



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
READY — RESPECTFUL — SAFE

24th Oct 2024

LUNCH MENU: 3

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)

Whole School Special Menu

Bonfire Night Tuesday 5th November

Whizz Banger Hot Dog or

Firecracker Pizza
(both served with fries, mini corn on the cob and campfire beans, baked or BBQ)

Jacket Potato (served with Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo)

Followed by a Shooting Star Biscuit

Served with Water



Reception and KS1 meals are FREE. Nursery and KS2 meals cost £2.90 and can be paid 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.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Dear Parents,

Further to our ParentPay email on Monday 21st October, we have two Parent Governor vacancies. Please check your ParentPay email for a copy of the Notice of an Election, along with the nomination paperwork.

Please ensure that any Nominations are returned to the Junior Office by **9am on Monday 4 November**.

If you want to discuss the role of a Parent Governor, please pop into the Junior Office for a chat.

Kind regards

School Office



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 - Squirrels have been looking at the colour orange and spotting what we could see in the environment. We spotted pumpkins, leaves and orange playdoh! We have been exploring our huge pumpkin and finding out ways we could open one and see what's inside! The children thought of ideas such as "saw it", "I'm banging it with a hammer" and "going to chop it with a knife". Some great ideas there Squirrels! When actively involved in exploring the pumpkin, the children used great imagination and words such as 'I'm making pumpkin pie', 'it's heavy', 'mix', 'oh no, she spilled it' and 'it's a seed'. Great descriptions Squirrels!! Also, thank you so much to everyone who sent in some lovely woodland natural resources. The children have had super fun exploring in our woodland puppet tuff tray with them. We also enjoyed looking at your pictures from home on the big screen of where you collected them! Have a lovely half term holiday and thank you for your continuous support. We look forward to any photos of what you and your lovely families have been up to.

Foxes - This week, we enjoyed going on an Autumn walk around the school playground. The children were excited to find lots of different coloured leaves as well as acorns, feathers and sticks. They also had a wonderful time playing in the leaves! In Maths, we have enjoyed making simple patterns; painting and printing with leaves. We have also had fun counting spiders, mice and other spooky objects for Halloween. Foxes loved exploring pumpkins this week. We talked about the different sizes and how heavy they were. We also had fun scooping them out to find out what's inside them! Have a lovely half term and thank you for your ongoing support. foxes@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk

Badgers & Owls - This week, have completed our work on 'The Gingerbread Man' and the children have been drawing pictures to represent the story. We have then used our phonic knowledge to write labels for our pictures. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children have been representing these numbers in different ways and practising to subitise (say how many without counting). The children have also been busy practising and performing the poem 'The Nut Tree' by Julia Donaldson. Well done, Reception! It has been lovely catching up with all of the grown ups this week and celebrating how well the children have all settled into school.

Acorns - This week, our Acorns have been creating some fantastic pumpkin art for Halloween! We have enjoyed learning a new shapes song in Maths and looking at circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. It has been wonderful sharing how well the children have been doing during Parent's Evening this week. Thank you to all our parents for your support - we hope you have a lovely half term!

Thank you for your continued support.
The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - 1AA & 1LW - A wonderful week to end this half term! The children have loved completing different COJO missions, focusing on teamwork, communication and developing resilience. We have recapped 2D and 3D shapes in Math, played bingo and sorted and hunted for shapes in the classroom. In SMSC we shared the story of 'Elmer' and talked about how it is ok for everyone to be different. The week ended with our reading treat of biscuit decorating - well done to everyone who read 3 times or more each week! Have a wonderful half term! We would love to see some photographs of your adventures!. In **1KS** this week, we have had lots of Autumn fun! We have drawn and coloured in lots of Autumn leaves and we have glued real leaves onto paintings to make Autumn trees. We have enjoyed some Seasonal stories and songs and played outside in the many leaves that have fallen onto our playground. We have continued our work on counting in Maths and recapped sounds in phonics. We have also really gotten to grips with our toothbrushing now we've introduced the brushes! We've sung 'spooky' songs to get ready for Halloween and we have used the train tracks and trains to learn more about the world. Finally, we enjoyed some fantastic sensory bubbles on our last day of the half term!

Holidays - Leave of Absence Requests

Can we please remind you that school must be notified of any absence, **4 weeks** in advance by parents/guardians and an Exceptional Leave of Absence Request should be completed each time. These forms can be collected from the School Offices or printed from the school website, https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/29095760

Please allow us **10 school days** to reply to your request.



This Week's Year Group News

KS1 Continued...

Year 2 - In English, we have completed our work on the excellent 'Troll Swap'. The children have written their stories and we have concentrated on re-reading the work to ensure it makes sense. The children have also been learning about syllables and how they can help with the spelling of longer words. In Mathematics, the children have started to learn about addition and subtraction using two 2-digit numbers and the focus has been on revisiting number bonds to 10. In Geography, we have been learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and the seas around the British Isles. Thank you for your support throughout this first half term. The children have been amazing and they are ready for a well-deserved rest. We hope they have an enjoyable break and we look forward to the next half term.

Thank you for your continued support,
The KS1 Team

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - At Parents Evening this week, it has been wonderful to celebrate how well the children have settled into the Autumn Term and to be able to share in their achievements. Also, thank you to those who attended drop in - it is always lovely to see the children sharing their work. In English this week, we have worked hard to innovate our story 'Gorilla', changing one or more elements. Using the story mountain structure, we wrote the stories using noun phrases for detail and fronted adverbials (Y4) for interest. We cannot wait to publish these after half term!

In Maths, Y3 have been continuing to embed our understanding of addition, particularly pattern spotting within numbers. In Y4, we have been using the inverse operation to check our answers and calculate using efficient methods. Please continue to encourage your children to practise their times tables frequently at home. Y4 children may wish to challenge themselves with URBRAINY MTC check. We would like to wish all our children and families a restful half term and we look forward to continue our learning journey in Autumn Term 2 - which involves Christmas!

Many thanks

The LKS2 Team

Year 5 & 6 - It has been a fantastic last week of term for Y5 and Y6! In English, Y5/6 finished their incredible alternative narratives about 'Jub' and the 'Witch' from 'The Lost Happy Endings'. They have also worked hard on spelling assessments and the UKS2 are so proud of the progress shown by the children from the start of the year. Keep it up, team! In Reading, Y5/6 also finished reading 'Hansel and Gretel' by Neil Gaiman and showed off their fabulous summarising skills when retelling the key events of the text. In Maths this week, Y5 finished their first multiplication and division unit and completed an assessment before enjoying some exciting Halloween maths and arithmetic revision. Y6 meanwhile, have investigated the order of operations and have reasoned from known facts. In addition, Y6 completed their four operations assessment and will be moving onto fractions after half term! In Science, the Y5/6 classes had lots of fun investigating and explaining the effects of air resistance in their 'Egg Sheeran' parachute experiments! In Computing, the children have thought carefully about their digital footprints and their online identity, designing their own avatars and explaining reasons why people might change their online identity. The UKS2 team would like to thank the Y5/6 parents and carers for all of their support this half term. It was wonderful to speak to so many of you this week at parents evening about how your children have settled in to UKS2. Thank you also to the Y5/6 children for their hard work this year so far. Have a wonderful half term break, and see you all in November!

Thank you for your continued support.

The UKS2 Team

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The School Office has noticed a huge increase in children regularly coming into school without water bottles. Whilst we may have previously provided children with a temporary bottle to use for the day, we must advise that from the 4th November 2024, we will no longer be able to accommodate this especially as we are heading into Cold and Flu season.

Drinking enough water during the day, particularly when our children are at school and subject to high energy requirements both in the class and in the playground, will have a significant impact on their behaviour and learning capacity, the two usually go hand in hand! Access to hydration is key in performing to the best of your abilities - the simple act of drinking a glass of water can boost a person's concentration, directly affecting their ability to learn and recall information. **As such, we ask that for the new half term, you ensure you send your child into school with a bottle of water each and every day. Other liquids are only allowed with prior agreement from school.**

Thank you for your attention in this regard.

School Office



Whole School Attendance 94.99%

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, regardless of length, via the Exceptional Leave of Absence forms which can be collected from the school office. 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 4 November 2024

Lunches Week 3

Mon 4 Nov	School opens to children at 8.45am after the half term break
Mon 4 Nov	Y3 Crocus Planting for Polio Awareness
Mon 4 Nov	Y2 Judo PE Sessions
Mon 4 Nov	After school club – Y3-Y5 Young Voices 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Meeting in 3LB, pick up from Junior Playground
Tue 5 Nov	Whole School Special Menu – Bonfire Night
Wed 6 Nov	KS1 – Visit from Dogs trust
Wed 6 Nov	After-school club KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Thu 7 Nov	Y3 Violin Lessons - individual and small group (book direct with hello@edsential.co.uk)
Fri 8 Nov	Y3 Group Violin lessons with Edsential
Fri 8 Nov	Y4 Swimming - Group A
Fri 8 Nov	Y5 - Library Visits
Fri 8 Nov	PTA Fireworks Event – entry strictly by ticket only

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 Midnight 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

Well Being & Activities Survey

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to access the below survey with your child. The survey aims to collate information about pupils sporting activities and wellbeing:

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/primary-pupil-activity-well-being-survey-202425/?q=6f546b1b&s=Woodlands>



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



The Poppy Appeal Boxes will coming around school from 04/11/24, for children to purchase a selection of the above items. Please see the poster for the suggested donation guide.

**1
DAY
COURSE**

3D
THREE
DIMENSIONAL
TRAINING
LTD



NEURODIVERSITY

Dyslexia ADHD Dyspraxia Autism

According to the NHS It is estimated that around 1 in 7 people in the UK have some kind of neuro difference. Neurodiversity refers to the different ways a person's brain processes information and is an umbrella term used to describe a number of thinking styles such as Dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, and Autism.

What does the course cover?

- The negative connotation associated with neurodivergence and subverting them.
- Understanding neurodiversity and neurodivergence
- Understanding legislation but looking beyond basic statutory requirements
- How to develop disability friendly workspaces
- Learn helpful strategies
- Examples of good and bad practices and examples of case studies
- The importance of words

Course Date and Location:

Wednesday 6th November | 9.30am-2.30pm
**Location: Ellesmere Port Work Zone, The Portal,
Wellington Road CH65 0BA**

To book on to this course or if you have any questions please contact the Work Zone:
ellesmereportworkzone@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

07990532869



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



Enjoy playing netball or want to try something new?

Come join **Chester Netball Club!**

Buds (Reception to Yr 1) - Thursday 5-6pm EPSV
U7s and U8s (Yrs 2 and 3) - Thursday 6-7pm EPSV
U9s and U10s (Yrs 4 and 5) - Wednesdays 5-6.30pm EP
Catholic High

CNC email address: info@chesternetballclub.org

CNC website: <https://www.chesternetballclub.org/>

Teamwork. Respect. Enjoyment.
Discipline. Sportsmanship.



A festive Halloween-themed poster for a party. At the top, there's a green landscape with rolling hills, a small house, and several black and white cows. Below this, the poster features a white background with blue spider webs, hanging spiders, and ghost illustrations. The text is centered and includes the Wirral Arts Academy logo, the event title 'HALLOWEEN PARTY' in large orange letters, and 'SPOOKY SPECTACULAR' in blue. It also lists the date '31ST OCTOBER 2024', times '4:30-5:30 AND 6:00-7:00', and the location 'SOUTH WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL PLYMYARD AVENUE, EASTHAM'. A price tag 'ONLY £8.99!' is on the left, and 'TREATS INCLUDED' is on the right. The website 'WWW.WIRRALARTSACADEMY.COM' is at the bottom.


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**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**

ONLY £8.99!

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31ST OCTOBER 2024
4:30-5:30 AND 6:00-7:00

SOUTH WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL
PLYMYARD AVENUE, EASTHAM

WWW.WIRRALARTSACADEMY.COM

We are excited to invite your school's families to a fantastic upcoming event hosted by Wirral Arts Academy - our Spooky Spectacular Halloween Party!

This event will be held at ****South Wirral High School**** and is designed for children aged ****4 to 9****. It's a perfect way for young ones to celebrate Halloween with their friends in a fun, safe, and creative environment.

Event highlights include

- Halloween-themed arts and crafts
- Fun games and activities
- Fancy dress competition with prizes
- Spooky treats and snacks

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