Woodlea Word

Autumn Term – Issue 9

13th November 2026

World Kindness Day – "Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change."

Diwali: In assembly this week we learnt about Diwali which was celebrated this year between the 6th and 10th of November. We reflected on how in the dark winter months light becomes a symbol of hope. The date of Diwali is linked by the phases of the moon and we learnt about the moon cycle and how the moon causes the tides. The children were able to share the knowledge by answering questions.



Remembrance Service

The whole school came together on Wednesday 11th November at 11am to remember all those who have been impacted by conflict either in the past or present day. In class the children made wreaths and wore their poppies. The hope for a peaceful world can only come by remembering the past and learning from it. We are living in strange times and what seems a volatile world where those in power seem to have forgotten how much better things can be when we work together. For our children, growing up now, we can only continue to help them to know about the past and hope that they see the importance of working together, respecting each other and being kind. **It is World Kindness Day today - so let's all show some simple acts of kindness.**





Lambs fire visit

Lambs were very excited to welcome the Godstone firefighters on Tuesday! We were lucky enough to explore the

fire engine, climb inside, see the tools, and most exciting of all spray water using the hose.

The children had the chance to get up close and ask lots of questions about what being a firefighter involves. We explored the uniform, including the steel-capped boots, thick protective clothing, heavy helmet, and the oxygen tank that supports firefighters during fires.

We all had a fantastic time and learned so much from this exciting visit!



PTA Autumn Event: Thank you to all the parents who helped organise and run the Autumn Event on Thursday night. The children thoroughly enjoyed the magic show. The PTA worked extremely hard to ensure the children had a good time.

Parking

Please park responsibly around the school using the guidelines below

Parking around school is always difficult. The most important points relate to the use of Long Hill, please read the information below:

1. Do NOT park on Long Hill **BEFORE** the school entrance or **AFTER** the turning point. Long Hill is a Private Road and parents are NOT permitted to park anywhere other than between the school entrance and the turning circle, and at school pick-up time only. Do not park on Long Hill **AT ALL** during morning drop off

2. Use the turning point on Long Hill cautiously - and allow cars to fully complete their turn before turning your vehicle. Please be patient!

3. Some drivers are stopping outside the school gates to drop-off or pick-up their children, often whilst cars are passing! This is dangerous!

4. The school entrance should **NEVER** be used as vehicle's turning point at ANY time.

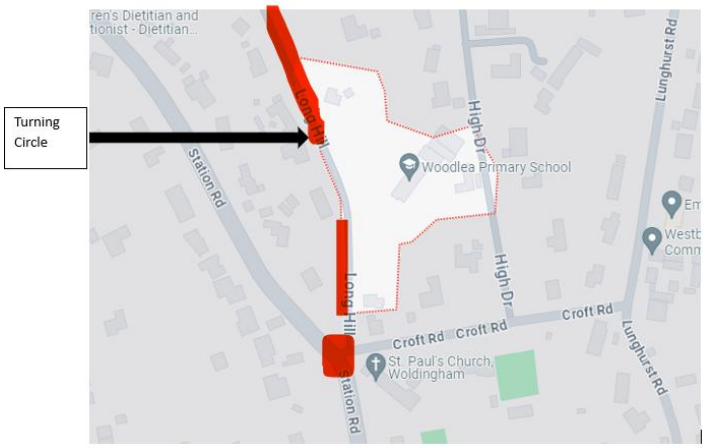
5. When parking on Croft Road, be careful when reversing in or out of the parking spaces. Look out for children and their parents/carers walking.

6. Do not stand chatting on the corner of Long Hill and Croft Road whilst with your children. It causes an obstruction on the pavement, forces pedestrians into the road and creates a 'blind spot' for drivers driving into and out of Long Hill.

7. Children should be supervised when walking along Croft Road rather than allowed to run ahead. Tell them to walk alongside you - always watching for cars reversing or driving along the road.

8. Do NOT use the junction of Station Road and Croft Road as a drop-off or turning point.





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
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 6th October
19.11.2026	Lambs & Year 6 Heights & Weights Check	Lambs & Year 6 only – please see letter sent via email on the 6th 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	Please refer to email sent
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.
27.11.2026	PTA Own Clothes Day	Children can wear their own clothes.
30.11.2026	Year 4 – Caterham Visit	Further details to follow
04.12.2026	PTA Own Clothes Day	Children can wear their own clothes.
04.12.2026	Christmas Fair	Save the Date – 3.30pm – 7.30pm
05.12.2026	Carols in the Church	Choir. Arrive at the church at 5.50pm. Performance starts at 6pm.
08.12.2026	Infant Production – Dress Rehearsal 2pm	Year 1 & 2Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October.
09.12.2026	Infant Production	Year 1 & 2 Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October
11.12.2026	Lambs Carol Concert	Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October
14.12.2026	Infant Christmas Party – Lambs, Year 1 & 2	Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October
14.12.2026	Rock steady concert	9.15am - Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October
15.12.2026	Junior Carol Concert – 2pm (Year 3 – 6)	Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October
16.12.2026	Junor Carol Concert – 7pm (Year3 - 6)	Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October
17.12.2026	Junior Christmas Party (Year 3 -6)	Please see Christmas Flyer sent via email on the 12th October
18.12.2026	Last day of term	Finish 2pm. No Brambles on this day

School Uniform

Our current school uniform supplier can be found here.

https://myclothing.com

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



Weekly Attendance

Y1 : 94.2% Y2 : 98.3%

Y3: 99%Y4 : 98.8%

Y5 : 96% Y6: 96%

Winners : Lambs : 99.2%

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 5- PGL Meeting
Year 4 – Geography Trip Caterham
Year 2 – 6 – Basketball Lessons

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

Week 2 – Autumn Menu

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.

Arbor

Absences, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, please email info@woodleatlt.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
SENDCO Items