



WOODLEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Woodlea Word

Autumn Term – Issue 5

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“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”
— Nelson Mandela

As the nights get longer and we are deeper into the half term, we are noticing that the children are getting more tired, this can sometimes mean some children find school a bit more challenging. Sometimes a quiet restful weekend or less after school rushing around is helpful at this time of year.

Toilets – Can parents and carers have a chat with their children about treating the school environment with respect. We are having some challenges with some unidentified pupils throwing toilet paper on the ceiling of the toilets generally leaving the toilets messy for others. I am pretty sure none of our children would do this at home, so if you could support us by just reminding your child. We will sadly have to change access to the toilets if it continues and that will take adults away from supporting children with learning which we do not want.



Parking Reminders: We must sound like a stuck record, but we need to ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils. Can we all be courteous when driving around the school and follow the parking restrictions – double yellows and private roads. We have attached our expectations.



PTA AGM Thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA AGM. It was wonderful to see another enthusiastic group of parents willing to give their time to organise community events and raise funds for the school. Here is a link to the slides which were presented:

Having served as a PTA Treasurer for many years when my children were young, I understand how much commitment these roles require. Woodlea has been fortunate to have a succession of dedicated PTA volunteers over the years. While different committees may approach things in different ways, they all share the same goal of supporting the school and its pupils. We are grateful for the valuable contributions made by both past and present PTA members.



The minutes of the AGM are attached to this week's Woodlea Word email.

Head Teachers Awards – Resilient

Year 1 – Scarlett F, Year 2 – Lincoln D & Theo C, Year 3 – Freddie B & Rae K,

Year 4 – Cecily M, Year 5 – Ellis C, Year 6 – Lilly G

The PTA are excited to announce their Wreath Making Workshop

Thursday 26th November – 6.30 – 9pm

R&R Sports Club, Warlingham

£55 per person including drinks and nibbles

To book please click here [Christmas Wreath Making Workshop Ticket](#)



Bags to School

Thank you for the bags to school donations, this has raised £148.50 for the PTA funds. The next collection is on 28th January 2027



Harvest Festival:

The Harvest Festival assembly will be on Friday 16th 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.



🔔 PTA Socials 🔔

A reminder that the PTA socials pages can be found below. Click the link to follow and find out all about the events the PTA are organising.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18QbamdlW9/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/woodleapta?igsh=djNhOWlhNmp5MGV0&utm_source=

Thank you,

The PTA x



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
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.
08.10.2026	Year 5 - Thames Barrier	Please refer to email sent
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
13.10.2026	St John's Cross Country	For years 3 – 6 Sign up via Arbor Starts 4-pm Please note the date has changed
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
05.11.2026	Open Morning	9.30am for Reception 2027 prospective parent. Contact the office to book.
09.11.2026	Parents Evening (Early)	Full details will be sent after half term
11.11.2026	Parents Evening (Late)	Full details will be sent after half term
12.11.2026	Open Morning	9.30am for Reception 2027 prospective parent. Contact the office to book.
12.11.2026	PTA Autumn Event	Further details to follow
13.11.2026	Year 4 – Saxon Day	Please refer to email sent and payment and consent to be made on Arbor
19.11.2026	Year 3 – Busters Farm	Please see email and sign up via Arbor.

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 : 98.7% Y1 : 94.2%

Y3: 97.2% Y4: 98.4%

Y5: 95.1% Y6: 98.7%

Winners : Y2 : 98.8%

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

Lambs – Weekly News & Phonics Meeting
Yr 1 – 6 – Guitar & Ukulele Taster
All – School Photos
Year 4 – Guided Reading
Lambs – Phonics Meeting Information
Year 3 – 6 Water Bottles in the lunch hall

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](#)

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.

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](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Lambs](#)

[Outdoor Learning](#)

[SEND/CO Items](#)