



WOODLEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Woodlea Word

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"Each person must live their lives as a role model for others" Rosa Parks



This was the theme of our assembly on Monday. My question was, "How can an individual continue to be respectful when they witness disrespect from others?" Our children know what being respectful looks like. In fact, the more I talk about it with them, the more I can see how their ability to articulate what respect looks like has developed. They spoke about listening and showing that they are listening, as well as saying please and thank you, along with many other ways they show respect for each other. We also talked about how it can be challenging to be respectful of rules or expectations when they see others not behaving respectfully. The world is a challenging place at the moment when it comes to respect and positive role models. Within school, we all support each other to be respectful. The children are doing very well in supporting us to ensure a calm learning environment from the start of the day. The soft start has removed the big rush of children, which allows them to enter the school in a calm and settled way. Thank you for your continued support.

Curriculum – Spelling: As you know we are implementing a slightly different approach to how we teach spelling. The children were all assessed for starting points before Christmas and have started their first lessons this week. Next week will be the first week of the home learning. We ask that you support your child with this. With anything new, there will be tweaks. We know confusion or ambiguity over home learning expectations can cause a lot of anxiety for families. We have **attached the details to the Woodlea Word** for your reference and will be putting key information on the Website shortly. Years 1 & 2 will have a specific spelling book and KS2 will use their guided reading books to record the learning. If there is any confusion, please write a note in the child's home learning book.

Tennis

This Spring term Mr Gorman is offering tennis coaching clubs for Woodlea pupils at Woldingham Tennis Club Year 1, 2, 3 will be on Tuesdays at 3.30pm to 4.30pm Year 3 + above will be on Fridays at 3.30pm to 4.30pm Rackets are provided and we offer a FREE tennis taster lesson to try out the class out
Below is a link to the tennis club
<http://www.woldinghamtennisclub.co.uk/>
For further details to be sent to you or to reserve a taster place for your child please email or WhatsApp Patrick Gorman (head coach) on: patrickjgorman@outlook.com or 07985 797541

Spare Uniform

We are in need of spare socks and PE jogging bottoms for our spare uniform supplies. If anyone has any spares especially for reception and key stage one, we would be most grateful for donations. If they could be brought to the office, we would be appreciative.



Head Teachers Awards –

Congratulations to the following children: Lambs: Phoebe J, Year 1 – Eloise C, Year 2 – Freddie B, Year 3 – Lyla S Year 4 – Austin K, Year 5 – Rex G, Year 6 – Adam K

Events Calendar

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

Date	Event	Details
18.01.2026	PTA Laser Show	To book please click here :
19.01.2026	Spring Term 1 Clubs	Spring Term 1 clubs start this week
19.01.2026	Yr 6 Synagogue visit	Year 6 only Packed lunch required Book via Arbor (please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)
21.01.2026	Year 3 Science Musuem	Year 3 only Packed lunch required Book via Arbor (please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)
28.01.2026	Art Gallery	Further details to follow
29.01.2026	Year 6 Imperial War Musuem	Year 6 only Packed lunch required Book via Arbor (please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)
03.02.2026	Year 6 SATs Workshop	Year 6 only Year 6 SATs workshop 2.30pm. To confirm your attendance please click here .
06.02.2026	Year 5 Class Assembly	Parents are invited to attend the year 5 class assembly at 9.15am. Please wait by the hall entrance in the car park.
12.02.2026	PTA School Disco	Further details to follow
16.02.2026 – 20.02.2026	Half Term Holidays	
23.02.2026	Young Voices	Year 5 & 6 – children that have already booked only.
22.04.2026- 24.04.2026	Year 4 – Caroty Wood	Year 4 only
15.06.2026 – 16.06.2026	Year 6 – PGL	Year 6 only

Weekly Attendance

Lambs: 97%, Y1: 95%, Y2: 90.6%,

Y3: 99.6%, Y4: 94.6% Y5: 94.4%

Winners : Year 6 – 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.

School Uniform

Our current school uniform supplier can be found here. [MyClothing](#)

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



Weekly Communication

All – PTA Laser show
Year 5- Class Assembly
Year 6 – SATS workshop
Year 4—PE Days
Year 3 – Change of PE Days
Year 4 – Egyptian Day
All – Apologies
Year 3 – 6 – Cross Country Farthing Downs

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 Spring 2025/26
[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
- Ensure all dietary/medical information is correct and up to date.
- Add any emergency contacts for your child.

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

Please remember for there is a 2-week 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

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