



WOODLEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.” — Dalai Lama

World Mental Health Day – Our assembly this week, focused on our emotions and how we can have a whole range of emotions at different times. We do a lot of work with the children to support them with understanding their emotions through our PHSE lessons and Zones of Regulation. It is important to recognise that all emotions are valid, there are times when we will feel sad or angry, but those emotions won't last. In the video we watched, they likened emotions to the weather – the dark clouds will pass and sunshine will return. We know this is not always simple for us to believe when we are feeling particularly sad, so we talked about techniques that might help us in those sad times. We looked at how deep breathing and something called “finger breathing” can help us calm and maybe give us the power to think about, or do, things we enjoy. The children gave suggestions of the things they do. If you are concerned about your child's well-being there are resources you can access to support you as parents, some can be found here: [Family wellbeing - BBC Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

Year 5 – Thames Barrier

On Thursday Year 5 went to the Thames Barrier. The children enjoyed a talk about why the Thames Barrier was built, how it works and when it is put into action. They also had the chance to enjoy the interactive exhibition where they could see a model of how the Barrier works and learn lots of other interesting facts about the Barrier, the River Thames and the water environment. Lastly, they went outside to see the Barrier more closely and learn more about the River Thames. We were lucky to have such a beautiful day to go and see this significant feat of engineering that keeps London safe from flooding.



Year 1 – Ranger Stu

Year 1 had a great afternoon on Wednesday as they were visited by Ranger Stu and got the chance to see, touch and hold a whole range of amazing animals including a Python, an armadillo, a lizard, a tarantula and a mammal called a Tenrec. I am sure they told parents and carers all about it when they got home.



Head Teachers Awards – Caring

Year 1 – Jude G, Year 2 – Jolly N, Year 3 – Grace C

Year 4 – Evie H, Year 5 – Sophia K,

The PTA are excited to announce their Wreath Making Workshop

Thursday 26th November – 6.30pm – 9pm

R&R Sports Club, Warlingham

£55 per person including drinks and nibbles

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



🎄 Christmas Fair Donations Needed! 🎄

The PTA are getting ready for our School Christmas Fair and would be very grateful for any donations of Christmas decorations that you no longer need.

If you have any unwanted decorations, such as baubles, tinsel, garlands or other festive items, please consider donating them to the school.

We kindly ask that all donated items are clean and in reasonable condition so they can be used to help make our Christmas Fair look wonderfully festive.

Thank you, as always, for your support! 🧑🏻‍🎄 ✨

Christmas is coming and so is OUR Christmas Card Competition!

This is the sixth year of our exciting competition to design the front cover of the annual Trust Christmas card. We are looking for a creative Christmas-themed design which uses the Trust's colours and a Christmas gold colour.

The picture needs to be:

- Attractive and colourful using the purple, green and gold colours on this poster
- A4 portrait size (297mm high x 210mm wide) or square (210mm x 210mm)
- Drawn and coloured in using felt tip pens, or painted - no glitter as it does not replicate well
- Christmas-themed

Mr Gambier will pick five finalists whose designs will go to Tandridge Learning Trust, who will pick one overall winning design. The prize for the overall winner is a set of 40 glitter gel pens with 40 refills. The winning design will be used for this year's Tandridge Learning Trust Christmas card which will be put in our newsletters and on our website. We may also include designs from the other four finalists.

Entries must be handed in to the school office by Monday 23rd November 2026.

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.



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
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.
06.11.2026	Flu Vaccinations Year 3 only	Year 3 Only, please refer letter sent on the 6 th October
09.11.2026	Parents Evening (Early)	Please refer to email send on 6 th October
11.11.2026	Parents Evening (Late)	Please refer to email send on 6 th October
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.
19.11.2026	Flu Vaccinations	Please see letter sent via email on the 6 th October
19.11.2026	Lambs & Year 6 Heights & Weights Check	Lambs & Year 6 only – please see letter sent via email on the 6 th October.
21.11.2026	Cross Country – Oasis Academy	Years 3 – 6 Please refer to email sent and sign up via Arbor
23.11.2026	Year 4 – Woldingham Walk	Further details to follow
23.11.2026	Christmas Card Competition	Tandridge Learning Trust Christmas Card Competition entries due
26.11.2026	Open Morning	9.30am for Reception 2027 prospective parent. Contact the office to book.
30.11.2026	Year 4 – Caterham Visit	Further details to follow
04.12.2026	Christmas Fair	Save the Date – 3.30pm – 7.30pm

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 : **94%** Y1 : **94.2%**

Y2: **95.8%** Y3 : **94%**

Y5 : **98.2%** Y6 : **95.1%**

Winners : Y4 : **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

Weekly Communication

All – World Music Day Menu
All – Parents Evening Letter
All – Flu Vaccination
Lambs & Yr6 – Heights & Weights
Year 3 – Flu Vaccinations
All – St Paul's Church works
Year 6 – Reminder Junior Citizen Trip

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](#)