



WOODLEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Woodlea Word

Autumn Term 3

18th September 2026

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” – Pelé

Value: Our focus value this week has been **“Aspirational”**. We want the children to aspire and dream. We want them to learn about all the possible things they could achieve, be or do. However, as the quote from a very famous footballer states – aspirations require hard work and perseverance amongst other things. I can already see around the school how hard the children are working. I have worked in Year 5 and Year 2 this week and have been very impressed with the presentation of their learning and the pride they have taken in that learning. I know all the teachers have been impressed with the children in their classes. Well done Lambs for completing your first full week. We can see that you are really tired and will need a good rest at the weekend.

Meet the Teacher: It was lovely to see so many parents on Thursday at the meet the teacher event. We know it can be difficult to attend with work commitments. The slides from the meeting will be added to the website by next Friday and you will be sent a link. If you do have any burning questions, please contact the class teacher via the school office.

Badge Holders Assembly – This is always a special assembly as the children have worked hard to write their letters and make their presentations for the different roles and responsibilities. The applications for Head Boy and Head Girl were of a very high standard and it was a very difficult decision. Well done to all the children. We can already see how dedicated the children are to the roles they have taken on.

- Head Boy and Girl: Brody R & Hannah W
- Stafford House Captains: Darcey M & Joshua S
- Stafford Sports Captains: Allegra R & Rex G
- Downs House Captains: Eva C & Jack M
- Downs Sports Captains: Shiya JJ & Theo M
- School Council Chair: George T
- School Council Secretary: Lily B
- School Council Treasurer: Rayan T

Drop off – Can we remind parents **not to come into the cloakroom with your child in the morning** unless you have a prior arrangement made with the class teacher, SENDCo or member of SLT.

Not only is there a **safeguarding** consideration but it can be upsetting for other children. If you are concerned about your child in the morning, please go to the **school office**.

Sponsored walk: You will have received a letter about the Sponsored walk which will take place on **Monday 12th October**. This was a lovely event last year and raised money for School Council to spend on their projects.

Head Teachers Awards – Aspirational

Year 1 – Leo R, Year 2 – Thea W, Year 3 – Bella A

Year 4 – Vienna D, Year 5 – Laxmi R, Year 6 – Scarlett M

Harvest Festival:

The Harvest Festival assembly will be on Friday 18th October. We will be supporting the Caterham Food Bank again this year. Please see the wish list, flyer also attached to the Woodlea Word Email.



Events Calendar

Please see below for all upcoming events and how to book. Please refer to the original email for full details of events.

New events are listed in red

Date	Event	Details
22.09.2026	Individual Class Photos	Children to wear full school uniform PE kit to be brought if your child has PE that day
25.09.2026	Open morning	9.30am for Reception 2027 prospective parent. Contact the office to book.
28.09.2026	Greek day – Year 6	Year 6 only Please refer to the email sent
28.09.2026	Lambs – Phonics Meeting	Lambs phonics meeting at 6pm in the hall
30.09.2026	PTA AGM	9am in the school hall. Please refer to flyer sent with the Woodlea Word
01.10.2026	Open morning	9.30am for Reception 2027 prospective parent. Contact the office to book.
01.10.2026	Bags to school collection	Please place bags by scooter shed
07.10.2026	Year 1 – Ranger Stu	Year 1 Only Book via Arbor Full details in the email sent
08.10.2026	Open morning	9.30am for Reception 2027 prospective parent. Contact the office to book.
09.10.2026	Year 6 – Junior Citizen event	Further details to follow
12.10.2026	Sponsored Walk	Please see letter sent out on the 17 th September
16.10.2026	Harvest Festival Assembly	Lambs only - parents can attend 9.15am– please see email sent Please see flyer sent with Woodlea Word for item donations.
19.10.2026-30.10.2026	Half Term	
31.10.2026	Secondary School Applications due	Year 6 Closing date for secondary school applications

School Uniform

Our current school uniform supplier can be found here.

Please check with your class rep if you require second hand uniform.



Weekly Attendance

Lambs – 97.5% Y2: 96.2%

Y4: 97.7% Y3: 98.1%

Y5: 97.7% Y6: 94.6%

Winners : Y1 : 100%

Please remember school attendance is mandatory.

Holidays should be planned for school holiday times to avoid missing school time.

If your child is absent, you must notify the school office every day before 9:10am at the latest.

Weekly Communication

Year 3 – Guided Reading
All – Individual School Photos
Yr1 – 6 – Guitar & Ukulele Lessons
All – Individual Photos
Year 1 – 6 Sponsored Walk
Lambs – Harvest Festival
Year 1 – 6 – Autumn Term Clubs
Year 6 – Junior Citizen Trip
Year 3 – Guided Reading
Lambs – What Makes Me Special

Lunches



Please update
Arbor every day,
even if your child
has packed
lunches

Menus are available on – Autumn 26
Woodlea School Website



Unfortunately, the 'pick for all future dates' option was removed by Arbor during an update and we have been told by them that 'new features in the meal section wouldn't support this.'. We have raised this as an issue with Arbor as we know that this made ordering lunches in advance so much easier for parents. We hope to hear back from Arbor very soon regarding this important feature.

Universal Credit

Did you know that the school receives extra funding for every child that is entitled to universal credit? If you are entitled to universal credit, please do make sure that you come and make us aware in the school office. This means that we can access more funding for the school and for your child. To check eligibility click the link below

[Free School Meal Eligibility Checker](#)

Arbor Checklists:

- Check all meal payments are up to date:
Arbor – Payment
- Check all trip payments are up to date.
- Add any emergency contacts for your child.

For any how to guides please [click here](#).

Please remember for there is a 48-hour deadline for booking lunches.



Absences, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, please email info@woodleatft.co.uk or leave a message on the absence line (01883 652358 option 1) before 9.10am. Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult each day a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children should be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

To avoid impacting your child's attendance ALL medical/dental/optician appointments should be booked outside of school hours where possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Leave of Absence

As a school we are only able to grant a leave of absence, during term time, for exceptional circumstances. If you intend to take a leave of absence for your child, please collect a 'Leave of Absence' form from the school office and return the completed form for Mrs Gambier's consideration. Please note that the form should be given to the office prior to the period of absence.

Amazon Wish Lists

[Year 6](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 3](#)

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[Outdoor Learning](#)

[SEND/CO Items](#)