please get in touch.

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu **i**mmunisation

Helping to protect children, every winter



CBT GROUP INTERVENTIONS FOR PARENTS OF ANXIOUS CHILDREN

AUTUMN 2024 GROUPS

Parents can self refer on to the groups

CWP are delivering a series of **FREE** group interventions for parents.



Fear-Less IN PERSON

Ellesmere Port Kingsley Resource Centre 12.30pm to 2.30pm:

5 November, 12 November, 19 November, 26 November, 5 December & 10 December

OR

Winsford Library 10am to 12pm:

4 November, 11 November, 18 November, 25 November, 2 December & 9 December

For parents/carers of school aged children (6 to 14 years) with moderate to severe anxiety.

An evidence based intervention delivered over 6 weeks and includes understanding anxiety, learning to encourage your child's coping skills and to manage their anxiety as well as problem solving skills and learning to feel confident as a parent.



Timid to Tiger ONLINE

10am to 12pm

16 October, 23 October, 6 November, 13 November, 20 November, 27 November, 4 December, 11 December & 18 December.

For parents/carers of primary school aged children (5 to 11 years) with mild to moderate anxiety.

An evidence based intervention delivered over 9 weeks and includes understanding the science behind anxiety, parental modelling of anxiety, how to safely expose your child to their anxiety triggers, and how to support your child to develop in confidence using techniques such as special play and rewards.

To join a group parents/carers **MUST** attend one of the drop in sessions listed below. You can drop in at any time:

8 October 9.30am to 11.30am
1829 Building Countess of Chester Hospital

11 October 9.15am to 11am
Overhall Children's Centre Winsford

11 October 10am to 12pm
Kingsley Resource Centre Ellesmere Port

Support,
Friendly
non-
judgemental

For more Information email: cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net

Helping people to be
the best they can be

