



**Woodlands**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School  
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11th Oct 2024

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PJ's for PJ's

Well what can we say.....

Your kindness and generosity in this years participation in the PJ's for PJ's day was incredible!!!!

Not only did we receive many donations of beautiful new Pyjamas, but we raised a staggering **£592.74**

The donations will go a long way to bringing smiles to children in Hospices and Hospitals on Christmas Morning.

Thank you





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## WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Dr Victoria Carr, BA Hons QTS, MA, NPQH, MA, EdD.

Dear Parents,

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Shortly we will be recruiting for parent governors.

Governance is really important in running a school and carries with it huge responsibility, but can be very rewarding.

The role is unpaid and requires time investment and commitment, it is not a place to air personal grievances and requires unwavering confidentiality and impartiality.

We are looking to complement the skill set of our existing governors, and also, if possible, to enhance the diversity and representation we have on the governing body.

As part of the process, if you wish to be considered by the parents who would be casting a vote, you will be asked to submit a written application about your strengths and what you would bring to the team.

Before considering applying, if you are keen to meet with me to learn more about the role, expectations and responsibilities, please do get in touch with me via the office to arrange an informal conversation.

Keep an eye on the Schools weekly newsletter regarding the Election Process, if you are interested.

With kindest regards,

Dr Carr

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## This Week's Year Group News

### EYFS

**Squirrels** - What a lovely week we have had in Squirrels! On Tuesday, the children had great fun at our Disco, dancing away, with lots of smiles and giggles and enjoying some party treats. Thank you to our PTA. The Squirrels children did so well at getting their photographs taken in the hall this week. They have definitely been practicing their smiles! We have been looking at our faces this week and what emotions we see! This is something we will continue more with next week too. Squirrels children have been doing amazingly well at transitioning in the morning and afternoon sessions using their independent skills. They have been putting their own lunchboxes, water bottles, coats and bags away with only a little bit of support needed!!! Some of our older children have been putting their own coats on too. What superstars Squirrels!! As the weather is changing and we are seeing signs of Autumn, if you are out for a woodland walk over the weekend, we would be grateful if you could bring in some of the treasures you find, such as pine cones of different colours or mixed shaped leaves, twigs etc. We can then have a look at what you have found in class! Please only bring in extra large conkers as smaller ones can pose a choking risk.

**If anyone has any spare clothes they longer need, we would be extremely grateful of any donations to keep our changing box topped up for emergencies.** Have a lovely weekend Squirrels!

**Foxes** - What a fabulous week in Foxes! We have continued to explore 'The Gingerbread Man' story and this week, we have been thinking about how we could help the 'Gingerbread Man' cross the river without getting wet! The children came up with some fantastic ideas and we ended up making some wonderful boats and bridges in the construction area and also using playdough. In Maths, we have been looking at using different shapes to build and balance and the children have loved creating their own buildings in the block area. On Tuesday, the children loved our little mini disco in Foxes and it was lovely to see them dancing away and having lots of fun with their friends! In the next couple of weeks, we will be looking at seasonal changes in pre-school. Perhaps you can look out for signs of Autumn with your child when you are out and about? foxes@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

**Badgers & Owls** - In Literacy, we have carried on the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have been looking at rhyming words, matching pairs and thinking of some of our own to try to continue a rhyming string using real or nonsense words. In Maths, we have been comparing size and mass using the language big short, long, small, heavy and light. We have also explored a 'Lyfta' session, discovering different families. We are learning that all families are different! We had a super time at the disco! What fantastic dance moves!

**Don't forget to join us for the Reading Meeting on Thursday 17th October @ 6pm in the Infant Hall to learn about our Phonics programme and how you can help your child with reading.**

**Acorns** - This week, the Acorns children enjoyed their very first school disco and they loved it! We really enjoyed dancing to the songs and the snacks were a huge hit - thank you to the PTA for such a generous selection of treats. We also had our first school photos where everyone sat beautifully, we were so impressed! In Maths this week, we have enjoyed counting our 'Gingerbread Men' and singing our favourite 'Gingerbread Man' song.

Thank you for your continued support.  
The EYFS Team

### KS1

**Year 1 - 1AA & 1LW** What a fabulous time we had at our Autumn disco! This week, in English, we have sequenced pictures from our class text and created story maps to retell the story ahead of our write away next week. In Maths, we have completed our work on place value by using number lines to find numbers 'greater than' and 'less than' a given number. Next week we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. In Geography, we have looked at and identified buildings in our local area and talked about their purpose. **Can we please ask that you do not let your child bring any toys from home into school. If they get lost or broken it causes a lot of upset.**- In 1KS this week, we have had lots of fun making handprint paintings of the 'Billy Goats Gruff', as well as retelling the story with our puppets and colouring in some troll images. We've looked at a new sound 'd' in phonics and continued to explore 'more' in Maths. We've played with the percussion instruments in Music and enjoyed dancing and party treats in our disco! We also all did brilliantly having some wonderful school photos taken. Well done 1KS!!!

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## **This Week's Year Group News**

### **KS1 Continued...**

**Year 2** - In English, we have continued to use the wonderful 'Troll Swap' to inspire our work. The children have been planning their own stories based on the book. They have continued to learn about conjunctions and how to use 'because' to connect sentences. The children have also been learning to spell words with the past tense using 'ed'. In Mathematics, the children have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 3s, as well as solving problems using different Mathematical strategies. As part of our Science work on animals, including humans, the children have been learning about the life cycle of humans.

Thank you for your continued support,  
The KS1 Team

### **KS2**

**Year 3 & 4** - What a busy week it has been in Y3/4 with PTA Autumn discos, a visit from 'Cyber Sid' to learn about online safety and our school photographs! We have had great fun! To begin the week in English, Y3/4 considered the different emotions the character 'Hannah' experiences in the narrative, 'Gorilla'. Using an emotions graph, we plotted and labelled her feelings carefully and used evidence from the text to explain why she may feel that way. Later in the week, we studied the genre of diaries and wrote in role as 'Hannah', describing her experience with a real life gorilla! In Maths this week, Y3 have been working practically to make links within 10 and adding and subtracting 1's and 10's, whilst Y4 have been recapping column addition, but this time with 4 digit numbers. We have calculated one or more exchanges brilliantly. Please continue to encourage your children to practise their times tables as much as possible - practice makes perfect!

**Deva Roman Experience and Soldier Patrol - we are super excited about our upcoming historical visit in the New Year to enhance our learning. Please, if you have not already done so, log into your child's ParentPay account and give permission for them to join us! 'Sin, Dex, Sin, Dex!'**

Many thanks  
The LKS2 Team

**Year 5 & 6** - In English this week, Y5/6 have been preparing for our writeaway! They have created beautiful vocabulary banks, story-mapped the 'Golden Pen' story from 'The Lost Happy Endings' and they have planned their own version of the story with a new plot that leads to the witch's demise! In Maths, Y5 have been working hard on finding multiples, factors and common factors. They have also been investigating square numbers and prime numbers. Meanwhile, Y6 have been working their socks off on short division and have begun investigating the formal written method of long division, ready for their work next week. In Science, Y5/6 have investigated the forces of air and water resistance. They created paper spinners and adapted them to see if changes to size or weight would affect the rate their spinners fell to the ground. Linking to this, UKS2 have also begun designing their own model boats which we will make, test and review in the coming weeks in our D.T lessons.

**The Year 5/6 Seesaw pages are now live! We will be posting on the website regularly from next week. If you are struggling to access this, please let your child's teacher know.**

**Y5/6 children will be making their model boats in the coming weeks, so we have asked them to bring in materials that they wish to use: plastic bottles, plastic bags, straws, cling film, bubble wrap etc (no toilet rolls please). Any other materials from home will be greatly appreciated.**

Thank you for your continued support.  
The UKS2 Team

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# Cakes for Covers



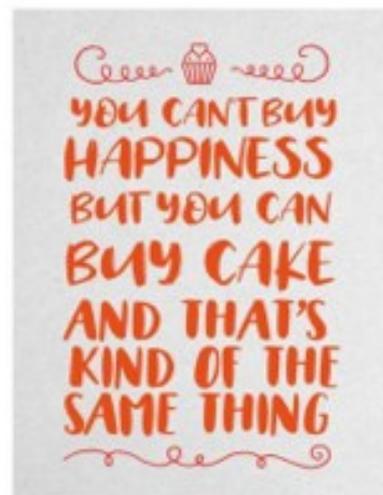
Cake Sale!



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 3:20pm

Junior Playground

The funds raised will be used to purchase fantastic, engaging and high quality reading for pleasure books across school.





WOODLANDS PTA PRESENTS...

# Fireworks Night 2024

**FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER – 5PM – 8PM**

**WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL (JUNIOR SITE),  
EDDISBURY ROAD, ELLESMERE PORT. CH66 2JT**

**PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK DISPLAY**

**MUSIC, FACEPAINTING, GLOWSTICKS, FOOD, DRINK (INC. ALCOHOL)**

**All Tickets £4**

**(Children under 2 go free but MUST obtain a  
valid ticket via our site)**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND SOLD ON A  
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**



**Tickets available now via Ticket Taylor. Scan the QR  
code or go to**

**<https://app.tickettailor.com/events/woodlandspta/>  
Please direct any queries to woodlands.pta@hotmail.co.uk**

## **Whole School Attendance 95.62%**

### **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 inline 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](mailto: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 14 October 2024**

### **Lunches Week 1**

Mon 14 Oct	Breakfast Club – KS2 Archery 8-8.45am– to book on contact <a href="mailto:matt@archeyeducation.co.uk">matt@archeyeducation.co.uk</a>
Mon 14 Oct	Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccination
Mon 14 Oct	Y3 Judo PE Sessions
Mon 14 Oct	After school club – Y3-Y5 Young Voices 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Meeting in 3LB, pick up from Junior Playground
Tue 15 Oct	Whitby High visiting Y6
Tue 15 Oct	Y5&6 Touch Rugby Event at EPSV 8 children (by invite only)
Tue 15 Oct	After school club Y3 & Y4 Basketball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Wed 16 Oct	After-school club KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior playground (book direct at <a href="mailto:admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk">admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk</a> )
Wed 16 Oct	After-school club Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Thu 17 Oct	Y3 Violin Lessons - individual and small group (book direct with <a href="mailto:hello@edsential.co.uk">hello@edsential.co.uk</a> )
Thu 17 Oct	After school club Y5 & Y6 Basketball Club with Vara Sports 3.20-4.20pm pick up Junior Playground (Book on via ParentPay)
Thu 17 Oct	Owls & Badgers Reading Meeting 6PM – Infant hall Parents Invited
Fri 18 Oct	Visit from Dogs Trust to EYFS and 1KS
Fri 18 Oct	Y3 Group Violin lessons with Edsential
Fri 18 Oct	Y4 Swimming - Group A
Fri 18 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.

## Used Toy/Game Donations

If you are starting to have a clear out of your child/ children's toys/games in preparation for Father Christmas' arrival, could you please consider donating any used toys (dolls, cars, figures etc) or any board games to school, for us to use in our lunch club which is accessed by a number of children across school. Used toys/games can be dropped off at the Junior Office. Many thanks



## **15% OFF ALL CAMPS (Excluding Rivacre)**

Dear Parents,

👻 **Get ready for a spook-tacular Halloween adventure!** 🎃

We are excited to announce our Halloween Sports Camps, where your children can enjoy thrilling activities while celebrating the fun of Halloween! From dodgeball & football to dance, we've got something for everyone!

### 📍 **Locations:**

- William Stockton Dance Camp (9 AM - 3 PM)
- William Stockton Street Soccer Camp (9 AM - 3 PM)
- Sutton Green Sports Camps (9 AM - 3 PM) - early drop-off and late pick-up options available!
- Parklands Dodgeball and Sports Camp (9 AM - 3 PM)
- Rivacre Holiday Club (8 AM - 6 PM) This club accepts vouchers.
- New Brighton Primary School (9 AM - 3 PM) - early drop-off and late pick-up options available!

🎃 **Prices start from just £15.00!** 🎃

Let your kids have a blast with our experienced coaches, fun games, and a chance to make new friends! Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!

👉 **Book their spot today for a frightfully fun time!**

If you wish to book, please book through [www.vara-sports.class4kids.co.uk](http://www.vara-sports.class4kids.co.uk) or find the booking link on ALL social media channels and our website [www.varasports.com](http://www.varasports.com) and click book on the home page.

Rivacre Primary Holiday Club link - <https://varaeducation.magicbooking.co.uk/.../account/login>

**Exclusive Offer:** Use the discount code **CEL410** to get **15% off** your booking (Excluding Rivacre Primary)! If you have already booked without using a discount code, don't worry! We will refund the difference to ensure you get the best deal.

*For more information, please text 07389739176 or email [Admin@varasports.co.uk](mailto:Admin@varasports.co.uk). Alternatively, you can direct message us on all social media channels.*

Vara Sports & Education Ltd



**WIRRAL**  
ARTS ACADEMY

# **OCTOBER HALF- TERM** *Holiday Club*

30th October  
2024

9am-4pm  
at Little Neston  
Methodist Church

**AGES**  
4-11

**ONLY**  
**£24.99**

Arts  
Crafts  
Role-play  
Music  
and more!

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# **COMIC CON**

**ELLESMERE PORT**

**Free Entry  
Event!**

*Photo Op's  
Costumers  
Characters  
"Meet & Greet's"  
Cosplay Competition  
Merch Stalls & more.....*

**Saturday 26th Oct.**

**10am - 4pm**

**Ellesmere Port Indoor Market**

# THE FAMILY HANGOUT.



Every Saturday Morning

10.00am – 12.00noon All Ages / £FREE

No booking required, just turn up and join in

THEATRE  
PORTO



Does your child or young person experience  
disability and/or neurodivergence?

# THE SUNDAY TAKEOVER.

29<sup>TH</sup> September, 27<sup>TH</sup> October,  
24<sup>TH</sup> November & 29<sup>TH</sup> December

2pm-5pm

Come and visit Theatre Porto on a Sunday  
afternoon whilst we are closed to the public,  
but specifically open for families with those  
children who need a space to relax, play and  
engage with their creative and sensory sides.

To find out more and help organise your visit to us Get in touch with  
Natasha - our Access & Pastoral Lead via [natasha@TheatrePorto.org](mailto:natasha@TheatrePorto.org)



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The **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)** in Ellesmere Port offer **evidence based intervention groups for parents of children who are experiencing anxiety or behaviour problems**

To find out more about what we offer and ask any questions you may have, please come to one of our

# Parent Coffee Drop-ins

**Tuesday 15th October**  
9.30-11.30am or 1-2.30pm

**Wednesday 16th October**  
9.30-11.30am

**Venue:**  
**Kingsley Resource Centre**  
Coronation Road,  
Ellesmere Port  
CH65 9AA

**Monday 21st October**  
1pm - 3pm

**Venue:**  
**The Acorns Primary and Nursery School**  
Pooltown Road,  
Ellesmere Port  
CH65 7ED

We look forward to meeting you!

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