



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
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18th Oct 2024

LUNCH MENU: 2

MENUS:

[https://
www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/
serve_file/30583717](https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/30583717)

TERM DATES:

Term Dates

[https://
www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/
serve_file/30055726](https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/30055726)

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



Current Year 6 and Nursery
Applying for High School & Reception
September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers of our current Y6 children, please remember that you need to apply for your child's High School place by 31st October 2024.

Any application received after this date will be treated as **Late Applications** and may affect your choice of school. Please go to:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/making-an-application>

For our Nursery children who turn 4 before 31st August 2025, the application process is already open and must be completed by 15/01/25. Please go to:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/reception-admissions/making-an-application>

Thank you



This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Squirrels - Thanks to everyone who brought in Autumn objects this week, from your woodland walks! The children have enjoyed showing Squirrels what they have found and we have looked at all the lovely colours on the leaves, pine cones and twigs. The vocabulary used was fantastic, such as 'spikey, long, tiny and hard'. We are going to make a woodland activity with these collections and use our woodland animal puppet sticks to explore and further develop our language skills. Please keep these coming in and also any photos you would like to share. This week, we have also continued exploring our emotions and feelings. We have played games such as 'guessing the feelings' to match given faces. Some of the children even knew the emotions 'nervous', 'sleepy' and 'shocked'. Well done Squirrels. Thank you very much for all the donations of some spare clothes. We have a lovely topped up box for emergencies.

Foxes - Another busy week in Foxes! This week, we have completed our work around 'The Gingerbread Man' story and we have enjoyed re-telling the story together. We have also been thinking about Autumn and what happens around us this time of year. The children have been busy sorting Autumn leaves, conkers and pine cones into different sets and we have also had fun making simple patterns with Autumnal objects. Foxes enjoyed creating some beautiful harvest pictures, painting and printing with different fruits and vegetables. Well done Foxes!
Foxes@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

Badgers & Owls - This week, we received a letter from 'Mrs Baker' (Gingerbread Man character) asking us to design a cake! The children have enjoyed designing their tasty cakes and have used their sounds to label them. We have also created story maps to retell the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. In Maths, we have been looking at patterns. We have continued repeating patterns and have even created our own. Well done Owls and Badgers, another great week!

Acorns - This week, the children in Acorns have continued exploring the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and revisiting the characters in the story, we are getting very good at singing our gingerbread rhyme. We have also enjoyed making 'Gingerbread Man' suncatchers in Art, which all look fabulous! Our focus and joint attention during activities is improving every week and we are even starting to hear different sounds and words from all the children - well done Acorns!

Thank you for your continued support.
The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - 1AA & 1LW - What a busy week! This week, in English, we have written our own versions of 'Troll Swap', trying to remember to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. In Maths, we have been recapping 2D and 3D shapes. We have described shapes, sorted them and looked for them in our classroom. We have also looked at repeating patterns. In Science, we talked about signs of Autumn and went on an Autumnal walk in the school grounds. We continued to talk about our local area in Geography and thought about what new landmarks we would like to see in Ellesmere Port. **A reminder that next week is our Harvest Assembly on Thursday morning at 9.15 (Parents & Carers welcome). If you would like to donate any non-perishable food goods, we will be making a donation to the local food bank.** In 1KS this week, we have continued to practice our 'M, A, S, T, D' sounds, recognising, speaking and writing them. We have hopped, jumped and danced along to some movement videos in PE and we've enjoyed role playing with the dolls house, furniture and food. We've been counting paper leaves in Maths and playing with lots of real ones outside! Finally, in Art we have prepared our Christmas card designs which will be available for families to buy after half term. The finger painting was so much fun!

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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 writing character descriptions for their new characters and 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 prefix 'un' and the suffixes 'er' and 'est'. In Mathematics, the children have started to learn about addition and subtraction using two 2-digit numbers. As part of our Science work on animals, including humans, the children have been learning about the importance of exercise. In Geography, we have been learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and the capital cities too.

Thank you for your continued support,
The KS1 Team

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - In English this week, Y3/4 have been writing diary entries in role as 'Hannah' from our narrative, 'Gorilla.' We thought carefully about the features of diary writing and tried to include many of these in our own work. Initially, we wrote a draft copy which allowed us to proof read and edit our writing to improve our noun phrases or sentence starters (fronted adverbials). Once we had made changes, we copied them, showcasing our best handwriting. In Maths, Y3 have been adding and subtracting 1's, 10's and 100's. Y4 have been working on subtracting with exchanges and using the inverse operation to check they have the right answer. We have also looked at 'fact families'. Please continue to encourage your children to practise the recall of their times tables as much as possible. They underpin many areas of Mathematics! In Geography this week, we have loved creating 'facts files' about the Democratic Republic of Africa.

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, the Y5/6 children have worked incredibly hard planning and writing their extended piece of writing for Autumn 1. They have been writing their own versions of 'The Golden Pen' story and we have been really impressed with their fantastic plots and application of their mastery keys. In Maths this week, Y5 have investigated square, cube and prime numbers and they have begun work on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Y6, meanwhile, have been resilient as ever, as they have been mastering the formal written method of long division and applying it in different contexts. In Geography, UKS2 have researched and compared the climates of different mountain ranges across the world and they have looked at the adverse effects of certain mountain climates, such as experiencing hypothermia. In D.T, the Y5/6 classes have continued to design their model boats and some classes have got a head start building them. We are very excited to test them out next week!

Just a polite reminder that children should not be playing football (or any other ball games) on the playground before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support.
The UKS2 Team



Cakes for



Covers

Cake Sale!



Thursday 24th 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.

Years 3-6 - Donations, purchased and homemade are welcome on the morning of the bake sale. Thank you

Cheer 🍰 cheer
YOU CAN'T BUY
HAPPINESS
BUT YOU CAN
BUY CAKE
AND THAT'S
KIND OF THE
SAME THING

Whole School Attendance 95.40%

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 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 21 October 2024

Lunches Week 1

Mon 21 Oct	Breakfast Club – KS2 Archery 8-8.45am
Mon 21 Oct	Drop-in - Reception to Y6, 8.30am-9am – parents invited in to see their children's classrooms and workbooks
Mon 21 Oct	Y3 Judo PE Sessions
Mon 21 Oct	Drop-in Reception to Y6, 3.20pm-4pm – parents invited in to see their children's classrooms and workbooks
Mon 21 Oct	After school club – Y3 to Y5 Young Voices CANCELLED
Tue 22 Oct	Dogs Trust visit to Y5, Y6 and Class 3/4LD
Tue 22 Oct	Port Grocery 2.50pm to 3.50pm – Junior Car Park
Tue 22 Oct	Online Parents Evening 3.20pm- 7pm please book an appointment via the Parents Evening System
Wed 23 Oct	Whole School Assemblies Shoebox appeal – Teams4U
Wed 23 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 23 Oct	Online Parents Evening 3.20pm- 6pm please book an appointment via the Parents Evening System
Thu 24 Oct	Y3 Violin Lessons - individual and small group (book direct with hello@edsential.co.uk)
Thu 24 Oct	Dogs Trust visit to Y3 & Y4
Thu 24 Oct	1AA & 1LW Harvest Assembly 9.15am-10am – Infant Hall – Class Parents/Carers
Thu 24 Oct	Bake Sale Fundraiser – Junior playground (cake donations from Y3-Y6 gratefully received)
Fri 25 Oct	Inset day – School Closed to Children
	Half Term
Mon 4 Nov	School Opens to Children 8.45am

Tempest School Photo's Deadline

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the **closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 24th October 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). Thank You



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!

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



NEWSLETTER

October 2024

Please find below the link to the latest CWAC Parent Carer Forum Newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/83159362f11e/pcf-news-and-events-october-2024-17455921>



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 or find the booking link on ALL social media channels and our website 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. Alternatively, you can direct message us on all social media channels.

Vara Sports & Education Ltd



'WOODLANDS WAR ON FOOD WASTE'

We are pleased to announce that Woodlands Primary School is one of four schools within the local area working with The Port Grocery to promote 'War on Food Waste'.

The Port Grocery has been serving our community with good healthy food for coming up to 8 years. They operate from the centre of our town.

Woodlands have arranged for The Port Grocery to be on site every Tuesday (term time only) at Woodlands Primary School (junior staff car park) starting on:

Tuesday 22nd October at 2.50pm

The Grocery will bring 20 bags of shopping that parents are able to purchase for £10 each (cash). The bags will include; Greggs, KFC or Nando's, sometimes meat, ready meal items from Tesco, Costco, M&S and fruit & veg from various stores. The value of each shop should be approximately £30.00 sometimes more.

The bags are offered on a first come, first serve basis and do not need to be reserved, just turn up at 2.50pm and purchase a bag from the Port Grocery team!

For any further information, please contact c.cotton@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk.

Please be mindful that Eddisbury Road remains closed between 2.45pm and 3.30pm. Please ensure you park safely away from school if you wish to purchase a bag.



THE PORT
GROCERY
Warriors

Guided Self-Help for Better Behaviour Group

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Ellesmere Port is pleased to offer this 7 week evidence based intervention group for parents & carers who want to encourage better behaviour at home.



Kingsley Resource Centre
Coronation Road,
Ellesmere Port
CH65 9AA

**9.30am -
11.30am**

Session 1 Goals and Play/Special Time - Tuesday 5th November
Enhancing the relationship with children through play

Session 2 Praise and Rewards - Tuesday 12th November
Promoting positive behaviours and routines with praise and rewards

Session 3 Selective Ignoring - Tuesday 19th November
Reducing undesirable behaviour through selective ignoring

Session 4 Effective Instructions - Tuesday 26th November
Increasing compliance with clear calm commands

Session 5 Consequences - Monday 2nd December
Promoting boundaries with consequences

Session 6 Time Out and Family Rules - Tuesday 10th December
Creating clear expectations with family rules and time out to calm down

Session 7 Ending and Trouble Shooting - Tuesday 17th December

Please note you must book a triage appointment with us before starting the group. These will be held on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October. Please email cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net to book an appointment

CHESTER CHEETAHS

JUNIOR TOUCH RUGBY



Come down and **socialise**, keep **fit** and have **fun** with Chester Cheetahs Juniors Touch Rugby Team - 'cubs'. With our own 11+ year old youth team entering local tournaments and gaining experience competing with our senior teams.

Monday Nights:

Juniors @ Chester RUFC, 6-7pm.

Enquiries:

- ☎ 07735 220080
- ✉ CHESTERCHEETAHS@OUTLOOK.COM
- 📷 @CHEETAHSCHESTERTOUCH





AW COACHING
GIRLS
FOOTBALL
CAMP

Friday 1st November

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

To book on contact 07504816986/aw_coaching1@hotmail.com
<http://aw-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/>



AW COACHING

HALLOWEEN
FOOTBALL CAMP

Thursday 31st October & Friday 1st
November 2024

Ellesmere Port C of E College
CH65 6EA

10am - 3pm
Early Drop-off Available from
9:00 a.m

£20 PER DAY

£5 EXTRA FOR EARLY DROP-OFF



OCTOBER

HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us on our 'Halloween Themed' Holiday Club. We are giving children the chance to get active with multi-sports and team building games with plenty of halloween crafts and activities including pumpkin carving and apple bobbing. Snacks provided on all four days. Children will need to bring their own lunch.

🕒 9am - 1pm on all delivery days
Monday 28th October - Thursday 31st October
(FREE early drop off available from 8:30am, breakfast provided)

📍 King George V Sports Hub, Blacon. CH1 5BD

£ £15 per day (snacks provided)
Children to bring their own lunch

To secure your spot, contact anna.price@chesterfc.com or kalvin.williams@chesterfc.com

SOCCER SCHOOL

AUTUMN 2024

📍 Goals Soccer Centre with drop off / pick up at
Deva Stadium, CH1 4LT

🕒 10am-3pm (on all delivery days)

£15
PER
DAY



AGES:
5-15

Join us this autumn for fun coaching, small-sided games, challenges and tournaments. Children will need kit including boots, shin pads, a packed lunch, snack and water bottle.

DATES

Mon 28th October to Fri 1st November

To secure your spot, contact community@chesterfc.com or call 07308 477055



Ages
18 months
- 10 years

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Wednesday's

Tarporley Community
Tarporley, CW6 0AY

Saturday's

Goals Chester
Chester, CH1 4LT

Ellesmere Port Sports Village
Ellesmere Port, CH65 9LB

Malbank School & Sixth Form
Nantwich, CW5 5HD

Ysgol Ciywedog
Wrexham, LL13 7UB

Sunday's

Northgate Arena
Chester, CH2 2AU

Legends Health & Leisure Centre
Crewe, CW2 8WD

The Grange Junior School
Northwich, CW8 3AU

Darland High School
Wrexham, LL12 0DL



AT ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CAPENHURST LANE, WHITBY, CH65 7AQ

MONDAY EVENINGS ONGOING DURING SCHOOL TERM TIMES
 (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)

Craxton Wood

Hotel & Spa

Christmas

< Family Sunday
Lunch with Santa >

Family Sunday Lunch With Santa

Enjoy a delicious family lunch with Santa as our special guest
in a spectacular festive setting.
Dates: Sunday 8th & Sunday 15th December

Details

- Sunday 8th December
- Sunday 15th December
- From 1pm - 4pm
- Two-course buffet lunch
- Children's entertainer, plus a visit from Santa
- Children (2-12yrs)
- Family ticket: (2 Adults & 2 Children) - £90
- All dietary requirements catered for
- Subject to availability, t&c's apply
- Any deposits paid are non-transferable and non-refundable

DATES

08/12/2024

15/12/2024

PRICING

Price per adult £30
Price per child £22

Price per adult £30
Price per child £22




Family Sunday Lunch With Santa

Enjoy a delicious family lunch with Santa as our special
guest in a spectacular festive setting.
Dates: Sunday 8th & Sunday 15th December

PER PERSON £30.00

<https://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/craxton-wood/venue/christmas/christmas-lunch-santa>



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!

For further information email:
cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net